

Michigan's Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Conference

"Break the Silence, Coming Alive"

Hotel Bay Valley Resort and Conference Center
2470 Old Bridge Road
Bay City, Michigan 48706

May 30, 31 and June 1, 2008

DRAFT AGENDA

Friday, May 30, 2008

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Registration – *Front Lobby*

5:30 pm -6:15 pm – *Main Conference Room*

Welcome and Opening Remarks - Debra L. Szwejda, Acting Director, Division of Health, Wellness and Disease Control, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention Section, Michigan Department of Community Health

Moment of Silence – Ricardo Bowden and Mark Peterson

Dinner

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Plenary - Prevention for Positives (P4P)

Facilitators: Ricardo Bowden, Mark Peterson and Vergo Knox

Main Conference Room

Saturday, May 31, 2008

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Breakfast

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Plenary - National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) Timeline

Facilitators: Felix and Paula Sirls

The history of HIV/AIDS and the accomplishments that have occurred.

Main Conference Room

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break

Workshops

10:15 am – 11:45 am

- 1) **Legal Rights and Responsibilities related to HIV** - Facilitator: Kendra Kleber
The “Legal Owners Manual” for HIV – what you need to know about your legal rights and responsibilities, and those of others like health care providers, employers, schools and businesses.
- 2) **The Components of a Relationship** – Facilitator: Felix Sirls
Discussion, demonstration and communication will be the instruments used to facilitate this workshop. Massage therapy, sexual negotiation and self esteem issues are highlighted.
- 3) **Self Esteem, Dignity and Respect** – Facilitator: Renee Canady
- 4) **VNA** – Facilitator: Claudia

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch - Carol Galletly from the Center for AIDS Intervention Research at the Medical College of Wisconsin will be presenting the results from a study that was held at the PLWH/A Conference in 2005. The purpose of the study was to explore important issues among a group of 400 persons who have HIV. The study was disseminated in academic journals and through conference presentations, and was summarized in a written report and to be presented to policy makers in Michigan.

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Medical Plenary - Dr. Peter Gulick, Carol Salisbury, Nurse Practitioner and Michelle Caffee
All three are Specialist in Infectious Diseases.

Index cards are available on your table to write any questions you may have for the medical panel.

One-on-one/personal questions with the medical panel after plenary.

Main Conference

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

Plenary - Do It Yourself Advocacy: Legislature and Education

Facilitators: Mark Peterson and Rick Otterbein

The Ryan White CARE Act is federally funded legislation that provides health care for people with HIV disease and fills gaps in care faced by those with low-incomes and little or no insurance. The CARE Act is re-authorized every five years. Due to budget constraints, important programs and services that you might be receiving right now are in danger of being under-funded. It is crucial that Congress hear from persons living with HIV/AIDS in order to understand the effectiveness of the CARE Act. Learn how to develop the skills to communicate with your senators and representatives with confidence and help ensure continued financial support for this important legislation.

Main Conference Room

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

Dinner

Support Groups

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

- 1) **Women's Group** –Facilitators: Selvy Hall and Paula Sirls
The presenters end on time, yet offers to stay to give each participant an opportunity to speak. We ask all to come prepared with meds to avoid running back to room.
- 2) **Men's Group** – Facilitator: Vernon Tarleton
- 3) **Substance Abuse** – Facilitator: Ricardo Bowden and Ms. Vergo Knox
Substance abuse workshop based on a recovery discussion and sharing information.
- 4) **Youth Group** – Facilitator: Nathan Miller and Patricia Clark
To discuss empowerment, activism and advocacy.
- 5) **MSM Group** – Facilitators: Rondoe and Tom Copeland

Sunday, June 1, 2008

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Plenary - Medications

Speaker: Stephen Fallon

(There will be a break during this Plenary from 9:45 am-10:00 am, check out time)

Main Conference Room

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Lunch – *Main Conference Room*

12:00 pm – 12:15pm

Closing with Stephen Fallon

Main Conference Room

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