2015 MIDSOUTH HIV CONFERENCE
BETTER TOGETHER: GETTING TO ZERO IN THE MIDSOUTH

Monday, November 16 &
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fogelman Executive Conference Center at
The University of Memphis
330 Innovation Drive, Memphis, TN 38152
A Very Special Thank You from the 2015 Conference Planning Committee

Welcome to Memphis!

Thank you for attending the 2015 Midsouth HIV Conference. This conference is intended to be a learning and networking experience for people living with HIV, community stakeholders, healthcare professionals, social support providers, civil servants, and anyone who wants to help achieve zero new infections in the Midsouth.

We are excited about the wealth of information that will be shared over the next couple of days. The Conference Planning Committee has worked very hard over the past year to put together two days that will be both meaningful to your work and fun.

Enjoy the conference!

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Elaine Graf           Martavious Hampton
Fran Harper           Katherine Knapp
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Pre Conference Agendas
Monday, November 16, 2015

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  9:00am to 9:15am  Welcome and Introductions
  9:15am to 10:15am  Our Stories Panel
  10:15am to 10:30am  BREAK—Group Picture
  10:30am to 11:05am  Breakout Sessions
  11:05am to 11:10am  BREAK
  11:10am to 11:45am  Breakout Sessions
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  4:45pm to 5:15pm  Closing Ceremony

9:00am—4:00pm  Treatment Adherence Forum
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12:00pm—1:00pm  Lunch & Film Screening
Film: Paris is Burning  Dining Room 304

1:00pm—2:00pm  Panel Discussion
Facilitator: Nikia Grayson, RN, MSN-CNLC, MPH  Dining Room 304
Panelists: Kim Watson, Community Kinship Life
LaSaia Wade, BA, TN Trans Journey Project
Renea Taylor, Partnership to End AIDS Status

2:10pm—3:15pm  Breakout Sessions III
Crafting HIV Care & Prevention Messages  Room 326
Renea Taylor and LaRonia Hurd-Sawyer, RN, MSN-CNLC, MPH

Providing Clinical Care for Transgender Patients  Room 325
Anna K. Person, MD, Vanderbilt Comprehensive Care Clinic

Healing Ourselves: Trauma & Domestic Violence  Room 323
Kim Watson, Community Kinship Life
Olliette Murry-Drobot, Family Safety Center of Memphis and Shelby County

Midsouth Law and Policy  Room 315
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Work Place Discrimination and HR for Organizations  Room 326
LaSaia Wade, BA, TN Trans Journey Project

Best Practices for Providing Care for Trans Patients  Room 325
Kim Watson, Community Kinship Life

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Criminal Justice System & The Trans Community  Room 315
Davin Clemmons, Relationships Unleashed
Gwen Clemmons, Relationships Unleashed

Community Town Hall: A Conversation  Amphitheater 123
Valerie Spencer, MSW, Transgender Empowerment Institute

4:00pm  EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

4:45pm-5:15pm  CLOSING CEREMONY
Transgender Day of Remembrance  Amphitheater 123
Valerie Spencer, MSW, Transgender Empowerment Institute

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TREATMENT ADHERENCE
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Bill Lizor, Gilead Sciences  Room 215

12:00pm—1:00pm  Lunch

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At birth, Hydeia Broadbent was abandoned at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas where Patricia and Loren Broadbent adopted her as an infant. Although her HIV condition was congenital, she was not diagnosed as HIV-positive with advancement to AIDS until age three. The prognosis was that she would not live past the age of five. Now at the age of 30, Hydeia spends her time spreading the message of HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, by promoting abstinence, safe-sex practices (for people who choose to have sex) and national HIV testing initiatives.

Hydeia began her debut as an HIV/AIDS activist and public speaker at six years old. By 12 years old, Hydeia appeared on many national television programs including Oprah, 20/20, Good Morning America, Weekly with Ed Gordon, and “A Conversation with Magic Johnson” on Nickelodeon. She has been featured in prominent publications to include; New York Times, People, Essence, Ebony, Health Quest, Sister 2 Sister, POZ, National Geographic, Real Health, Seventeen, and Heart & Soul. Hydeia also co-graced the cover of TV Guide. Hydeia has also taken part many of America’s talk radio programs including, The Michael Eric Dyson Show, Russ Parr Morning Show, and The Tom Joyner Morning Show.

Over the last 24 years, Hydeia has become a notable speaker and guest panelist at many of America’s most respected educational institutions including Duke University, Morehouse School of Medicine, UCLA, USC, and Howard University. Hydeia has been a featured speaker for the International AIDS Conference in 2006. Hydeia has been a featured speaker main stage at 2000 & 2007 Essence Music Festival as well as the 2007 AIDS Rally at the Potters House lead by Bishop TD Jakes, in Dallas, Texas.

In August 2010, Mark Luttrell, Jr. was elected Shelby County Mayor. He has since led several successful initiatives in economic development, such as creating the Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) for Memphis and Shelby County, while also emphasizing expanded public awareness of healthy living through the Healthy Shelby program. Mayor Luttrell aims to make Shelby County become a national benchmark for effective and efficient government by aligning initiatives within his four-point vision: budget discipline, safe communities, public health, and jobs. Mayor Luttrell juggles many leadership roles within the community by serving on various professional boards and committees: National Association of Counties Board of Directors, Memphis-Shelby Crime Commission, and University of Memphis Arts and Sciences Advisory Council. In addition to being a Leadership Memphis graduate, Mayor Luttrell is a distinguished recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award of the University of Memphis, College of Arts and Sciences.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Sessions I— 9:45am to 11:15am

Innovative Practices in HIV Care and Prevention

Hepatitis C Virus in a HIV World
Room 218

Marsha Turner, ANP, DNP-C
Adult Nurse Practitioner
Adult Special Care Center at Regional One Health

The objective of this session is to educate persons living with HIV about the effects of HCV on HIV disease. Through lecture and open discussion, participants will have a clearer understanding of HCV as it relates to persons living with HIV.

The Memphis Synapse Project: An Entry Point to HIV Prevention
Room 217

Martavius Hampton
HIV Program Manager, BA
Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center

HIV prevention efforts and care focusing on engaging niche social networks such as gay/drag families, J-set squads, SGL Greek and non-Greek groups, and other similar networks. Participants will gain insight in current efforts being done with niche social networks such as gay families or J-set teams. Furthermore, an emphasis must be made on strategies used to engage such social network groups in being educated on HIV prevention and care, especially for providers.

Networking Opportunities: Collaborating for Change

The Updated National HIV/AIDS Strategy: Getting to 2020
Room 215

Chiquita F. Covington, MPA
OS/OPHS Regional Resource Consultant
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

The participants will receive an overview of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Update to 2020. There will be discussions on the impact of HIV in the Southeast. The session will include a discussion of the NHAS goals and the outcomes by 2020.

Seeking Support vs. Seeking Pity
Room 325

Kelli Davis, LPC
Licensed Professional Counselor, Mental health Services Provider
The Church on the Square

This session will examine techniques for managing mental and emotional issues that come as a result of living with HIV, acknowledging the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Participants will learn to identify behaviors associated with PTSD and how to offer clients support- not pity.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Sessions I—9:45am to 11:15am

Clinical Care from Linkage to Viral Suppression

Understanding Reproductive Health Options for People Living with HIV
Room 323

Guy Ringler, MD  
Nikole Gettings, CNM  
Ann Kiessling, PhD  
Danielle Tate, MD  
Physician  
Director of Clinical Care  
Director  
Physician  
California Fertility Partners  
CHOICES  
Bedford Research Institute  
UTROP

Participants attending this session will leave with an understanding of the family planning options for persons living with HIV and have an opportunity to see a sperm washing demonstration and to ask questions about the technique. Attendees will have an opportunity to discuss with experts the relative benefits of fertility different options (including PrEP) for persons living with HIV.

What will it take to achieve the goal of zero new HIV infections in youth?
Room 315

Aditya Gaur, MD  
Katherine Knapp, MD  
Associate Faculty Member  
Staff Physician  
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital  
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

HIV transmission from mothers to their children has been eliminated in many parts of the United States, but this unfortunately has not been the case in the Mid-South. In addition, rates continue to increase among youth. This session is an overview of HIV prevention efforts to reduce mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) and treatment efforts to bend the curve of new HIV infections among young people in the Mid-South, including utilization of PrEP in uninfected youth.

Capacity Building for Ryan White Providers

Arkansas HIV Cross-Part Care Continuum Collaborative (H4C)
Amphitheater 123

Tiffany Vance  
Charles Bedell, MD  
Derrick Newby  
Ryan White Part B Manager  
HOPWA Coordinator  
Program Administrator  
Arkansas Department of Health  
Arkansas Department of Health  
Delta Region AETC

Casonia Vinson  
Lisa Brisendine  
Gretchen Jaco, RN  
Special Programs Coordinator  
Program Manager  
MCM/Part C Coordinator  
Jefferson Comprehensive Care System  
East AR Family Health Center  
ARcare

The continued goal of the Arkansas H4C project is to ensure the project is continued within the state once the assistance of our Federal partners end. To ensure the Arkansas Response Team continues networking and communicating amongst RW grantees, and to utilize strategies provided by our Federal partners to provide effective and beneficial HIV care within the state.

The Voices Project
Room 308

Sylvia Sutton, LMSW  
Melanie Copeland, LCSW  
Social Worker  
Social Worker  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

The Voices Project is an evolving digital archive of anonymous audio recordings chronicling patient narratives reflecting on their HIV illness experience. The recordings are shared with patients who would benefit from hearing the stories of others, but fear a meeting in person.
LUNCH PLENARY
11:30am to 1:00pm
LOCATION: CENTER BALLROOM, HOLIDAY INN UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

11:30am to 12:00pm: Buffet Lunch

12:00pm to 1:00pm: Lunch Program

Welcome
Bill Lizor
Community Liaison
Gilead Sciences

HIV and Aging
Heidi Swygard, MD, MPH
Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine
University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Dr. Swygard earned her undergraduate degree in Biology from Indiana University and attended medical school at Indiana as well. She did an Internal Medicine Residency at University of Wisconsin. She did her Infectious Disease fellowship at UNC-Chapel Hill where she also earned her Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology. She has worked as the STD clinic director in Durham North Carolina and served as the Clinic director for two HIV clinics while also serving on faculty at UNC in Infectious Diseases. She is currently seeing patients living with HIV at UNC, as well as youth at high risk, in Raleigh for UNC and the NC Department of Health and Human Services where she also serves as a consultant for special projects in the HIV/STD care branch. She has published in the medical literature on HIV and STDs. Her current research interests center on HIV linkage and retention in care.

Did you know?

10% of people living with HIV in the Memphis area are 55 years old or older.

HIV HAS NO AGE LIMIT.
Innovative Practices in HIV Care and Prevention

A Mid-South Perspective: African American Faith-based Leaders, HIV, and Stigma
Room 218

Tamara Otey, PhD, RN
Clinical Assistant Professor
University of Memphis

This session will discuss the research finding of the Perception of African American Faith-based Organizations Regarding African American With HIV study. The findings describe the perceptions of African American faith-based leaders in Memphis, Shelby County regarding African Americans with HIV, as well as their ability and willingness to identify faith-based solutions.

Providing Access to Transgender People
Room 217

Marisa Richmond
President
Tennessee Transgender Political Coalition

Transgender people are often denied access to health care because of a lack of understanding of gender diversity, or because of trans exclusions by many health insurance providers. In addition, many trans people are often misidentified in reporting, perpetuating the invisibility of trans people. We will discuss the challenges trans people face in accessing health care and ways in which care providers can open those doors.

Networking Opportunities: Collaborating for Change

Supporting HIV Advocates in Making Client Referrals for Unintended Pregnancy
Room 215

Camilla Eubanks Orisha Bowers, BFA, MA, MEd
Regional Director TN State Coordinator
Provide Inc. Provide Inc.

Participants will be given an overview of the evidence based STAR Quality Referrals Curriculum being utilized in 7 southern states and within HIV/AIDS clinics and advocacy centers. Participants will have an overview of the work of Provide, Inc., the referrals training and technical assistance in southern states and how this can improve quality client care for HIV clinics in Tennessee.

The WHY and The HOW: Eliminating HIV Related Disparities and Achieving Equity
Room 325

Shanell McGoy, PhD, MPH
Director of HIV/STD
Tennessee Department of Health

HIV related disparities exist among racial and ethnic groups, sexual orientations, gender identities, age, and geographic regions in the U.S. This interactive session will identify these disparities, explore the reasons why and how these disparities exist, and deduce ways to achieve HIV related equity in the U.S.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS
Sessions II — 1:15pm to 2:15pm

Clinical Care from Linkage to Viral Suppression

Behavior vs. Biology: The Social Determinants and Marginalization of HIV
Room 323

Robertson Nash, PhD(c), ACNP, BC
Clinical Instructor in Nursing
Vanderbilt University

One of the unique features of STDs is their existence at an intersection of biology and behavior. Participants in this seminar will have the opportunity to explore topics including the social determinants of health, sexual networks and HIV transmission, shame/stigma and childhood sexual abuse, and relationships between psychology and health in HIV. Further exploration in these areas may very well yield cues that will help improve the lives of our patients and minimize HIV transmission.

What is anal health and how can we improve it in HIV primary care?
Room 315

Crystal Walker, PhD, MSN-CNL  Wendy Likes, PhD, DNSc, APRN-BC
SN-CNL, DNP-FNP student  Dean and Professor, Ph.D., DNSc, APRN-BC
UT Health Science Center  UT Health Science Center

The number of new cases of anal cancer is only 1-2 per 100,000 people per year in the general population, but in people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA), the number of new cases is far greater. There is a crucial need to increase knowledge among patients and providers about what anal cancer is, who it affects, and how it can be prevented. Content will be delivered in a seminar discussion format followed by a round table discussion. Participants will have an opportunity to brainstorm about creative interventions to help overcome barriers and prioritize anal health in HIV primary care.

Capacity Building for Ryan White Providers

Tennessee Regional Group Viral Suppression Project
Amphitheater 123

Michael Rickles, PhD
Research Analyst
Ryan White Part A Program - Metro Nashville Health Department

By giving medical providers data and information on populations that are not reaching high rates of viral suppression and working with them to develop tools to address the social, environmental and structural barriers facing these clients, we have created an environment conducive to improving viral suppression. In the same vein, by using socio-demographic information to identify populations with low viral suppression rates, we have also started to address issues of health inequity in our community.

New Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan
Room 308

Amelia Khalil
Project Officer
Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA and CDC have developed integrated guidance for their respective planning processes to use in developing an Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan to improve health outcomes along the HIV Care Continuum and respond to the goals set forth in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Participants will be able to learn more about the new guidance and hear from HRSA staff about the expectations and the range of integrated planning activities.
Innovative Practices in HIV Care and Prevention

**Truvada® for PreExposure Prophylaxis**

*Room 218*

Bill Lizor  
*Community Liaison*  
*Gilead Sciences*

In this session, participants will learn about the key indications for Truvada® for PrEP as well as the CDC and FDA guidelines regarding prescription, follow-up, and important patient information for PrEP. Please note that this session is designed for agency staff and providers.

Clinical Research at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital – Past, Present and Future

*Room 217*

Nehali Patel, MD  
*Director of Clinical Services, Infectious Diseases Clinic*  
*St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital*

This session will highlight the extent of clinical research related to HIV/AIDS done at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Outcomes from past trials, current network affiliations and open trials will be highlighted. Prevention efforts for youth will also be highlighted.

Networking Opportunities: Collaborating for Change

**Working Intersectionally to Advocate for Persons Living with HIV**

*Room 215*

Ken Mosesian  
*Executive Director*  
*Path2Parenthood*

Scotty Campbell  
*TAAN Coordinator*  
*Nashville Cares*

Dominique Banks  
*HIV Advocate*  
*Positive Women’s Network*

Participants will leave this session with a working knowledge of the advocacy environment locally, statewide, and nationally. Participants will understand ways they can get involved in advocacy efforts. Participants will discuss with experts and with each other how intersecting with organizations outside the HIV field and working collaboratively can support and benefit HIV advocacy efforts.

Trauma-Informed Care: From Treatment to Healing

*Room 325*

Vanessa Johnson  
*National Training and Leadership Director*  
*Positive Women’s Network USA*

People living with HIV have significantly higher levels of childhood trauma and adult violence, attributed in part to various forms of stigma, discrimination and the criminalization of sex work and drug use, all of which perpetrate trauma independently of interpersonal violence. Studies show that having a trauma history has an adverse effect on engagement in care and health outcomes of PLHIV. The high prevalence of trauma among PLHIV mandates that our health care and service delivery systems adopt approaches to promote healing from trauma in HIV care settings. This session will discuss opportunities to transform HIV care settings to benefit women living with HIV and their providers.
**Clinical Care from Linkage to Viral Suppression**

**HIV/HCV Co-Infection Pharmacotherapy**  
*Room 323*

Drew Armstrong, PharmD  
Regional One Health,  
Adult Special Care Clinic

Marshe Turner, ANP-BC, ANP-BC, DNP-C  
UT-Regional One Health Physicians

Participants will be given an overview of treatment strategies and drug/drug interactions for an HIV/HCV co-infected patient. Participants will be given the tools to be able to develop a treatment strategy for a HIV/HCV co-infected patient.

**Caring for the Transgender Client Living with HIV**  
*Room 315*

Marye Bernard, DNP  
Family Nurse Practitioner,  
Adjunct Faculty  
Regional One Health and UTHSC

Nikia Grayson  
DNP Candidate  
Planned Parenthood and UT Health Science Center

HIV affects all populations, including the transgender client. It is imperative that health care options for transgender clients reflect excellency in addressing their needs as well as their desire to change or alter their natal sex and gender identity. This session is designed to educate and detail the health care needs of the transgender HIV Client.

**Capacity Building for Ryan White Providers**

**Understanding how Social Determinants Lead to Poor Health Outcomes**  
*Amphitheater 123*

Wayne Duffus, MD  
Director, Office of Health Equity  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Participants will discuss how the major social determinants interact along the care continuum and result in poor health outcomes for HIV, viral hepatitis, STDs and tuberculosis. Participants will learn new language to describe the problem and move beyond characteristics that are non-modifiable through public health action (such as, race/ethnicity, gender) to those which are (such as, education, transportation).

**HIV Criminalization**  
*Room 308*

Arneta Rogers, JD  
Reproductive Justice and HIV Fellow  
Positive Women’s Network USA

As of June 2014, 39 US states or territories have HIV-specific criminal statutes, or have brought HIV-related charges, criminalizing HIV exposure and transmission through consensual sex, needle sharing, or through spitting. A majority of these laws do not require proving the intent to transmit HIV. This session will discuss why HIV criminalization is a problem, and facilitate a discussion of strategies advocates can use to repeal and reform laws criminalizing people living with and vulnerable to HIV.
CLOSING PLENARY
3:45pm to 5:00pm
LOCATION: AMPHITHEATER 123, 1ST FLOOR

Welcome and Remarks
Commissioner Walter L. Bailey, Jr.
Shelby County Board of Commissioners

Walter L. Bailey, Jr. represents District 8, and holds the ubiquitous honor of the longest tenure on the County Commission having served the County Commission and the citizens of Shelby County since 1971 with only one interrupted term due to term limits. As the Commissioner with the most extensive service, he has served as Chairman of the General Government, Personnel/Fringe Benefits, Employment Opportunity and Notary Committee, and Education Committees as well as serving as Commission Chairman in 1989 and 2002.

Commissioner Bailey is a member of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has been admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court. As a community advocate, Commissioner Bailey was legal counsel in several landmark civil rights litigation cases, including the case which desegregated Shelby County public schools and the legal defense of Martin Luther King, Jr. during the 1968 sanitation workers’ strike in Memphis. Commissioner Bailey has served as President of the local A.C.L.U. and as Chairman of the Advisory Board to the Tennessee Supreme Court on criminal procedure.

Personhood and Thriving
Valerie Spencer, MSW
Transgender Empowerment Institute

Valerie Spencer has worked in the arena of social services, focusing on health disparities as it relates to Transgender persons and others within LGBT communities, for over two decades. Over that time she has worked with the federal government, health departments, universities, conferences, and community based organizations around the country ranging from capacity building training, national advocacy consultation, and key note addresses—her specialty.

Valerie co-starred in the 2004 V-Day production of, “The Vagina Monologues”, featuring an all Trans-Women cast and the accompanying documentary, “Beautiful Daughters”, which aired on LOGO and Showtime networks. In 2011 Los Angeles Gay Pride honored Valerie with the prestigious Berman Shaffer award, given for her years of community service in progressive action. In this same year the California Legislative LGBT caucus conferred upon her a state resolution recognizing her as a statewide and national leader in the movement for LGBT political and social freedoms. She is the creator of Transcend Empowerment Institute, an organization which addresses empowerment on a social, cultural and holistic basis for LGBT communities.

Valeria recently completed her Masters of Social Work degree at California State University Long Beach. Upon completion she will pursue doctoral studies in Holistic Psychology. “Now I am re-creating myself into the Holistic Mental Health Practitioner/Healer I have always wanted to be. This is the vision for my life!”
Thank you to all who helped make this conference possible!

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Tennessee AIDS Education and Training Center
Turing Pharmaceuticals
Walgreen's Community Pharmacy

Care is available. To learn more about the Memphis Ryan White Program visit www.HIVMemphis.org.
See you at the 2017 Midsouth HIV Conference!