RE: HOPWA actions in coordination with CARE, July 2012

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Dear Colleagues:

The following three messages should be of interest as you work in local collaborations with providers of care under the Ryan White CARE Act and other HIV programs.

Message #1 is about the updated functionality of AIDS.gov resources. These include links to the HIV housing assistance providers as part of the client services locator, see the <u>HIV Testing Sites and Care Service Locator</u> – an online location-based search tool. The contact information on your local HOPWA projects are provided through this locator. Please review these and update, if necessary, through the HUD Homelessness Resource Exchange—its most important to keep this information up to date to help persons searching for support to connect to available resources.

Message #2 shows how to use HRE to update the contact information for your local HIV housing assistance programs—HOPWA and related / leveraged housing assistance.

Message #3 is from The HIV/AIDS Bureau at DHHS. Their message is providing opportunities to be part of a stakeholder dialogue and to make comments on the RWCA program as they consider development of a reauthorization. As you know, the coordination of HOPWA with these care resources is an important part of operating HOPWA and other HUD supportive housing in providing appropriate support to program beneficiaries.

Please learn more about these information technology and program support improvements as you coordinate projects and assist beneficiaries in your community.

Thank you for your commitment to the successful and supportive use of HOPWA resources.

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#1   AIDS.gov embraces new digital government strategy

Released yesterday at http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/06/20120627a.html.

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Federal HIV/AIDS website updated using responsive design

On National HIV Testing Day, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that AIDS.gov, the gateway to all federal HIV /AIDS information and resources, has been relaunched and redesigned using responsive design.
Responsive web design is a next-generation web development method of designing content so that it works well on both a laptop screen and a smartphone, automatically adjusting its size to fit the screen. Since smartphones, tablets, computers, TVs and video game consoles all have different content display capabilities, use of responsive web design ensures that a site's content is equally accessible via all devices without adding the extra cost of designing and maintaining separate "standard" and "mobile" sites.

AIDS.gov is among the first full-scale federal website launched using responsive design, one of the modern tools and technologies that the Obama Administration's new Digital Government Strategy instructs federal agencies to use in order to deliver better digital services to any device, anytime, anywhere.
"With so many Americans accessing the Internet via mobile devices, federal agencies are beginning to adapt to better meet the public's information needs," said Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH, HHS assistant secretary for health. "Redesigning AIDS.gov using responsive web design ensures that more Americans can easily access critical information about HIV/AIDS, including the latest news on the government's efforts to usher in an AIDS-Free generation."

AIDS.gov was first launched in 2006 on World AIDS Day. Since then, the web site has remained in the vanguard of the use of new technologies, adding podcasts and social media in 2007 and 2008, and releasing the HIV Testing Sites and Care Service Locator – an online location-based search tool for HIV testing and care services – in 2009. It launched a mobile website, optimizing additional services for mobile use in 2010 and 2011.

Visitors to AIDS.gov can navigate through a wealth of HIV/AIDS resources: the latest HIV/AIDS news; basic HIV/AIDS information on prevention, testing, treatment, and care; and information on federal HIV/AIDS resources, including the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. It also includes podcasts and a blog with posts by federal officials and others working to combat HIV/AIDS.

The launch of the redesigned site coincides with National HIV Testing Day (NHTD), which is observed every year on June 27. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that
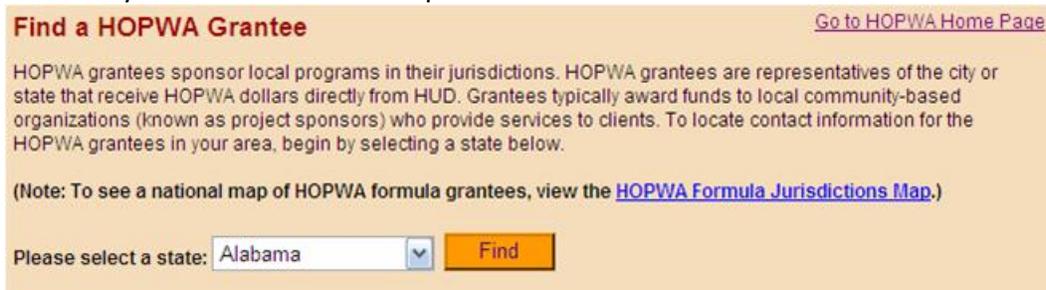
one-in-five of the more than one million people living with HIV in the United States are unaware of their infection. As a result, they are unable to access life-extending care and they may unknowingly pass the virus on to others. AIDS.gov promotes NHTD and the many free testing opportunities offered across the nation today, in cooperation with federal and non-federal partners, and often sees a spike in visitors around the observance. This year, more of these visitors will be able to easily access the information they are seeking as a result of the new responsive design.

#2 Using HRE in updating Project Contact Information for the client services locator used by AIDS.gov

This is a reminder from the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing (OHH) of the enhanced grantee contacts update feature on the Homelessness Resource Exchange (HRE) website. www.HUDHRE.info Updates of grantee and project sponsor information on this site are crucial to persons seeking housing assistance and for other members of the interested public seeking information about the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. We ask that you take a few minutes to follow the directions below to ensure that we have the most up-to-date contact information. Grantees can submit updates to their contact information and project sponsors directly via the Find a HOPWA Grantee tab on HOPWA Local Resources: Contact Information, Maps, and Reports page on the HUD HRE Website by following the steps outlined below.

1. Select your state from the drop down list.

2. Select your grantee.

Find a HOPWA Grantee

Search Results for Alabama

Search Grantees

The following HOPWA grantees have been identified in your community. For additional information, select the name of the grantee or select the appropriate tag on the map.
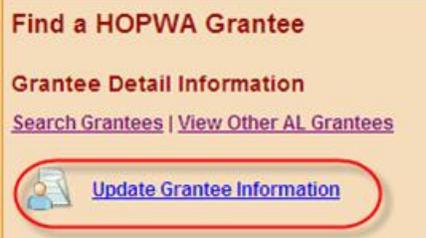
Competitive Grantees

AIDS Alabama, Inc.

Health Services Center, Inc.

Formula Grantees

City of Birmingham

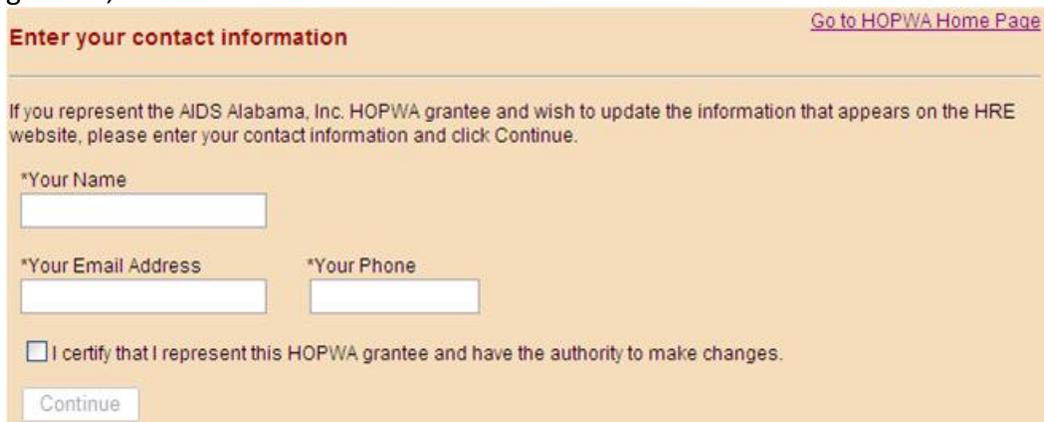State of Alabama

3. Select "Update Grantee Information" link

Find a HOPWA Grantee

Grantee Detail Information

Search Grantees | View Other AL Grantees

Update Grantee Information

4. Enter the information requested, check the box certifying that you represent the HOPWA grantee, and select "Continue"

Go to HOPWA Home Page

Enter your contact information

If you represent the AIDS Alabama, Inc. HOPWA grantee and wish to update the information that appears on the HRE website, please enter your contact information and click Continue.

*Your Name

*Your Email Address   *Your Phone

☐ I certify that I represent this HOPWA grantee and have the authority to make changes.

Continue

5. Update the information that is incomplete or outdated and submit the updates. Please Note: HUD will review updates you have submitted prior to having them posted on the HUDHRE site. Note: we will contact grantees directly via email if we have any questions regarding the updates submitted.

If you have questions regarding this feature or encounter any technical difficulties please contact us via the HRE Virtual Help Desk under the "Website Questions/Feedback Help Desk" program.

#3 DHHS request for feedback on Ryan White programs.

From: Biweekly message for HIV/AIDS Bureau grantees [mailto:HABINFO@list.nih.gov] **On Behalf Of** Jones, Paula (HRSA) [C]
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Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program 2013 Reauthorization: Request for Feedback

HRSA/HAB is requesting comments regarding reauthorization of the Ryan White legislation, which is expected to take place in 2013. HRSA encourages stakeholders, including grantees, advocacy organizations, State and local administrators, and other members of the Ryan White and HIV/AIDS communities to provide comments on all aspects of the program. Stakeholders can submit written comments online until July 31 and participate in one of four webcast listening sessions in July. Please participate in only the listing session for your area.

Listening Session Schedule:

Monday, July 9, 10 – 11:30 am ET (9 – 10:30 CT)

Southern: Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee) and Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas)

Wednesday, July 11, noon – 1:30 pm CT (1 – 2:30 pm ET; 11 am to 12:30 pm MT)

Midwestern: Region 5 llinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska) and Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming)

Monday, July 16, 11 – 12:30 pm PT

Western: Regions 9 (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau) and Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington)

Wednesday, July 18, 1 – 2:30 pm ET

Northeastern: Region 1 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont), Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) and Region 3 (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia)

Learn more about submitting comments and register for a listening session.