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Join us in developing a progressive and inclusive agenda to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/STDs in the Black community

BLACK CAUCUS

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023

4:00-5:00pm (PST)

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| 1. | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING GUIDELINES | 4:00PM-4:05PM |
| 2. | COH STAFF REPORT/UPDATES | 4:05PM-4:07PM |
| 3. | CO-CHAIR REPORT/UPDATES | 4:07PM-4:10PM |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Wilbert Jordan Tribute• Organizational Capacity Needs Assessment UPDATES• 2023 Taste of Soul Participation UPDATES | |
| 4. | DISCUSSION | 4:10PM-4:50PM |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 Workplan Activities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Convening community listening sessions/townhalls to address the state of HIV in the Black community (Workplan Activity #4) | |
| 5. | RECAP AND NEXT STEPS | 4:50PM-4:55PM |
| 6. | PUBLIC COMMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS | 4:55PM-5:00PM |
| 7. | ADJOURNMENT | 5:00PM |



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CODE OF CONDUCT

We welcome commissioners, guests, and the public into a space where people of all opinions and backgrounds are able to contribute. We create a safe environment that celebrates differences while striving for consensus and is characterized by consistent, professional, and respectful behavior. Our common enemies are HIV and STDs. We strive to be introspective and understand and clarify our assumptions, while appreciating the complex intersectionality of the lives we live. We challenge ourselves to be self-reflective and committed to an ongoing understanding. As a result, the Commission has adopted and is consistently committed to implementing the following guidelines for Commission, committee, and associated meetings.

All participants and stakeholders should adhere to the following:

- 1) We strive for consensus and compassion in all our interactions.**
- 2) We respect others' time by starting and ending meetings on time, being punctual, and staying present.**
- 3) We listen, don't repeat what has already been stated, avoid interrupting others, and allow others to be heard.**
- 4) We encourage all to bring forth ideas for discussion, community planning, and consensus.**
- 5) We focus on the issue, not the person raising the issue.**
- 6) We give and accept respectful and constructive feedback.**
- 7) We keep all issues on the table (no "hidden agendas"), avoid monopolizing discussions and minimize side conversations.**
- 8) We have no place in our deliberations for homophobic, racist, sexist, and other discriminatory statements and "-isms" (including misogyny, transphobia, ableism, and ageism).**
- 9) We give ourselves permission to learn from our mistakes.**

Approved (11/12/1998); Revised (2/10/2005; 9/6/2005); **Revised (4/11/19; 3/3/22)**



2023 Training Schedule

- All trainings are open to the public.
- Click on the training topic to register.
- Recordings will be available on our [website](#) for those unable to join live trainings.
- Certifications of Completion will be provided.
- All trainings are virtual.

Topic	Date
<u>General Orientation and Commission on HIV Overview</u> *	March 29 3:00 - 4:30 PM
<u>Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process & Service Standards Development</u> *	April 12 3:00 - 4:30 PM
<u>Tips for Making Effective Written and Oral Public Comments</u>	May 24 3:00 - 4:00 PM
<u>Ryan White Care Act Legislative Overview</u> <u>Membership Structure and Responsibilities</u> *	July 19 3:00 - 4:30 PM
<u>Public Health 101</u>	August 16 3:00 - 4:30 PM
<u>Sexual Health and Wellness</u>	September 20 3:00 - 5:00 PM
<u>Health Literacy and Self-Advocacy</u>	October 18 3:00 - 4:30 PM
<u>Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket Development Process</u> *	November 15 3:00 - 4:30 PM
<u>Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities</u>	December 6 4:00 - 5:00 PM

**Mandatory core trainings for all commissioners.*



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Thursday, March 23, 2023 | 4:00PM to 5:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting packet is available at: <https://hiv.lacounty.gov/meetings/>

**Contact staff for verification of attendance*

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Co-Chair Danielle Campbell welcomed attendees and led introductions.

2. COH STAFF REPORT:

Staff reminded the group that meetings have resumed in person for all Commission Brown Act meetings which include monthly Commission and Committee meetings; the next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, April 13 @ 9AM-1PM at the DMH Headquarters located at 510 S. Vermont Ave, Terrace Conference Room, Los Angeles CA 90020. If you are not on the Commission's meeting notification listserv, please subscribe [here](#).

3. CAUCUS CO-CHAIR REPORT

The Caucus's organizational capacity needs assessment for Black-led & servicing organizations is currently with DHSP for implementation. DHSP is working to finalize the consultant contract for Raniyah Copeland who will be leading implementation activities. Updates forthcoming.

4. PRESENTATION:

Project Rise: Randomized Controlled Trial of Rise, A Community-Based Culturally Congruent Counseling Intervention to Support Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence Among Black/African American Adults Living with HIV.

Sean J. Lawrence (APLA) Laura Bogart, PhD (RAND), and Matt Mutchler, PhD (CSUDH) presented on the findings from their research study, Project Rise; a study focused on identifying feasible adherence interventions to address inequities, and responses to such inequities, among Black Americans living with HIV; ppt slides are in the meeting packet.

S. Lawrence announced national study – *Still Climbin* – for recruitment. *Still Climbin* is a randomized controlled trial that gives black men a safe space to get support for their racial and sexual identities. Participants could receive up to \$510 in gift cards.

S. Lawrence also reminded the group that SPA 6 has resumed their monthly meetings albeit virtually. The next meeting will be April 26th @ 10AM-11AM; flyer w/ log in information forthcoming.

5. DISCUSSION

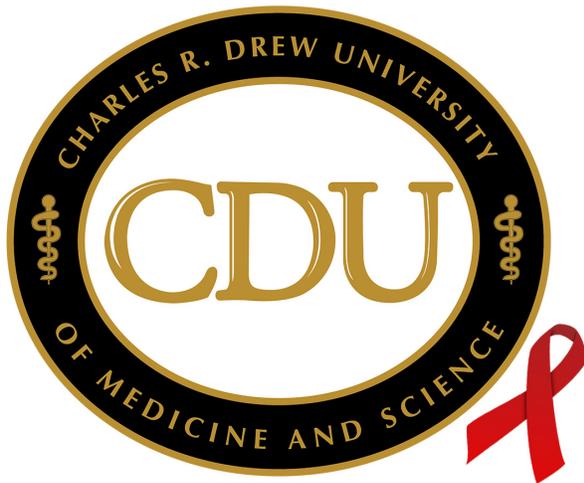
Prioritize & Planning 2023 Workplan Activities

- The Caucus reviewed its workplan activities and proposed that the Caucus participate in the Taste of Soul on October 21, 2023 as part of its Workplan Goal/Activity #5, Community Engagement & Communications.
- The Caucus agreed to participate and began preliminary planning.
- The Commission will assume the costs which may include:
 - Booth
 - Promotional materials
 - Giveaways
 - Create engaging activities
 - Promotional materials
 - Provide swag & giveaways
 - Photo booth or memory books
 - Partner with an agency to provide HIV testing
 - Provide information about the Caucus and how to get involved
 - Promote WAD as a strategy
- Following members volunteered to participate in the “Taste of Soul Planning Team (TSPT)”
 - Bridget Gordon
 - Andre Molette
 - Roxanne Lewis
 - Danielle Campbell
 - Gerald Garth
 - Dawn Mc Clendon
- COH staff will obtain additional information to secure a booth at the Taste of Soul and will share w/ the TSPT for next steps

6. RECAP & NEXT STEPS

The May 18 Caucus meeting will be dedicated to planning for community listening sessions per Workplan activity #4 and, hearing updates on the needs assessment. Leon Maulsby offered CDU as a potential site to host the community listening sessions

7. ADJOURNMENT



Drew C.A.R.E.S



To our community members and partners,

With great sadness we announce the passing of Dr. Wilbert Jordan, Professor Emeritus at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science and founder of the OASIS Clinic. Dr. Jordan was well known, loved, and respected in the HIV community worldwide. He was a giant in this field and worked unapologetically to improve the lives of those living with HIV in South LA and beyond. He was dedicated to addressing the socioeconomic and health disparities that affect our communities. He uplifted the rights of patients and challenged the systems that disengaged them. He was the ultimate professional educator, committed to training medical providers and students in the field of HIV and building a well-educated workforce of Black providers. Many of us have learned and benefited from his wisdom; his impact will be felt for years to come. We are grateful for the legacy he built and must continue in his honor towards Ending the HIV Epidemic.

With deep respect and honor,

CDU Drew Cares and MLK OASIS Clinic
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science





Black Caucus Workplan 2023
Adopted 1/19/23
(Updates in highlights for 4/20/23 meeting)

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT: To identify activities and priorities the Black Caucus will lead and advance throughout 2023.

CRITERIA: Select activities that 1) represent the core functions of the COH and Caucus, 2) advance the goals of the 2022-2026 Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP), 3) identify strategies to address the Black/AA Community Task Force Recommendations, and 4) align with COH staff and member capacities and time commitment.

CAUCUS RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) Facilitate dialogue among caucus members, 2) develop caucus voice at the Commission and in the community, 3) provide the caucus perspective on various Commission issues, and 4) cultivate leadership within the caucus membership and consumer community.

#	GOAL/ACTIVITY	ACTION STEPS/TASKS	TIMELINE/DUE DATE	STATUS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
1	Organizational Capacity Needs Assessment for Black-led Organizations	Administer a qualitative and quantitative needs assessment to the nine selected, Black-led organizations to help inform and implement a TA program so that Black-led organizations can better compete for County contracts.	Initial target date: February 2023; ongoing	Final draft submitted to DHSP on 1/19/23 for piloting. Status updates will be provided by DHSP and/or Caucus Co-Chairs as appropriate.
2	National Black/AA HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD)	Plan activity(ies) promoting health/wellness, lifting the Black community, and addressing stigma and the disproportionate impact of HIV within the Black community	February 2023 (COMPLETED)	SUGGESTION: Convene a Part 2 of Candid Conversations (or “Black” Table Talk) on how BLACK MEN & WOMEN living with/impacted by HIV can better support one another; refer to the 2022 NBHAAD activity led by Danielle & Gerald at the 2/10/22 Commission meeting. Also, tie in announcement of needs assessment.
3	Next steps & future of the Black/AA Community Task Force Recommendations	Review recommendations for revisions/updates and determine next steps.	2023	Prior discussions included adding a demographic section for those who are incarcerated, ultimately addressing the industrial prison complex.

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4	Community listening sessions to address the state of HIV in the Black community	Hold candid community conversations by Black folx, for Black folx, addressing stigma and its relation to the faith-based community	2023	Recommended by Dr. Wilbur Jordan. Leon Maulsby offered to host community meetings @ CDU. Planning discussion to begin at 4/20 meeting.
5	Community Engagement and Communications	<p>Efforts around active recruitment, social media engagement, amplifying other Black HIV-centered communications (ex. A Black women’s focus during NGWHAAD, Black men’s focus during National Gay Men’s Awareness Day (NGMHAAD, etc.)</p> <p>Communications to serve recruitment and retention. Ex. What does recruitment look like? Do we want at least one representative from Black-led, Black-serving orgs? What are the members’ responsibilities?</p>		<p>At its meeting on 3/23, the Caucus agreed to participate in the 2023 Taste of Soul on October 21st, and host a booth for outreach and recruitment. A planning team was formed. Next steps will be communicated by Dawn once TOS reps confirm Caucus interest and logistics.</p> <p>COMMENT: A lot of folks don’t even know the Caucus exists and many don’t know how much great work is happening. We have an opportunity to better amplify the Caucus’s work through strategic communications.</p> <p>This would also look at effective delegation and engagement, getting more folks active in the room</p>