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Transforming Our Community's Health

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A Message From Our President & CEO



Open Enrollment ends on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Now is the time to enroll, shop and compare affordable health plans to receive health coverage for 2022. For more information to see how you might save on Marketplace premiums and to see if you qualify for financial assistance, visit [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) or call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users can call 1-855-889-4325. Additionally, if you would like to speak with a representative from BRHPC's new on-call Health Insurance Assistance Program, call 1-800-794-2208. Team members are assisting residents with enrollment for free or low-cost insurance in English, Spanish and Thank you to our wonderful funders, Board of Directors, community partners and staff for constantly working together to transform our community's health! It is a privilege to continue to work with all of you.

Creole. BRHPC's Health Insurance Assistance program hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8am to 8pm, Saturday from 8am to 5pm and Sunday from 12pm to 8pm. Act now and sign up for a plan prior to January 15th or you will no longer be eligible for coverage unless you qualify for the Special Enrollment Period.

As part of the IRS 990 regulations, hospital organizations are required to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessments, which serves as a guiding document for strategic planning. Through the process of developing a Community Health Needs Assessments, a hospital positions itself to address local health needs that are not being met. BRHPC has access to a myriad of local data sets to facilitate the process of conducting a Community Health Needs Assessments that allows agencies and hospitals to ensure compliance with IRS 990 requirements. In the process of conducting a Community Health Needs Assessments, quantitative and qualitative data sets from primary and secondary sources are gathered and studied. These elements are considered in the prioritization of issues, goal setting and integration into strategic planning for Broward County. As part of the process, each hospital convenes a Community Advisory Council to guide the process, review the data, identify unmet needs/service gaps, and prioritize needs. BRHPC presents the findings in a final report. BRHPC recently completed CHNA's for Broward Health and Holy Cross Health.

We are excited to share that the Dania Beach "People's Access to Community Horticulture" (PATCH), is the winner for the 2021 Best of Dania Beach Awards in the category of Farmers Market. The PATCH, an Urban Farm and Market, created in 2012 as an urban oasis on a 1.6 acre lot that provides education, cultural growth and economic development. BRHPC is a proud partner and supporter of the Dania Beach PATCH. If you have not been to The PATCH, make sure to visit the

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garden this holiday season. The Dania Beach PATCH is located at 100 W. Dania Beach Boulevard, Dania Beach, FL 33004. Please join me in congratulating the Dania Beach PATCH for their continuous engagement with the community!

Over the past six years I have been a proud contributor to the Sun Sentinel's South Florida 100 which is comprised of the most influential and knowledgeable leaders in government, politics and culture. The panel of South Florida's 100 submits two articles on a weekly basis highlighting current events, providing their thoughts and insights on the week's biggest stories and what they think will be the biggest stories in the weeks to come. I welcome you to view the discussions by visiting our weekly posts at www.SunSentinel.com/100 or on the Sun Sentinel Opinion Facebook and Twitter social media pages. I am honored to be part of this panel and always look forward to reading my fellow colleague's submissions.

Nearly two years in, it's clear that global pandemic will remain with us for some time. BRHPC continues to be vigilant in protecting ourselves and those around us from COVID-19 and the different variants. I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for creating and maintaining a clean and healthy environment at the BRHPC office. This can only be achieved if we all continue to work together and our staff has done a fantastic job. BRHPC staff continues to amaze me with their dedication to the community we serve. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our Board of Directors for their continuous support and motivation, along with our funders for allowing us to provide programs that transform our community's health.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and joyful holiday season and hoping the New Year brings good health, success and happiness to you and your loved ones. Take time this holiday season to appreciate the people in your lives and the impact you have on one another.

Sincerely,



Michael De Lucca

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ACA Enrollment Program – Get Covered Broward

About the Program

BRHPC is pleased to announce our NEW on-call health insurance enrollment assistance program, Get Covered Broward. This year, more people are eligible for free or low-cost health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. By calling 1-800-794-2208, a representative will provide one-on-one assistance to check for eligibility, help find the best plan for you and your family, and walk you through the enrollment process. Our enrollment assisters are available 7-days a week and speak English, Spanish and Creole. Open Enrollment lasts until January 15th.

This year, more people than ever qualify for financial assistance. Consumers will be able to find affordable health insurance plans that cover essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventive care when seeing In Network providers. Four out of five people will be able to find plans for \$10/month or less after the recent expansion of financial assistance. With the new law, more people qualify for tax incentives that lower their premiums. More than 400,000 uninsured people in Florida are eligible to enroll in a health insurance plan for \$0 per month after receiving financial assistance. Additionally, 318,500 people in Florida are now able to receive financial assistance, who weren't eligible previously. Every year, health plan options change in cost, coverage, and participating providers, which is why it is important for consumers to compare plans during Open Enrollment.

No one plans to get sick or hurt, but most people need medical care at some point. Health insurance helps cover the costs and offers many other benefits. It covers essential health benefits, critical to maintaining your health and treating illness and accidents. Health insurance is an important way of not only protecting you and your family's health, but also protecting them from high unexpected medical costs and bills. All plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace cover free preventative care with no co-pay. This means no more putting off important services like check-ups because of the cost.

The Get Covered Broward Initiative provides free education and application assistance to uninsured and vulnerable individuals. We take time to make sure consumers understand their coverage benefits and answer questions about selecting a plan. Whether you are uninsured or looking to find health coverage at a lower cost – this Open Enrollment Period is for you! Call Now: 1-800-794-2208.

ACA Enrollment Program – Get Covered Broward

Get FREE or Low-Cost Health Insurance

Broward Regional Health Planning Council

NEW On-Call Health Insurance

Enrollment Assistance Program

Call Now

1-800-794-2208

Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment

November 1, 2021 – January 15, 2022



Assistance Available

- Check Eligibility
- Walk through step by step
- Find the best plan for you
- Available 7 days a week

Income Eligibility

- \$12,880 - \$51,520 (Individual)
- \$17,420 - \$69,680 (Family of 2)
- \$21,960 - 87,840 (Family of 3)
- \$26,880 - \$106,000 (Family of 4)

Immigrant Eligibility

- Lawfully present immigrants with incomes
- < 12,880 or \$26,000 for a family of 4, who are not eligible

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Scan the QR Code to reach the
Get Covered Broward Website

Healthy Families Broward

HFB Events

Everyone knows that the end of the year is meant for celebrating and that's exactly what the Healthy Families Broward (HFB) program did. In September, Healthy Families Broward held its first Drive by Baby Beginning Event, where expecting moms were able to receive baby essential items. The first part of the event was filled with baby shower games via Zoom. The second part was a drive thru event where families were able to receive prizes and other essential items and meet a few of the HFB Team members.



In October the Child Development Specialist coordinated a Cues, Holding, Empathy, Expressions, Rhythm Reciprocity, Smiles (CHEERS) Lunch and Learn for HFB staff. The training focused on Positive Parent Child Interaction, which is the foundation to Healthy Families Broward. Staff delivered candy and treats to families for Halloween along with safety tips for trick-or-treaters. Thank you to Community Care Plan, who donated the treats to the Healthy Families Broward program for the

second year in a row. The following week was spirit week for the staff, but it was not your ordinary spirit week. Staff were divided into teams and participated in the first Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest where each team had the opportunity to share in a competitive fun way with their most creative ideas. As October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month all staff wore pink to support awareness. As the weather began to cool off from the hot summer days in the month of November,



Healthy Families Broward held its first Annual “Walk and Stroll” event in the park with participants. This was the first time the families have been able to get together in-person, away from the usual virtual mommy meet up. The participants enjoyed a walk together followed by engaging activities. By the end of the walk, participants only had one question, “when will we get to do this together again?” Healthy Families Broward is having an abundance of firsts and seconds and looking forward to many more!

Healthy Families Broward

Later in November staff distributed turkeys and hams to all HFB participants. A special thank you to Community Care Plan and the SOREFF Jewish Center for Thanksgiving dinner donations. These donations allowed our participants to have a wonderful Thanksgiving with their loved ones. Family Support Workers also provided the families with tips to stay safe during COVID-19 and fire safety. Healthy Families Broward is about education, safety, celebration, and positive parent child interactions.



Staff Recognitions

Congratulations to Lucy Jeanny, recipient of the Healthy Families Florida (HFF) Recognition Award for Excellence in Staff Engagement and Michele Brooks, recipient of the HFF Staff Recognition award for Excellence in Supervision for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Well done, Michelle and Lucy, you both embody the skills and attitude worthy of these awards. Hats off to you!

Contact Information

For additional information on the Healthy Families Broward Program, contact Program Director, Lasonya Starlin at Lstarlin@brhpc.org.

Nurse Family Partnership

About the Program

The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Program works to reduce the risk of pre-term labor and delivery, decrease infant mortality rate, promote breastfeeding, and improve the rate of prenatal care within the community. NFP works with first time mothers to improve prenatal health, support child health and development and increased economic sustainability.

To qualify for the program, a woman must: (1) be less than 28 weeks pregnant; (2) have no previous live births; (3) be low-income; and (4) live in one of the following Broward County zip codes: 33024, 33025, 33023, 33319, 33313, 33311, 33069, 33060, or 33064. The participants are screened for program eligibility through collaboration with the Broward Healthy Start Coalition and its funded providers. NFP also works in close collaboration with other community providers to receive eligible participants.

NFP services are delivered through a partnership between BRHPC and the two hospital districts in Broward: Memorial Healthcare System and Broward Health. Each hospital district directly employs home visiting nurses who are trained and report to the NFP Program Director employed by BRHPC. The program has a total of seven nurse home visitors; four from Broward Health and three from Memorial Healthcare System.

The program is supported through the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative (MIECHV) funding which is administered by the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions.

Client Testimonial

"The NFP program has been amazing for me and my son. The nurse is so dedicated, loving, caring and more importantly so knowledgeable. The program helps in guiding you through your child's firsts years, giving you important information for each stage. They also guide you with baby's food, which was amazing. On top of it all, the incentives we get, especially during this difficult time, like the grocery cards which help us a lot in our food shopping for a month or two. P.S., my nurse is always there when I have a concern." – AF

Nurse Family Partnership

American Rescue Plan Funds

The Nurse-Family Partnership Program was awarded American Rescue Plan funds to support Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative (MIECHV) families' with COVID-19 related needs. Participants received \$170 prepaid grocery cards. Some families were awarded two cards based on their unique needs.



NFP Graduation

On October 30th, the Nurse-Family Partnership Program hosted a drive-thru graduation ceremony at Broward Regional Health Planning Council to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of the participants. We are looking forward to staying in touch and hearing about the great things our participants and their families do together in the future.



Contact Information

For additional information on the Nurse-Family Partnership program contact Program Director, Diana Lara, at Dlara@brhpc.org.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS

City of Fort Lauderdale

About the Program

BRHPC is in its thirteenth year of successfully providing services to the community under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) Program. The HOPWA Program helps eligible low-income Broward County residents with past due rent or mortgage and utilities. Additionally, the program helps those already homeless or who need to move into a safe, permanent housing with move-in assistance. The Housing Assistance Program recently closed out a very successful and productive 2020 – 2021 fiscal year and assisted 400 households, unduplicated clients with over \$310,000 for housing, subsidy, and emergency hotel voucher assistance to help prevent homelessness. In our current contract year, 2021 to 2022, we have assisted 50 clients with over \$35,000.

Client Success Story: The client, a single mother, became homeless in October 2021. We immediately made an appointment for the client to come in since she had already found an apartment. The Housing Reviewer did the intake for the client then spoke to her supervisor about expediting the application process since the client was homeless. The client called reviewer on the day that she moved in, and the client stated that she, "wishes all of the staff in the HOPWA department a Happy Thanksgiving. The client further stated that "words cannot express how thankful I am to everyone, who has made the procedure anxiety-free."

As we enter the second quarter of the current fiscal year, the HOPWA team is looking forward to another successful year helping persons living with HIV/AIDS in our community to prevent and end homelessness.

Contact Information

For additional information on the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS program, email Housing Program Director, Sharon Alveranga-Jones at smcdonald@brhpc.org.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS

State of Florida Department of Health

Emergency Housing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS & Services Provided

Short-Term/Mortgage/Utilities

- Financial assistance for housing and utilities
 - Electric, water and gas only
- Support to help clients get into and stay in a safe housing situation

Qualifications for Services

- Be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident with a valid Social Security number
 - Someone in the household must be HIV positive
 - Verification of low, very low or extremely low income
 - Demonstrated immediate financial emergency
 - Documented proof of the needs for assistance
 - Completed application
 - Plan of action to address the situation after
 - Receiving HOPWA assistance
- Be a current Broward County Resident for at least 6 continuous months

How to Apply for Services

Contact the Housing Assistance Office directly at 754-777-7717 for an appointment.

For additional information, please email Housing Program Director, **Sharon Alveranga-Jones** at smcdonald@brhpc.org.

Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program

City of Fort Lauderdale

About the Program

The Tenant-Based Rental Voucher Program (TBRV) has made strides working towards the program's 2021 goals, and looks forward to establishing even more objectives for the upcoming year! An annual housing quality standard inspection is conducted for all clients to ensure that every assisted unit is safe, sanitary, and in good condition to comply with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines.

BRHPC continues their partnership with Consolidated Credit to offer monthly Financial Literacy workshops designed to meet the specific financial needs of our clients. The workshop provides our clients with several classes, such as budgeting, coping with financial stress and credit repairs, and many more classes. Their education team has created over forty publications to help improve personal finance by teaching our clients how saving money is essential for achieving their long-term goals. The workshops are tailored to our client's specific households and needs and teaches our clients how to overcome the unique challenges they face on a daily basis. For our clients who are interested in purchasing a home, Consolidated Credit offers the First-Time Homebuyer Program. The program is designed to meet the requirements of HUD and includes 6 hours of pre-purchasing education and 2 hours of pre-purchasing counseling. Furthermore, they offer grants from the Federal Government, as well as from various financial institutions in the US. For more information, visit <https://www.consolidatedcredithere.com>.

The TBRV Program welcomes Nardine Pierre-Louis as our new Housing Specialist. She has a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Florida Atlantic University and is currently working on her master's. She has over five years of work experience. Nardine is very excited to start working directly with our clients.

Although the TBRV Program did not have any graduates this quarter, the Housing Specialists continue working closely with the clients to ensure they are working on their action plans based on their current needs. Resume writing and mock interviews are offered to help clients reach self-sufficiency!

If you would like more information on the upcoming financial literacy workshops, don't hesitate to contact Rhode Rosulme-Rock, QA/Skills Development Coordinator, at rrock@brhpc.org.

Insurance Benefits Management System

As of December 15, 2021, BRHPC completed the initial Open Enrollment session for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace clients for plans with an effective date of January 1, 2022. BRHPC received over 5,600 assessments since November 1st, 2021, and anticipates an annual enrollment of 8,500 clients for the upcoming plan year.



If clients missed the initial Open Enrollment ending December 15th, 2021, the ACA marketplace has extended the Open Enrollment period through January 15th, 2022, allowing for plans to start with an effective date of February 1, 2022. The extended Open Enrollment allows clients that may have missed the initial Open Enrollment to not lose their health insurance coverage for the upcoming year.

Innovations have been made to the Insurance Benefits Management System (IBMS) to identify clients that have not yet provided health insurance enrollment information for the upcoming plan year. This information will be verified with the ACA carriers to determine if these clients are passive enrollments from the 2021 plan year. Once the information has been confirmed, the IBMS will automatically create the necessary enrollments and generate payments accordingly to prevent any access to care concerns.

BRHPC is continuously enhancing the IBMS with automated email communications to seamlessly expedite and coordinate with the State and County Health Departments. The IBMS provides real time notifications regarding any change in client status, enrollment and/or eligibility. These enhancements are made to maximize client retention and maintain continuity of care. Additionally, the IBMS automates the payment process to the ACA insurance carriers utilizing a Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) server, as well as issuing wire transfer payments for the bulk of the monthly premium payments.

BRHPC's proprietary IBMS is a customizable state of the art system providing an efficient, streamlined, centralized process for insurance enrollment and premium payments being paid to ACA marketplace policies, Employer Sponsored policies and COBRA.

For health insurance information, please contact **Matt Anthony** at 954-561-9681 ext. 1205 and for payment information, please contact **Cristy Kozla** at 954-561-9681 ext. 1334.

HIV Planning Council & Clinical Quality Management

Meet Our New Team Members



Jasmine Rohoman is a driven individual with a passion for helping underserved communities. Jasmine attended Florida Atlantic University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience and Behavior, and Nova Southeastern University, where she earned a master's degree in public health. Prior to joining BRHPC, Jasmine worked at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) for two years doing advocacy, community engagement and testing. She is looking forward to applying her groundwork skills and education in her new role as a Clinical Quality Management Health Planner.



Whitney Rolle attended the University of South Florida, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences, and Nova Southeastern University, where she earned a master's degree in public health. Whitney worked at Memorial Healthcare System as a Teen Prevention Counselor for three years prior to joining the BRHPC team. Within this role, Whitney educated teens & adolescents within Broward County about creating healthy relationships and the consequences of engaging in risky sexual behaviors. Whitney is looking forward to working with BRHPC in her new role as an HIV Health Services Planner.

Brianne Miller has been inspired through her learned and personal experiences to become involved in public health and community organizing. As a Syracuse University graduate, she obtained her undergraduate degree in Biology with a minor in African American studies. Additionally, Brianne graduated in the Summer of 2020 with her Master's in Public Health from Florida International University. The accumulation of these experiences has fueled her passion for helping underserved communities related to human, environmental, and animal rights. Brianne is excited to become a part of the BRHPC HIV division to assist the team as the new Clinical Quality



Management Health Planner.

Clinical Quality Management Activities

The Clinical Quality Management (CQM) Team assisted the Ryan White Part A-funded agencies in completing their Quality Improvement Projects (QIP). They offered technical assistance and support throughout the later stages of their QIP timeline. The Client Satisfaction Survey is currently being finalized as the CQM Team waits for English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole translations. Lastly, the

CQM Team started developing their plans for the Provider Appreciation Week, which is scheduled to take place in February 2022.

Community Outreach and Engagement

In recent years, the HIVPC has experienced significant attrition. As a result, the Council is currently below the minimum requirements for consumer representation. Its goal has been to increase consumer participation and have a broader reach in the community. Currently, membership recruitment is done through outreach using the Planning Council Members and staff contacts. In addition, outreach to the community is done through participation in community health fairs, HIV prevention/awareness events, and presentations.

During the third quarter of the fiscal year, the CEC continued its work with the WAM, MCDC, and other organizations to hold virtual and in-person community engagement events to educate the community on the Ryan White Part A program and the work of the HIVPC. In October 2021, the CEC collaborated with the World AIDS Museum to host Steering the Ship, an open dialogue centered on lifting community voices from the HIV community. Several Ryan White Part A Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs), including Orlando, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Newark, participated alongside Committee members and PCS.



In November, CEC, MCDC, and HIVPC members volunteered and distributed recruitment and promotional at the Fort Lauderdale Pride 2-Day Festival. Additionally, during October, HIVPC members voted to approve the creation of HIVPC specific social media accounts to be used as a tool for recruitment and marketing. In conjunction with MCDC and CEC, PCS Staff will develop these accounts and recruitment materials through the 4th

quarter. Interest persons can now connect with the Planning Council across Instagram and Twitter using the @BrowardHIVPC handle on Facebook using the @Broward HIV Planning Council handle.

Clinical Quality Management Activities.

You can be a part of the HIV Health Services Planning Council's (HIVPC) efforts by joining the Council or any of its committees. The Council seeks new members to contribute their time, ideas, and expertise to serve on the Planning Council and its committees. The HIVPC directs and coordinates

effective responses to the HIV epidemic in Broward County. The goal is to ensure quality, comprehensive care that positively optimizes the health care of people with HIV at all stages of illness. The Planning Council offers a unique opportunity for community members and service providers to work together to improve the health outcomes of the HIV community. Are you a Person Living with HIV and interested in becoming a voice for your community? Contact the Planning Council Office: 954-561-9681 Ext., 1292/1243 or hivpc@brhpc.org. For information about the HIVPC program, contact Program Director, Gritell Martinez at Gmartinez@brhpc.org.



Centralized intake & eligibility determination

About the Program

Centralized Intake & Eligibility Determination's (CIED) core functions include determining eligibility for Ryan White Part A services and/or third-party payers. CIED also provides information and referrals for services for clients who are seeking medical and supportive services. CIED services include a centralized intake, eligibility, enrollment and information/referral process for all Ryan White Part A funded services. CIED serves as the single point of entry for Persons Living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) who are residents of Broward County.

This program is funded by Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Our specialized staff provides information and assistance in obtaining medical care and other core and supportive services. Expected benefits for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) include:

- Elimination of the need to complete applications for each Ryan White Part A service provider
 - Expanded 3rd party benefits through application and enrollment assistance
 - Reduction in delays and barriers to access HIV-related care and treatment
 - Immediate access to all Part A medical and support services in one application

Online Eligibility



BRHPC provides Part A online eligibility, allowing clients to complete recertification without traveling to a physical intake location. To date there have been over 3,211 online user accounts created. BRHPC has interagency and out-posting agreements with approved Ryan White Part A Providers. CIED provides RW Part A eligibility at thirteen RW Provider locations and the BRHPC main office in Hollywood.

View the office locations to schedule an appointment on the next page.

| Provider | Location | Hours of Service |
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| BRHPC | 200 Oakwood Lane Hollywood | M, W, F 8:30-6 |
| AHF North Point | 6405 N. Federal Hwy, Ft. Laud | M, T, Thurs, Fri, 8:30-5 |
| AHF Oakland Park | 1164 W. Oakland Park Blvd. | Wed 8:30-5 |
| AHF Fort Laud | 700 SE 3 rd Avenue | Thurs 8:30-5, Fri 8:30-5 |
| BCFH Pompano | 168 N. Powerline Rd. | M 8:30-5, Tues 9:30 - 6 |
| Broward House | 2800 N. Andrews Ave. | Tues-Fri 8:30-5 |
| Care Resource | 871 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Ft. Laud. | M, W-F 8:30-5 |
| CDTC | 1401 S. Federal Hwy, Ft Laud. | T & TH 8:30-5, W 1-5* |
| Broward Health | 1101 NW 1 Street Ft. Laud | M, W, TH 8:30-5, F 8:30-12 |
| Memorial | 5647 Hollywood, Blvd., Hollywood | M, T, W, TH 8:30-5 |
| FDOH (ADAP) | 205 NW 6 th Ave., Pompano Beach | M-F 8:30-5 |
| Poverello | 2200 NE 12 th Ave., Wilton Manors | M-F 8:30 -5 |
| Broward Health | 1111 W. Broward Blvd. | Tues & Fri 8:30-5 |

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| FDOH (ADAP) | 2421 SW 6 th Ave., Fort Laud | M 9:30-6, T-F 8:30-5* |
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Eligibility Specialists are not currently out-posted at these locations due to COVID-19.

For more information on the Centralized Intake & Eligibility Determination, Health Insurance Continuation Program, Program Assistance for Payment for PrEP Labs and Medical Visit Co-Payments, contact **Program Director, Natasha Markman** at Nmarkman@brhpc.org.

Health Insurance Continuation Program

The Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP) provides financial assistance to clients who meet program criteria of residency, income and health status. Health insurance plans are identified by the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and the Ryan White Program. Financial assistance is offered for Broward County eligible individuals living with HIV to maintain optimal health outcomes. The goal of HICP is to help clients with financial assistance to maintain health insurance coverage, to medical providers of their choice and receive preventive health care through their chosen Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace health insurance plan.

Each client enrolled in the HICP program is eligible for \$6,500 in annual assistance for out of pocket and deductible cost for their respective insurance plan. The target population includes all Ryan White Part A clients that have an income between 250% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. During the FY 2020-2021, clients had the option of selecting and enrolling in 1 of 25 different ACA Marketplace health insurance plans. The ACA enabled clients to select a plan based on medical providers, medications on approved formularies and geographic location of medical providers and pharmacies. The Health Insurance Continuation Program is funded by Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Client Testimonials

"The HICP program has meant so much to me. Without this program, I'm not sure how I would've been able to afford my procedure. There are no words to describe how grateful I am for this program."

"Marie and Ivy are a joy and I truly appreciate the assistance that the program has provided me throughout the years."

Contact Information

For more information on the Health Insurance Continuation Program contact Program Director, Natasha Markman at Nmarkman@brhpc.org.

Community Based Workforce for COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach

Broward Regional Health Planning Council is excited to join a community effort to help educate, inform and encourage vaccine-hesitant communities to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19. As part of the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Community-Based Workforce for COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach HRSA 21-136 grant, all 11 Local Health Planning Councils (LHPC) in Florida, led by the Health Council of Southeast Florida (HCSEF), will establish, expand, and sustain a community health workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 within their respective service areas.

Through this large-scale public health initiative, each LHPC will deploy Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Community Health Advocates (CHAs), led by Jasmin Shirley, MSPH, Program Director, to provide COVID-19 and vaccine education, vaccine appointment assistance, resources to find convenient vaccine locations, transportation assistance, and assistance with addressing other barriers to getting vaccinated. Importantly, CHW and CHAs will strategically address gaps through a health equity lens to ensure that the most impacted and medically-underserved communities are served, with special attention to health disparities and social determinants of health.

2022 Public Health Workforce Development Series



The Public Health Workforce Development Program is organized by Nova Southeastern University in collaboration with Broward Regional Health Planning Council. This program involves educational workshops about important skill sets for those in the public health field.

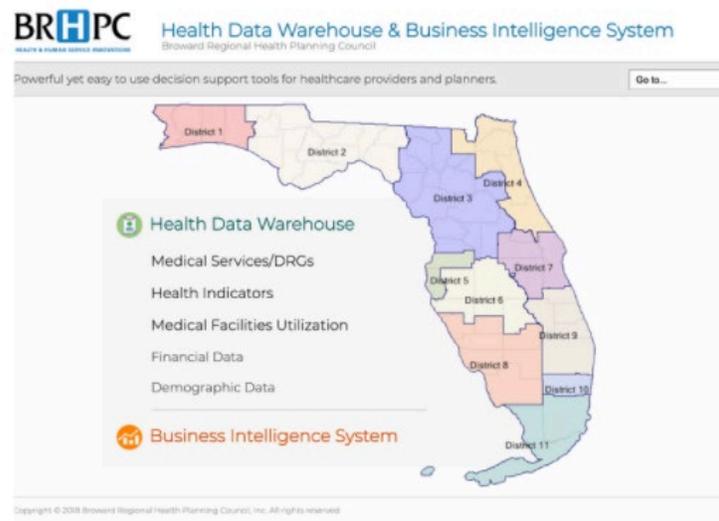
For the 2022 cycle, we are looking for presenters on a range of public health topics. If you are interested in presenting or have any further questions, email Workforce@brhpc.org and provide the following information: name, title, organization, topic(s) interested in presenting and contact information. We look forward to your presentations!

These seminars are open to the public. Email Workforce@brhpc.org to be added to the email distribution list.

Health Data Warehouse

Broward Regional Health Planning Council's **Health Data Warehouse** is an analytic engine which provides specific analysis by Health Planning District or County. Modules that are available include:

- Medical Services/DRGs
- Health Indicators (which includes data on Prevention Quality Indicators, Pediatric Quality Indicators, Chronic Conditions, Self-Inflicted Injuries, Emergency Department (preventable/avoidable) and Emergency Department (acuity/severity))
- Medical Facilities Utilization
 - Financial Data
 - Demographic Data



About the Data Warehouse

The Health Data Warehouse databases continue to provide community members with access to vital health planning and policy-making data. The warehouse functionality was updated extensively to include broader querying ability. The hospital utilization data improves upon a manual reporting system that BRHPC administered for over 38.5 years. The Data Warehouse combined with qualitative data, was also used in creating Community Needs Assessments based on the 990 IRS requirements for several local hospitals.

Contact Information

For more information about the system or inquiries regarding a subscription, email

Utilization@brhpc.org.

Electronic Fingerprint Services

As we are carefully monitoring developments related to the Coronavirus Pandemic, anyone interested in coming to the BRHPC office for Fingerprint Services, are required to wear a face mask to prevent the spread of the virus.

In order to assist community agencies and providers in meeting legislative requirements of HB 7069, BRHPC acquired equipment with the capability to scan fingerprints electronically for Level II Background Screening, using Live Scan technology.

BRHPC offers Live Scan fingerprinting technology for Level II Background Screening for the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Volunteer and Employee Criminal History System (VECHS), Elder Affairs, and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). Live Scan allows for electronic submission of fingerprint screens, with results within 24 to 48 hours, in comparison to the hard card fingerprint submission, which can take 4 to 6 weeks. Additional services such as photo submission to the AHCA clearinghouse are available at BRHPC.

BRHPC's fingerprinting clientele include hospital employees, guardian ad litem programs, doctors' offices, non-profit and social service agencies, colleges, universities and more.

To make an appointment, contact the BRHPC office at (954) 561-9681 Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

Fingerprinting clients must bring a valid ID and the identifying number for the organization requesting fingerprints (ORI, OCA). Cash or business check is accepted.

Location for Fingerprint Services:

Broward Regional Health Planning Council

200 Oakwood Lane, Suite 100

Hollywood, FL 33020

954-561-9681

Located in the Oakwood Plaza across from the Regal Oakwood 18 Movie Theater.



Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) has achieved national accreditation for the second time on January 8, 2021, through the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA). Organizations like BRHPC pursue accreditation to demonstrate the implementation of best practice standards in the field of human services. COA evaluated all aspects of BRHPC's programs, services, management, and administration. COA accreditation demonstrates accountability in the management of resources, sets standardized best practice thresholds for service and administration, and increases organizational capacity and accountability by creating a framework for ongoing quality improvement. BRHPC has achieved the highest standards of professional practice for the service it provides through August 31, 2024. This past August, BRHPC completed the Annual Maintenance Report through the COA portal. BRHPC upholds a culture of continuous quality improvement through its transparent processes that engages the BRHPC Board of Directors, managerial and supervisory staff and stakeholders to eliminate barriers to achieving accountability. On a monthly basis, BRHPC conducts a Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) meeting which is comprised of executive, supervisory and managerial staff. The PQI meeting functions as a forum for ensuring all staff involved receive needed training and education for optimal program operation. Providing leadership for the assessment and improvement activities ensures activities are conducted in a collaborative, continuous, and effective manner. The following four subcommittees present their reports to the PQI meeting for discussion and approval:

The Human Resources Subcommittee

Ensuring HR and grievance issues are addressed

The MIS Subcommittee

Management of information and technology activities

The Risk Prevention Management Subcommittee

Mitigating risks for the protection of client information

The Staff Training & Development Subcommittee

Training and education for all BRHPC staff

Overall, BRHPC views performance quality improvement as a dynamic process that is constantly evolving.

Employee of the Quarter



Rosemarie Weise started her employment as a Housing Specialist with the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program on March 30, 2020. Rosie had been a competent employee because of the initiative, temperament, and skill she showed in the course of her duties.

She is always punctual, and for her seventeen months of employment with BRHPC, she has never been late. Congratulations, Rosie on receiving the Employee of the Quarter award. We are extremely proud to have you as part of our HOPWA work family. We are confident that you will keep up the good work for many years to come!

Social Media

BRHPC's social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram are used as effective tools for health awareness and outreach. These channels help increase program awareness and engagement, increase the visibility and reputation of BRHPC as a local nonprofit organization and facilitate engagement and interaction among community members, agencies and partners. BRHPC currently has over 4,870 followers across all social media outlets. Connect with BRHPC by liking, commenting and sharing our social media posts!

www.Facebook.com/BRHPC

www.Twitter.com/BRHPCHealth

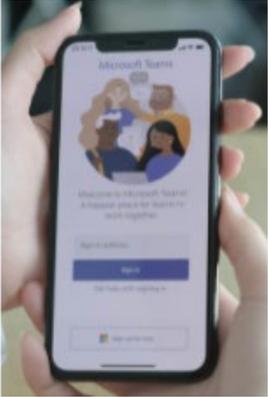
www.Linkedin.com/BRHPC

www.Instagram.com/BRHPCHealth

If you would like to be added to BRHPC's email distribution list, email Nicole Cohen at

Ncohen@brhpc.org

Committee Facilitation



To maintain proper safety protocols during the Coronavirus Pandemic, all committee meetings have been transitioned to virtual Microsoft TEAMS Meetings until further notice. Health Care Access Committee

Meeting. BRHPC acts as facilitator for the Health Care Access Committee with the purpose to improve access to health care for the residents of Broward County. During committee meetings, outcomes and indicators are established, measured and reviewed. The members of the committee represent various facilities, agencies and/or departments within the County. If you are interested in

participating on the Health Care Access Committee, email Yolanda Falcone at Yfalcone@brhpc.org.

Health Services Planning Committee. BRHPC convenes the Health Services Planning Committee to ensure the updating and accuracy of the Broward County Health Plan and Fact Sheets published by BRHPC. Presenters are also invited to discuss current issues impacting the health of Broward County residents. If you are interested in participating on the Health Services Planning Committee, email Jason Barron at Jbarron@brhpc.org.

Batching Cycles

Hospice: 2nd Batching Cycle - 2021

| Description | Dates* |
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| Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.R | 8-26-21 |
| Letter of Intent Deadline | 8-23-21 |
| Application Deadline | 9-29-21 |
| Completeness Review Deadlines | 10-06-21 |
| Application Omissions Deadline | 10-27-21 |
| Agency Initial Decision Deadline | 12-17-21 |

Nursing Homes and ICF/DDs: 2nd Batching Cycle 2021

| Description | Dates* |
|---|----------|
| Summary Need Projections Published in F.A.R | 10-1-21 |
| Letter of Intent Deadline | 10-18-21 |
| Application Deadline | 11-17-21 |
| Completeness Review Deadline | 11-24-21 |
| Application Omissions Deadline | 12-15-21 |
| Agency Initial Decision Deadline | 2-11-22 |

BRHPC Celebrates Together

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: On Friday, October 29, 2021, BRHPC staff wore pink to work to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer.



BRHPC Celebrates the Holidays: Staff participated in a Holiday Spirit Week and had a luncheon to acknowledge the holidays together

