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COMMISSION ON HIV



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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, October 19, 2023

4:00-5:00PM (PST)

Agenda and meeting materials will be posted on
<http://hiv.lacounty.gov/Meetings> *Other Meetings

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED + SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION IN SPANISH AND OTHER
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<https://lacountyboardofsupervisors.webex.com/lacountyboardofsupervisors/j.php?MTID=m750c845693cf800b0899dfbc4184a5db>

TO JOIN BY PHONE:

1-213-306-3065 Access Code/Event #: 2530 964 1300

Meeting Password: BLACK

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| 1. | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING GUIDELINES | 4:00PM-4:05PM |
| 2. | COH STAFF REPORT/UPDATES | 4:05PM-4:10PM |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COH Bylaws Review Taskforce UPDATES• Upcoming COH Events and Activities | |
| 3. | CO-CHAIR REPORT | 4:10PM-4:25PM |
| | Dr. Ijeoma Opara Introduction & UCLA Luskin Lecture titled
"Approaching Substance Use Prevention by Harnessing Black Girls' Strengths" | |
| 4. | UPDATES+DISCUSSION | 4:25PM-4:50PM |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 21st Taste of Soul Participation• Organizational Capacity Needs Assessment• Community Listening Sessions• December 6th Worlds AIDS Day (WAD) Partnership w/ Supervisor Mitchell's Office | |
| 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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Approved by COH
6/8/23

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CODE OF CONDUCT

The Commission on HIV welcomes commissioners, guests, and the public into a space where people of all opinions and backgrounds are able to contribute. In this space, we challenge ourselves to be self-reflective and committed to an ongoing understanding of each other and the complex intersectionality of the lives we live. We create a safe environment where we celebrate differences while striving for consensus in the fights against our common enemies: HIV and STDs. We build trust in each other by having honest, respectful, and productive conversations. 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 approach all our interactions with compassion, respect, and transparency.**
- 2) We respect others' time by starting and ending meetings on time, being punctual, and staying present.**
- 3) We listen with intent, avoid interrupting others, and elevate each other's voices.**
- 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) Be flexible, open-minded, and solution-focused.**
- 7) We give and accept respectful and constructive feedback.**
- 8) We keep all issues on the table (no "hidden agendas"), avoid monopolizing discussions and minimize side conversations.**
- 9) We have no place in our deliberations for racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, and other discriminatory statements, and "-isms" including misogyny, ableism, and ageism.**
- 10) We give ourselves permission to learn from our mistakes.**

In response to violation of the Code of Conduct which results in meeting disruption, Include provisions of SB 1100 which states in part, ". . . authorize the presiding member of the legislative body conducting a meeting or their designee to remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting . . . Removal to be preceded by a warning to the individual by the presiding member of the legislative body or their designee that the individual's behavior is disrupting the meeting and that the individual's failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal." Complaints related to internal Commission matters such as alleged violation of the Code of Conduct or other disputes among members are addressed and resolved in adherence to Policy/Procedure #08.3302." (Commission Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4.)

APPROVED BY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON 05/25/23; COH 06/08/23

Approved (11/12/1998); Revised (2/10/2005; 9/6/2005); Revised (4/11/19; 3/3/22, 3/23/23; 5/30/23)

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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Conference

together.

WE CAN END HIV IN OUR
COMMUNITIES ONCE & FOR ALL



Vermont Corridor @ 510 S. Vermont Ave,
Los Angeles, CA 90020

NOV | **9th** | **2023**

Free Validated Parking | 523 Shatto Pl
<https://hiv.lacounty.gov/>

Save The Date

November 2, 2023

8 AM - 4 PM

TGI HEALTH SUMMIT

Increasing awareness of the health disparities and strategies surrounding Transgender, Gender-Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) communities. This Summit will support to mobilize information about community resources available, improving knowledge and awareness of HIV care and prevention services in LA, and offer community building initiatives centering healing for TGI Populations.

Village At Ed Gould Plaza

1125 N McCadden Pl, Los Angeles, CA 90038

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

REACH LA

 **LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER**

 **LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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trans*
lounge

Keck School of
Medicine of **USC**



We're Listening

share your concerns with us.

**HIV + STD Services
Customer Support Line**

(800) 260-8787

Why should I call?

The Customer Support Line can assist you with accessing HIV or STD services and addressing concerns about the quality of services you have received.

Will I be denied services for reporting a problem?

No. You will not be denied services. Your name and personal information can be kept confidential.

Can I call anonymously?

Yes.

Can I contact you through other ways?

Yes.

By Email:

dhspsupport@ph.lacounty.gov

On the web:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dhsp/QuestionServices.htm>





Division of HIV and STD Programs
600 S. Commonwealth Ave., 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Customer Support Program

The Division of HIV and STD Programs' (DHSP) Customer Support Program aims to assist consumers of HIV and STD services who have experienced difficulty accessing services from DHSP-funded providers throughout Los Angeles County. If you need assistance or have a concern regarding your HIV or STD services that you have not been able to resolve with the provider directly, please feel free to share with us by completing the form below.

You can email us directly at dhspsupport@ph.lacounty.gov or contact us by phone at **(800) 260-8787**. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or if you need further assistance.

What happens after I contact DHSP Customer Support Unit?

DHSP staff will contact you regarding your concerns within 2 business days of receipt of your form or message. For questions about services or resources available in Los Angeles County, we will provide you with the information you are requesting and where to go to receive services. For issues or complaints regarding services you have received, we will then work closely with you and can provide assistance with seeking resolutions such as by filing a grievance with the service provider or by providing referrals or information about available services that meet your needs. You will also be welcome to remain anonymous through the process if you prefer.

Your feedback is important to us. Please complete our customer satisfaction survey by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code:

[Customer Satisfaction Survey](#)



Customer Support Form

Filing Date:		
YOUR INFORMATION		
Name (First, Middle and Last):		Patient/Client Name if different from complainant:
Street Address:	City:	Zip Code:
Phone Number and E-mail:		Can we leave a voice message? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can we share your name with the agency? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Preferred Language:
Preferred Pronouns: <input type="checkbox"/> He/Him <input type="checkbox"/> She/Her <input type="checkbox"/> They/Them <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Which is the best way to keep in touch with you? <input type="checkbox"/> Phone call <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Any/ No preferences <input type="checkbox"/> No written communication from us (DHSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
What type of assistance do you need? <input type="checkbox"/> Linkage to HIV/STD services <input type="checkbox"/> Community resources <input type="checkbox"/> File a complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Offer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____		
For Linkage or Resource Request: Describe assistance that you need.		
For Feedback:		

TO FILE A COMPLAINT: Fill in the form below and provide as much details as you can.

COMPLETE IF AUTHORIZING A REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE A COMPLAINT ON YOUR BEHALF

Name of Representative:

Relationship to Patient/Client:

Phone Number:

- ☐ I authorized the person or entity named above to serve as my representative for this complaint.
☐ Not Applicable

SERVICE PROVIDER/AGENCY INFORMATION

Agency Name:

Service Location Street Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Service Category:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Case Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits Specialty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition/ Food Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/ STD Testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PrEP Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Did you file a complaint with the agency?

☐ No ☐ Yes, Date: _____ With Whom? _____

What was the result?

COMPLAINT DETAILS

Complaint Type (Check all that apply):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ability to Get Care/ Service (i.e., denial, scheduling) | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Patients' Rights Violation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billing | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Care (i.e., substandard care) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confidentiality and Privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Provider Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment/ Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Issues/ Customer Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eviction | <input type="checkbox"/> DHSP Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Environment/ Accommodations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

COMPLAINT DETAILS

Please describe your complaint. Attach additional pages or supporting documents as needed.

When did this happen (date of incident)?

Name of person involved?

Name of person witnessed the incident?

What happened?

Desired Outcome (what would reasonably resolve this concern for you)?

YOU CAN SUBMIT A COMPLAINT OR CONCERN TO DHSP'S CUSTOMER SUPPORT UNIT BY:

- Email: dhspsupport@ph.lacounty.gov

- Phone: (800) 260-8787

- In-person or by U.S. Mail:

Division of HIV and STD Programs

Attention: Customer Support Unit

600 S. Commonwealth Ave., 10th Floor, Los Angeles, California, 90005

RSVP | 10.19.23



Approaching Substance Use Prevention by Harnessing Black Girls' Strengths

Part of the Meyer and Renee Luskin Lecture Series

October 19, 2023

5:45 p.m. Check-in and Reception

6:30 p.m. Lecture

UCLA California NanoSystems Institute (CNSI)

570 Westwood Plaza Building 114

Los Angeles, CA 90095

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR IJEOMA OPARA

will delve into substance use prevention tailored to the unique challenges faced by Black girls, harnessing their inherent strengths to achieve success. Many Black girls encounter intersecting societal pressures, deal with stereotypes and often must overcome systemic inequalities.

Ijeoma Opara PhD is an associate professor in Social and Behavioral Sciences at Yale University's School of Public Health and the director of its Substances and Sexual Health (SASH) effort.

A licensed social worker who has worked primarily with youth and families of color in urban cities, Opara received her doctorate in family science and human development from Montclair State University, a master's in social work from New York University and a master's in public health in epidemiology from New York Medical College.



To register, visit <https://luskinlecturewithijeomaopara.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, email events@luskin.ucla.edu



Information is powerful only when it's in a form that can guide achievable change. This year, the Luskin School is highlighting innovators — here and elsewhere — turning vision into reality and producing Transformative Action.

UCLA Luskin
School of Public Affairs

Scan here
to register
for the event.





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JOIN THE BLACK CAUCUS AT THE 17TH ANNUAL TASTE OF SOUL!

<https://www.tasteofsoulla.com/>



DATE: October 21 **TIME:** 10 AM - 7 PM

BOOTH: P20 (Locate us with the QR code at the event)

LOCATION: Historic Crenshaw Blvd, between Barack Obama Blvd & Stocker Ave

The BLACK CAUCUS is excited to be part of this incredible community event. Come meet us at booth P20 to 🏆 Win cool raffle prizes 🏆 Grab some awesome swag 🏆 Get your passport stamped as you embark on a mission to learn more about uS 🏆 Test your luck with the spin-the-wheel game 🏆 Challenge your wits with our super fun trivia game show all while learning more about our mission & the work we do.

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#2023TOS_COH

#2023TOS



**Images reflect actual members of the Black Caucus*

The BLACK CAUCUS focuses on addressing the unique HIV needs of Black and African-American individuals and communities across LA County. We welcome anyone committed to the fight against HIV, working to stop its spread, and increasing access and education for LA's Black communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED

WEB: <https://hiv.lacounty.gov> **EML:** hivcomm@lachiv.org **TEL:** 213.738.2816

