

Manhattan HIV CARE Network

Union Settlement Association

What are HIV Care Networks?

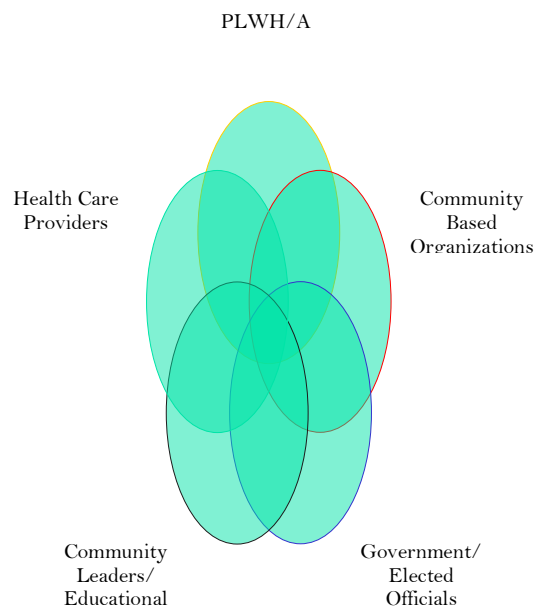
The Networks are local associations of health care providers, community-based organizations, community leaders, and persons both infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Mission and Vision

The mission of the Ryan White Part B HIV Care Networks is to promote a coordinated community response that results in improved access to care and supportive services for those infected with HIV/AIDS.

The vision of the Ryan White Part B HIV Care Networks is a comprehensive continuum of high quality services that is responsive to the needs of people infected with HIV/AIDS.

Membership



Objectives

1. **Ensure representation** in the Network by entities/individuals who are representative of the full complement of regional stakeholders
2. **Identify populations and subpopulations** of individuals and families with HIV disease, particularly those experiencing disparities in access and services and those who reside in underserved communities.
3. **Develop and implement strategies to assess service needs** of people living with HIV disease and identify barriers to care and gaps in services, propose solutions and where possible implement strategies to coordinate community resources and identify new resources.
4. Develop and implement mechanisms **to identify emerging issues** in the region affecting services for people living with HIV disease and develop a community response.
5. **Develop a service plan** describing populations living with HIV/AIDS in the region (particularly those experiencing disparities in access or services and who reside in underserved communities), regional service needs, gaps and emerging issues. The service plan must address the needs of families with HIV/AIDS and be updated for inclusion in the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN).

6. **Promote consumer involvement** by increasing and retaining the proportion of consumers actively participating in the Network for the purposes of informing HIV/AIDS policy, sharing realities of living with HIV/AIDS, identifying gaps in services and effecting change.
7. **Develop, promote and implement HIV/AIDS educational programs and trainings** and/or refer providers and consumers to trainings that result in an improved understanding of the HIV/AIDS service delivery system and advances in care and treatment; inform stakeholders (government and community, state, federal and local) of regional needs and stimulate action to address needs.
8. **Serve as a clearinghouse for updated regional HIV/AIDS information** including information on resources that are available, local and state epidemiologic data and other pertinent information. Facilitate flow of information to service providers and community members regarding local, state, and federal initiatives, resources and activities targeted to the HIV/AIDS community.
9. **Provide input to the Ryan White SCSN and participate in SCSN activities.**
10. **Communicate and collaborate with the AIDS Institute** on a regular basis and participate in SASDC to identify emerging needs and offer policy recommendations.

Committees

Executive Committee

To establish and maintain an active and participatory Network of individuals living with HIV/AIDS, those affected by HIV/AIDS and service providers along the continuum of HIV care with a record of service to these populations and subpopulations that are representative of the local prevalence of the disease. Including the development and monitoring of bylaws, recruitment and retention of members, development and approval of work-plan goals and Service Delivery Plan.

Consumer Involvement Committee – CIC

To promote consumer involvement by increasing and retaining the proportion of consumers actively participating in the Network for the purpose of informing HIV/AIDS policy, sharing the realities of living with HIV/AIDS, identifying gaps in services and effecting change. Coordinate meetings and create training and up-date programs on treatment and access to care.

Care Coordination Committee - CCC

To reduce barriers to services by assessing service needs, identifying barriers to care and gaps in services, identifying emerging issues and populations experiencing disparities in access and services, proposing solutions and implementing strategies to coordinate community resources, identify new resources and address retention in care and health outcomes to facilitate smooth entry into care service systems.

Policy Advisory/Education Committee - PAEC

To inform stakeholders (government and community) of regional needs and emerging issues related to HIV/AIDS and to promote a coordinated response to address these issues by the development of positions papers, press releases, elected official education, newsletter, reports, and up-dates on HIV/AIDS trends.

NOTE

Please be advised that we will continue to keep you informed about meetings by mailings, emails or fax. We look forward to your continued collaboration and support.

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What are the opportunities for you?

- ❖ Direct input at the decision table.
- ❖ Up-date on HIV/AIDS treatment and policy.
- ❖ Sharing of resources and opportunities to coordinate services all over the Borough.
- ❖ Visibility.
- ❖ Support letters.
- ❖ Enhanced relationship with elected officials and community leaders from diverse areas of the Borough.

- ❖ The opportunity to work together to develop strategies to design seamless access to care services for consumers.