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The National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) 2009 was a great success in Palm Beach County. There were several events held around the county, at which 367 HIV tests were done. Pictures of the events are located on page 4.

Families First's TOPWA (Targeted Outreach for Pregnant Woman with AIDS) Program held their first annual health fair in West Palm Beach. There was face painting, a bounce house, free haircuts, a DJ, and of course free HIV & STD testing, as well as pregnancy testing. There was an HIV/AIDS education program throughout the day.

Compass, Inc. held an event displaying the AIDS Quilt at their new location in Lake Worth.

St. James Missionary Baptist church, in Riviera Beach, held a fair with HIV testing and free food and drinks.

Thursday, June 25th FAU hosted a huge health fair at the Boca Raton campus. The event was a great success. Of the 367 NHTD HIV tests administered, 97 of them were done at this event. There was food, music and a live broadcast on 102.3! Many of the students were getting tested so they could bring their test results to the Show U Know Project, www.showuknow.org, for a free concert ticket that weekend in Fort Lauderdale.

At the June 27, 2009 meeting of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commission Commissioner Koons presented a proclamation declaring June 27, 2009 as "National HIV Testing Day in Palm Beach County". This is the 3rd consecutive year that the county has recognized NHTD.

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Is Anyone Listening?

By Lorenzo Robertson

CARE Council Member

For a Black man living in Palm Beach County, it is not very difficult to see how HIV/AIDS has impacted us. Over the years we have had many programs and projects directed at stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS. Palm Beach County has also had an extensive HIV testing program to get people to know their HIV status. I have been working in HIV/AIDS prevention for over a decade and I am saddened that there are still people thinking you can get HIV/AIDS from a mosquito bite. Although, we have done a tremendous amount of work in all communities there is still a great deal of work to be done. When HIV/AIDS is mentioned, in come conversations. People say, "Oh I know about HIV and I don't want or need to talk about it!" If so many people know about HIV/AIDS then why are people still getting infected? We need to find a new way of getting the message out to the people.



Ujima Men's Collective Conference 2009

Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel, West Palm Beach

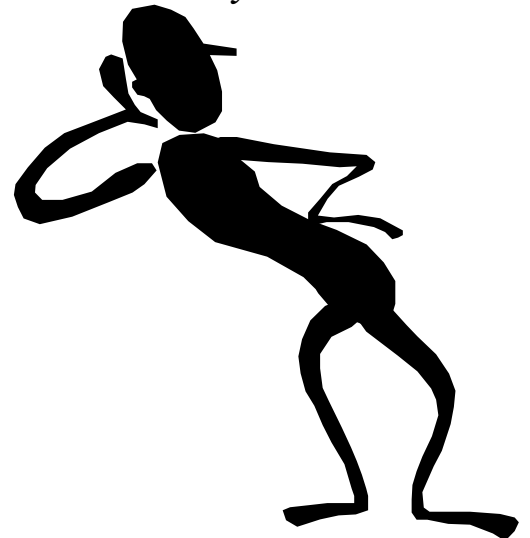
09/25/2009 - 09/27/2009

The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for black gay men to develop life skill strategies in a non-threatening environment to enhance their lives to better understand themselves and their community. For more information contact UDCRC, Inc. Attn: Ujima Men's Conference, E-mail: ujimamen@aol.com; (813) 391-6710; or access the Web site: www.ujimamen.org.



To that end we are trying two different approaches. One approach is the Palm Beach County Health Department's new testing campaign for the HIV

"I know about me...what about you." We have billboards, bus advertisements and incentive items in English, Spanish, and Creole. We hope this campaign prompts some people to get tested. Our

second approach was to create an anthology, Silence is Death: Unleashed Voices. The anthology was officially released June 25th



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National HIV/AIDS Strategy

By Sonja Swanson, Editor

In a letter to the AIDS Directors nationwide dated July 7, 2009, Julie Scofield and Laura Hanen of NASTAD provided a detailed update on the White House's National AIDS Policy.

In an attempt to keep the HIV/AIDS community of Palm Beach County up to date on the developments of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, I have included excerpts, with minor editing, from the letter below.

“Jeff Crowley, Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy, has announced the Administration’s plan for developing a National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS). As promised during the campaign, the development of the NHAS is one of the President’s top HIV/AIDS policy priorities.

The three key goals for the NHAS are:

- Reducing HIV incidence
- Increasing access to care
- Reducing HIV-related health disparities

The NHAS will be developed by an inter-agency committee made up of representatives from federal agencies and the White House and is likely to include persons from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Veterans Administration (VA), National Economic Council, National Security Council,

and the White House Office of Public Engagement. Jeff will chair the committee and expects the NHAS to be developed by early 2010.

While the NHAS will be developed by the federal government, the Obama Administration is committed to developing the NHAS through a process that is inclusive of a broad range of perspectives and stakeholders, and is conducted in a transparent manner. There will be ten town hall meetings around the country to include major epicenters of the epidemic, rural areas, the South, a Native American community, and one of the territories. The first town hall meeting will take place during the National HIV Prevention Conference on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 pm.



There will be a website dedicated to the NHAS along the lines of the one developed for health reform (www.healthreform.gov) and all town hall meetings will be webcast. The White House will encourage community discussions or house parties in communities around the country with a portal on the website to submit recommendations resulting from those discussions. Jeff believes national dialog on HIV/AIDS is just as important as the NHAS itself.

Jeff indicated that by having the federal agencies involved in the development of the NHAS, the agencies will be invested and held accountable for carrying out the plan. He also noted that by

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September SHARE MENU

Basic Package \$18

- 3.94 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters
- 1 lb. Tilapia Filets
- 4-3 oz. Orange Chicken Egg Rolls
- 1 lb. Lean Pork Sausage Chub
- 12 oz. White Meat Chicken Strips

Produce packs are \$6. Meat Boxes are available as well. Specialty packages and Select items are priced separately. All orders must be placed with local Host Sites. *Due to market conditions food items may be subject to last minute changes.*

For more information call SHARE @ 1-800-536-3379 or visit their website www.shareflorida.org.

CHANGE ORIENTATION

Fridays at 6:30pm

An Orientation That Might Just Save Someone's Life

The HIV Prevention & Testing Department at Compass will be conducting drop-in CHANGE Orientations. CHANGE or Compass HIV/AIDS Network Gathering Envoys is a new program that encompasses testing through what's known as a Social Network Strategy.

Help take care of your family by attending this 20 minute orientation. People who attend will receive a free gift after the orientation.

For more information on the CHANGE program or how to get involved contact Compass at 561-533-9699 extensions 4005 or 4009.



National HIV Testing Day, Palm Beach County '09

Upper Left Photo: Compass' Event from Left to Right Bruce Conlin, Royce Dew, Ruth Siegel, Eric Miller, Rob Scott, Anthony Tyler, Felix Rivera

Lower Left Photo: Commissioner Koons presented a proclamation declaring June 27, 2009 as "National HIV Testing Day in Palm Beach County". From Left to right: Michael Sawney, Elizabeth Robinson, Rob Scott, Commissioner Jeff Koons, Sharon Brown, Caroline Hill. Photo: Palm Beach County Public Affairs

Lower Right Photo: Families First, TOPWA Program from left to right Melissa Jenkins, Nelwyn Tipton, Rob Scott, Bridget Wilburn, and Jocelyne Dillard



September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 5p.m.-9p.m. FREE Rapid Oral HIV Testing Compass 6:30 p.m. NA Meeting Compass	22 2 p.m.-6 p.m. FREE Rapid Oral HIV Testing Compass	23 11:00 a.m. Drop In Center Potluck Support Group CAP Palm Springs 7:30 p.m. BrothasSpeak Support Group Compass	24 5p.m.-9p.m. FREE Rapid Oral HIV Testing Compass 8:00 p.m. Positive Living Support Group Compass	25 6:30p.m. CHANGE Orientation Compass
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HOTLINES

A.G. Holley State Hospital TB Hotline.....	1-800-482-4636
CDC Info Hotline.....	1-800-342-2437
Crisis Line (Center Line).....	211
Drug Abuse Hotline.....	662-4357
Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline.....	1-800-352-2437
Gay and Lesbian Hotline.....	1-888-843-4564
Medicare Hotline.....	1-800-638-6833
National Deaf AIDS Line.....	1-800-AIDS-TTY
Project Inform Treatment Hotline.....	1-800-822-7422
STD Hotline.....	1-800-227-8922

EDUCATION/INFORMATION

Accessible Life Saving Education for at Risk Teens (ALERT).....	966-4288
American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR).....	1-800-392-6327
CDC HIV/AIDS Treatment Information.....	1-800-448-0440
Children with AIDS Project of America.....	1-602-973-4319
Children's Case Management Org., Inc.....	804-9441
Clinical Trials Information.....	1-800-Trials-A
Farmworker Coordinating Council of PBC.....	533-7227
Florida AIDS Action Council.....	1-800-779-4898
Glades Health Initiative, Ind.....	996-0500
National Minority AIDS Council.....	1-202-483-6622
PBC Health Department.....	540-1300
PBC HIV CARE Council.....	844-4430
Red Cross, American.....	833-7711
Senior HIV Intervention Project (SHIP).....	586-4843
Treasure the Children/Charles' Crew Adolescent Speakers, Inc.....	790-6291

HIV/AIDS TESTING

Compass, Inc*.....	533-9699
Comprehensive AIDS Program (CAP)	
Belle Glade*.....	996-7059
Delray Beach*.....	274-6400
Riviera Beach*.....	844-1266
West Palm Beach*.....	472-2466
Glades Health Initiative, Inc*.....	996-0500
Drug Abuse Foundation (DAF).....	278-0000
Drug Abuse Treatment Association (DATA).....	844-3556
Families First Palm Beach County.....	721-2887
Jesus People Proclaim Int'l Ministries.....	368-9044
Minority Development and Empowerment, Inc.....	296-5722
PBC Health Department (sliding scale fee)	
C.L. Brumback Health Center.....	996-1600
Delray Beach Health Center.....	274-3105
Lantana Health Center.....	547-6805
Riviera Beach Health Center*.....	804-7909
West Palm Beach Health Center.....	514-5465
Riviera Beach Family Resource Center.....	840-1888
St. James Missionary Baptist.....	842-5971
United Deliverance Resource Center*.....	844-7071
Women of Color, Rise Above Your Shame.....	577-3612

DENTAL CLINICS

C.L. Brumback Health Center.....	996-1636
Delray Beach Health Center.....	274-3111
Riviera Beach Health Center.....	804-7900
West Palm Beach Health Center.....	514-5310

PHARMACIES

Department of Health	
Belle Glade.....	996-1637
Delray Beach.....	274-3107
Riviera Beach.....	804-7940
West Palm Beach.....	514-5380
Commcare Pharmacy.....	615-0564
BioScrip Specialty Pharmacy (Spanish speaking).....	683-0001

HIV/AIDS SERVICE AGENCIES

Comprehensive AIDS Program, Inc. (CAP)	
West Palm Beach.....	472-2466
Belle Glade.....	996-7059
Delray Beach.....	274-6400
Riviera Beach.....	844-1266
Pahokee.....	924-7773
Care Resource	
Coral Gables.....	1-305-667-9296
Fort Lauderdale.....	1-954-567-7141
Miami.....	1-305-573-5411
Compass.....	533-9699
Youth Line.....	533-9699
Children's Place at Home Safe, Inc.	
North/Central Palm Beach County.....	832-6185
Southern Palm Beach County.....	995-0490
Farmworkers Coordinating Council of PBC.....	533-7227
Florida Lighthouse.....	499-1442
Gratitude Guild, Inc.....	833-6826
HIV Pastoral Care.....	1-305-858-4649
Hospice By the Sea.....	395-5031
Hospice of Palm Beach.....	848-5200
Integrated Healthcare Systems.....	586-7404
Latin American Immigrants & Refugee Org.....	966-4515
Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County.....	655-8944
Minority Development and Empowerment, Inc.....	296-5722
Palm Beach County Home.....	842-6111
Palm Beach Research Center.....	689-0606
Planned Parenthood.....	848-6300
Oakwood Center.....	383-5912 or 383-5777
Social Security Administration.....	1-800-722-1213
Treasure Coast Health Council, Inc.....	844-4220

INFECTIOUS DISEASE PHYSICIANS

<u>Central County</u>	
<i>Riviera Beach Health Center</i>	
Manochehr Khojasteh, MD.....	804-7900
Celeste Li, MD.....	804-7900
Kleper de Almeida, MD (Spanish Speaking).....	967-0101
Kenneth Ness, MD.....	655-8388
Olayemi O. Osiyemi, MD.....	832-6770
Donald Watren, MD.....	655-9660
Larry Bush, MD.....	967-0101
<u>Northern County</u>	
<i>Infectious Disease Associates- Leslie Diaz, MD.....</i>	776-8300
<u>Southern County</u>	
<i>Infectious Disease Consultants.....</i>	499-1442
Hamed A. Komaiha, MD, Jose C. Villalba, MD,	
Jaroslav F. Ondrusek, MD, Cesar A. Randich, MD, Melvin S. Kohan, MD	
<i>Delray Beach Health Center</i>	
Snehprabha Samant, MD.....	274-3178
<i>Guadalupe Medical Center (Spanish Speaking).....</i>	642-0768
<i>Infectious Disease Associates</i>	
Julio Cardenas, MD, Ines Mbagha, MD, Susan Saxe, MD, Jill Howard,	
MD, Sanda Cebular, MD, Kurt Weise, MD	
Delray.....	496-1095
Boca Raton.....	393-8224
<u>Western County</u>	
Lyonel Jean Baptiste, MD.....	992-9216
Juan Carlos Rondon, MD.....	924-7788

PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE

VA Medical Center (for veterans only).....	422-7522
Palm Beach County Health Department	
Riviera Beach Health Center.....	804-7900
C.L. Brumback Health Center (Belle Glade).....	996-1600
Delray Beach Health Center.....	274-3100
West Palm Beach Health Center (pediatrics).....	514-5300

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creating the interagency committee there is greater flexibility under the Federal Advisory Committee Act in the types of meetings they can hold with stakeholders. The Committee will be convening small meetings with experts on specific topic areas. The proceedings of the meetings will be made available to the public.

The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) will have a yet to be defined role in the NHAS as a mechanism for feedback and monitoring implementation. PACHA's charter ends on July 31 and presents the Administration with an opportunity to make changes to its focus and membership.

As to where viral hepatitis and STD fits into the NHAS, Jeff indicated addressing these diseases will fall into the category of reducing HIV incidence goal of the NHAS.

Community advocates have urged that the town hall meetings be open to a broad constituency beyond HIV/AIDS providers including people living with HIV/AIDS, social justice and philanthropic organizations, and the business sector, and that there are mechanisms to provide input beyond the town halls."

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with about 100 local people present to hear contributors share their writings. Silence is

Death: Unleashed Voices was a labor of love for those who contributed poetry, short stories and essays. Some of the contributors were also photographed by an award-winning photographer. The photos were the glue that bound to book together.

I hope we can have an impact on getting people tested and stop the spread of HIV not only here in Palm Beach County, but in the State of Florida and around the country. For those that may be interested in getting more information about HIV, please contact Positively Aware, The Journal of Test Positive Aware Network, which has informative articles on HIV Treatment and Health, at (773)-989-9400, email: tpan@tpan.com, website: www.tpan.com.

Is anyone listening?

**Names Project
South Florida Quilting Bee
2nd & 4th Monday of the Month
at 7pm**

The Quilting Bee is an all age group that focuses on making panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Panels are inducted to the memorial quilt every year on December 1st during Compass' celebration of World AIDS Day. The event includes a candlelight vigil and quilt induction ceremony.

For questions please email Eric Miller at eric@compassglcc.com