

## Application

All participants must first qualify to the SNHC project as an eligible organization. Interested applicants should begin the application process by going to [www.hivta.org](http://www.hivta.org) and clicking on the tab entitled “How to Apply.” At the bottom of the page is a link directing interested organizations to the application web page. Once an organization has qualified as eligible for services, participants interested in RMs will be asked to complete an additional application for participation.

## Scholarships

Eligible participants can apply for a scholarship to attend the RMs. The scholarship will cover the following: lodging, travel, per diem, approved ground transportation and meeting materials. If you wish to apply, please complete the attached application. All travel allowances are subjected to government per diem rules and regulations. To apply for scholarships, please go the SNHC project website at [www.hivta.org](http://www.hivta.org).

For additional information, please contact NMAC at [SNHCbyEPMC@nmac.org](mailto:SNHCbyEPMC@nmac.org) or (202) 483-6622.

## Regional Meeting Training Topics

Each meeting will be conducted by multidisciplinary teams of consultants with diverse backgrounds and extensive

experience in HIV primary medical care services delivery systems on the following training topics:

### *The Face of HIV/AIDS: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (Plenary Session)*

This session will address the significance of the Supporting Networks of HIV Primary Care by Enhancing Primary Medical Care project, review the history and epidemiology of HIV, discuss client-centered care models and address the impact of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act funded HIV/AIDS services. The session will also address the future of the pandemic.

### *Risk Management: Knowing the Rules (Plenary Session)*

This session will address the laws and regulations regarding patient disclosure/ confidentiality, reporting guidelines, medical documentation and discrimination as well as best practices when applying the rules and regulations in confusing or difficult situations.

### *Connecting to the Continuum: Linking Primary Care to HIV Primary Care (Plenary Session)*

This session will explore the HIV positive consumer’s perspective when seeking treatment in a primary care setting. The session will address the vital linkage between primary care and HIV primary care services delivery, strategies to client-centered care and the importance of ancillary service provision.

### *The Diagnosis and Clinical Management of HIV (Clinical Track Workshop)*

This session will address the clinical components and guidelines referenced for the diagnosis and clinical management of HIV disease. The session also will identify the stages of clinical intake that each respective primary care site should perform in order to assess and refer clients for appropriate services and to promote patient adherence to care.

### *ART Treatment (Clinical Track Workshop)*

This session will provide information on Antiretroviral Therapy (ART), the implementation of ART, adherence to treatment and the guidelines under which ART should be implemented. The session also will address clinical professionals with the most current updates on treatment.

### *Medical Case Management: Connecting Clients to Care (Social Work Track Workshop)*

The session will discuss the psychosocial issues pertinent to managing HIV patients, improvement strategies for documentation, the essentials of time management skills, the importance of planning and the identification of skills and strategies utilized to create a coordinated medical case management plan.

### *Counseling Testing and Referral (CTR)(Social Work Track Workshop)*

This session will explore the significance and impact of medical case management for clients accessing services in the healthcare continuum. The session will identify testing methods, the importance of pre- and post-counseling and the importance of the role service referrals play in keeping clients in health care.

### *Continuous Quality Improvement of HIV/AIDS Services (Health Care Administrator Track Workshop)*

This session will explore the principles of Quality Improvement (QI) and applicable federal regulations for the delivery of HIV/AIDS primary care services. These concepts will then be applied towards discussions around the development, implementation and maintenance of a QI program.

### *Administration of HIV Clinical Services: Implementing HIV Primary Care Services (Health Care Administrator Track Workshop)*

This session will address the required resources needed to begin the expansion of services to incorporate HIV primary care services, including financial management strategies and vital administration issues that will play significant roles in the process.

## About the Project

The Supporting Networks of HIV Care (SNHC) by Enhancing Primary Medical Care project is a national technical assistance and capacity building project designed to develop, improve and expand comprehensive HIV primary medical care and treatment service delivery in racial/ethnic minority communities severely impacted by HIV/AIDS through providing technical assistance (TA), intensive capacity building (ICB) and regional meetings (RMs) to primary medical care sites. The project will be extensively evaluated to assess its immediate, short-term and long-term outcomes ensuring that the training and TA has a measurable impact on the development, improvement and expansion of high-quality HIV primary medical care for people of color. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s HIV/AIDS Bureau, the project is led by the CAEAR Foundation (CF) in partnership with the Academy for Educational Development (AED) and the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC).

## Training/Regional Meetings

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), which was established in 1987, is a national organization dedicated to developing leadership within communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS and to build healthier communities. NMAC serves as the coordinator of the RMs for the training component of the SNHC by EPMC project. The goal of the RMs is to increase the capacity of participants from targeted primary medical care sites to provide HIV primary care through regional meetings, web-based trainings and the awarding of Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Eligible participants will be selected from targeted Public Health Service (PHS) Regions. Each cohort will participate in two onsite meetings held within a designated PHS region. The training package consists of RM I, II and III. RMs I and II will provide training topics essential to the implementation and/or expansion of HIV primary care services within a primary medical care site. The training sessions will consist of general session topics and track specific sessions in the areas of clinical, social work and administrative practices. RM III will be delivered in an online distance learning environment which each participant will be able to access at their own convenience. All candidates who successfully complete their participation in each of the RMs will be awarded CEUs.



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