



JOURNEY TO **CHANGE**

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2021

SCHEDULE

2:00pm - 3:15pm

Friday, October 1, 2021

HIV & The Family

Jacqueline Battle, Facilitator

This session is for those experiencing difficulty honoring themselves in their truest form, while maintaining their safety in the world. No matter the person, or the situation, everyone has to decide who they will present to the world around them, how they will operate, and how they will exist. This decision will not always please everyone in an individual's life: but at the end of the day the one making the decision is the one who is to be considered. In this session we'll discuss some tools to aid the attendee in deciding to choose themselves, and their well-being.

Friday, October 8, 2021

Journey to Change - Partnering for Prevention

Panel discussion lead by Curant Health

Curant Health will discuss how we have helped STD grantees implement and grow 340B PrEP programs. Our panel will include Curant Health representatives and representatives from PrEP Clinics in the Southeast that we have partnered with.

October 15, 2021

Prevention In the Face of Stigma | A Kitchen Table Talk

Panel Discussion lead by IDeserve (iDSRV)

This session will discuss the methods to increase innovation in HIV prevention and care; specifically, as it pertains to the Latinx community. The session will feature a panel of HIV Prevention professionals and Community Leaders. This session will also discuss the stigma that threatens to undermine said innovation. Minority communities in the US face a harder road to the elimination of HIV due to stigma, fear, and misinformation; this session will present ways to combat that, while successfully implementing prevention methods in a tangible way.

Friday, October 22, 2021

Dating 101 and its Impact on Health

Panel Discussion lead by Lamont White of “Better Way to Meet”

Dating within the LGBTQ+ community can be challenging, specifically because of the lack of representation and discrimination within our society. During this workshop, participants will learn skills to achieve their dating goals, discuss how it may impact their overall health, and health care providers will learn how to use 'dating' as a facilitator for healthy outcomes.

Friday, October 29, 2021

Service Change Through Tragedy: Addressing Transgender Healthcare Policy

Panel discussion lead by Sybastian K. Smith

Healthcare disparities faced by the transgender (trans) and non-binary (nb) community often are not discussed in a way that is affirming to social standing, race, and ethnicity. Trans people are disproportionally victims of poverty, discrimination, and violence. Health care systems and providers have a duty to respond to patients' varied perspectives around physical health, mental health, and well-being. Failure to understand and manage social and cultural differences will have significant health consequences for trans/nb patients and minority racial groups. Therefore, medical service providers must be knowledgeable of social determinants that inhibit trans patients' access to the services they need and provide policies that support those needs and affirm trans communities.

Facilitators

Jacqueline Battle



Born September 7, 1962 in Columbus, Georgia; Jacqueline Battle has always been an old soul. Raised in the home with her Grand Father, Grandmother, Mother, older sister and older cousin; she learned the importance of generational wisdom. The old adage "knowledge is power" is STILL a principle that she lives by today. Today, Jacqueline Battle is an accomplished entrepreneur. She's a Licensed Title Agent and Real Estate Agent, accomplished Real Estate Developer, and an Ordained/Licensed Pastor. She combines her business acumen and pastoral gift to advise small business owners and community leaders alike.

Curant Health



Curant Health improves lives by providing personalized care through high-touch Medication Care Management®. We offer free home delivery, medication packaging, and compassionate, continuous care for PrEP patients. We are also a full suite 340B contract pharmacy.

Panel of speakers:



Venus Ross: He is an active member of ASONA (AIDS Service Organization Network of Alabama) and AHAPP (Alabama HIV/AIDS Policy Partnership), as well as being a co-founder of The University of Alabama's HIV Research Collaborative. In addition to being an Adjunct Professor, specializing in nonprofit administration, in the Department of Political Science at The University of Alabama, he is a member of the university's Center for Community-Based Partnerships.

He has received 3 degrees from The University of Alabama: A Bachelor of Science in Psychology, a Master of Arts in Counseling, and a Ph.D. in Management & Public Administration.



Kira Villamizar, B.S., M.P.H., Director of the STD/HIV Prevention and Control Program:

Mrs. Kira Villamizar has a master in Health Promotion from FIU and a bachelor of science in Biology from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. She currently holds the position of Director of the STD/HIV Program for the Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County. In her capacity she is responsible for providing leadership, management and coordination for the STD/HIV Program. She is also responsible for providing expertise in HIV/AIDS community planning, program development and technical assistance and ongoing support as needed to county health department programs, service providers and planning bodies to ensure that funded programs are implemented successfully in accordance with legislative intent, funding requirements and state goals and objectives.

She has been working for the Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County in different positions and has 27 years of experience in the field of HIV/AIDS developing, implementing, monitoring and managing several programs/initiatives for the department as well as establishing and maintaining partnerships with the major stakeholders in the community. She has also served in a variety of advisory boards in the community including the community advisory board for the University of Miami C-FAR. Ms. Villamizar served as co-investigator and Project Director for the AMIGAS study funded by the CDC. Most recently Mrs. Villamizar was responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Integrated Plan and the Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan in Miami-Dade. Mrs. Villamizar has co-authored abstracts published on Enhancing the Routine Screening Infrastructure to Address a Syphilis Epidemic in Miami-Dade County, the Miami Test and Treat Response Program, the AMIGAS intervention, ECHAP implementation, and other joined projects with the UM-CFAR.

Facilitators



Jeff Vollman has over 23 years of experience in various Ryan White programs across the country. Mr. Vollman started in Carson City Nevada by working in the Ryan White Part B program. Eventually he worked his way up to running the Part B program. After leaving the Part B program, Mr. Vollman was Deputy Director for a non-profit HIV clinic in Reno Nevada, which received and administered Ryan White Part B, Part C, Part D funds, HIV Prevention funding, SAMSHA funding and HOPWA funding. Mr. Vollman moved to Las Vegas where he ran the Ryan White Part A program. Leaving Las Vegas, Mr. Vollman moved to the South where he now runs The Living Bridge Center network of HIV clinics.

IDeserve



IDeserve (iDSRV) is an organization focused on the empowering the world around it to live in authenticity, wholeness, and sound mind. They believe that individuals and communities alike deserve every opportunity live in peace, and to walk without shame. iDSRV stands for equality, and wellness for all people. For more information or to watch our most recent conference, visit www.iDeserve.net

Sybastian Smith



Sybastian Smith is a 39-year-old LGBTQ+ social justice advocate, activist, Certified Health Educator and Medical Assistant of fifteen years. Mr. Smith has a dual Academic Associates degree in Medical Office Management: Administrative and Assisting, as well as an Associates of Science degree with a health science concentration while currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree. His goal is to specialize in transgender patients' affirmative healthcare and addressing public health factors that affect the lives of the BIPOC transgender and non-binary community.

Born and raised in Jackson, MS, He resides in Atlanta, GA. Upon his arrival to Atlanta, Sybastian worked as a Health Educator and Medical Suite supervisor in cis-women's health for the Feminist Health Center (FWHC). Sybastian's willingness to help, hard work, steadfast advocacy for marginalized communities and his activism efforts for transgender inclusion all lead to his promotion to the Trans Health Initiative (THI) Coordinator at FWHC. THI helped all that identify under the transgender umbrella receive the sensitive, safe and vital health care services they need. THI served thousands of transgender and non-binary identifying clients during his 7-year tenure. Sybastian continues to play a vital role in transgender healthcare advocacy by providing resources, referrals and linkage to care.

Sybastian is a member of the national organization Black Trans Men Inc. (BTMI) and a board member of Black Trans Advocacy Coalition (BTAC). He occupies leadership roles during the annual Black Transgender Advocacy Conference held in Dallas, TX and is regularly a part of yearly advocacy projects.

Sybastian was crowned Mr. Black Trans International 2018, awarded BTMI Man of the Year 2019 and is a 2020 HRC ACTIVATE program fellow amongst those esteemed achievements and accolades. Sybastian feels as a transgender man himself, he was born to help underserved communities and people who look like him. Initially through THI and now with the help of BTMI, BTAC and several other organizations, he can help make a difference in one of the most underserved communities, the transgender community. Mr. Smith believes that open dialogue and education are the keys to erasing ignorance. The need to educate people about transgender lives and experiences is why he works so diligently to advocate for LGBTQ+ competent healthcare, equal social and economic rights. Sybastian models his life, work, and advocacy after this famous quote, "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything." ~Malcolm X

Facilitators

Lamont Scales-White



Mr. Lamont Scales-White (otherwise known as the Gay Dating Coach) is the owner of Betterwaytomeet.com, which is a professional matchmaking, dating coaching, and couples counseling service for gay men in the United States.

Since 2014, Mr. White has matched hundreds of single guys and even helped a few guys get married. He's nationally recognized as a relationship expert for gay men and helping gay men maintain healthy relationships.

Mr. White is also the host of the new show, 'Shoot Your Shot Wednesdays', where single guys answer insightful, funny, and spicy questions about being single Live on Instagram.

Mr. White has an undergraduate degree in psychology and graduate degree in Professional Community Counseling. He lives in Atlanta with his husband and their two nephews.

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