

The Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS

**VIRTUAL**

# HIV AGING CONFERENCE

**AUGUST 27, 2020**



# HIV AGING CONFERENCE WELCOME



On behalf of the Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV & AIDS (PASWHA) and Collaborative Solutions, welcome to PASWHA HIV and Aging Conference. This virtual conference is an extension of the 2020 National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS and part of PASWHA's the Age Positively: A Social Work Response Initiative made possible through Gilead Sciences, Inc.

In 2018, PASWHA launched the HIV Age Positively: A Social Work Response Initiative with the vision of expanding and enhancing care among aging persons living with HIV & AIDS. Through the initiative, PASWHA will: 1) identify social work best practices, 2) develop a social work practice guide, 3) disseminate these educational tools through a variety of avenues, and 4) create a conference track to expanding social work training.

Today, we are offering 6 breakout sessions and one plenary session. We are excited to welcome Esther Ross, Khafre Kujichaguila Abif, and Bill Hall as panelists during the plenary session, HIV and Aging: The Wisdom of Lived Experience. This panel of long-term survivors, moderated by PASWHA Board Member Michael Lohri, will share their journey of living with HIV and share valuable insight to help social workers better understand and address the needs of their clients as they age.

These sessions and much more would not be possible without the hard work of the HIV and Aging Task Force, specifically the conference subcommittee: Mary Lawinger, Carmen Julious, Esther Ross, Susan Tusher, Amy Palilonis, Cat Stewart, Joe Wigon, Sha'Terra Johnson, and Michael Lohri. I would also like to offer a special thank you to our staff and volunteers including Nicole Brazelton, Valencia Moss, Kate Briddell, Rachel Neumeier, Becky Blalock, and Elizabeth Wilson.

We could not do this without the generous support of Gilead Sciences, Inc for PASWHA's Age Positively: A Social Work Response Initiative. To learn more about this and our other initiatives, please visit PASWHA's website at [www.paswha.org](http://www.paswha.org). Stay engaged with our work by becoming a PASWHA member!

Welcome again to the virtual PASWHA HIV and Aging Conference. We hope that you will enjoy the experience.

Sincerely,  
Russell Bennett, LGSW, PhD - NCSWH Chairman  
Executive Director, PASWHA  
Chief Executive Officer, Collaborative Solutions, Inc.

# HIV AGING CONFERENCE AGENDA

## OPENING PLENARY 9:30 AM-11:00 AM (ALL SESSION HOSTED IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE)

**Title:** *HIV and Aging: The Wisdom of Lived Experience*

**Presenters:** Michael Lohri, MSW, LICSW, Esther Ross, MA, BSW, Khafre Kujichagulia Abif, MLS & Bill Hall

**Summary:** This panel will feature three long-term survivors who will share their experiences of aging while living with HIV. Panelists are also long-time advocates in the field of HIV/AIDS. Touching on topics such as isolation, medication fatigue, stigma, access to services and more. This session is designed to help social workers better understand and address the needs of their clients as they age.

**CE:** 1.25

## Breakout Session (1) 11:15 am -12:30 pm

**Title:** *Assessing What Social Workers Know about Older HIV+ Adults?*

**Presenters:** Evelyn Tomaszewski, MSW & Dr. Lisa Cox, LCSW

**Summary:** All people aging with HIV are coping with dual challenges: the stresses of growing older along with the challenges of living with HIV. The increased prevalence of HIV in older adults is attributable to 3 primary causes: 1) contracting HIV in later-life and associated biological changes; 2) "baby boomer" generation is growing; and 3) HAART is effectively preventing viral replication for many people resulting in many older adults living longer with HIV. Social workers and other care providers ought to be familiar with the expressed needs of older adults who are living with HIV disease. Therefore, this workshop will explore and discuss items from Listen Sessions and Key Informant Surveys targeting social workers working with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

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**Title:** *HIV-Related Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceived Stigma as Predictors of Sexual Lifestyle Behaviors of Older Adults*

**Presenter:** Dr. Tonda Martin, RN

**Summary:** During this session, participants will be able to identify what older adults know about preventing HIV transmission and the importance of negotiating safe sex practices with their partners.

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## LUNCH BREAK 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

## Breakout Session (2) 1:30 pm- 2:45 pm

**Title:** *Q & A with Plenary Panelists*

**CE:** Not eligible for CE credit

**Title:** *HIV and Aging Listening Session*

**Presenters:** Kate Briddell, MPA, & Rachel Neumeier, MSW

**CE:** Not eligible for CE credit

**Title:** *Approaches to Case Management for Older Adults Living with HIV*

**Presenter:** Karen Reichard, LMSW

**Summary:** This presentation explores the social determinants of HIV and aging through a case management lens. As the population of people living with HIV ages, there is increased need for dual knowledge of geriatrics and HIV. Social workers in this field play an important role in identifying and addressing the social determinants of health and the barriers to care. This presentation is relevant to social work practice because it considers HIV as a lens through which the consequences of racism, poverty, homophobia, substance use, and mental illness are magnified. It considers that as the population of people living with HIV ages, societal expectations and biases of aging intersect with and often potentiate these social challenges. The challenges for care with this population and emerging ideas for addressing them will be discussed. Additionally, this presentation aims to engage conversation about the ways that the values and mission of social workers can position us to be leaders in this area.

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## Breakout Session (3) 3:00 pm- 4:15 pm

**Title:** *Utilizing Multiple Strategies for Assessing the Needs of Older Persons Living with HIV in New York City*

**Presenters:** Dr. Raymond Maietta, Scott Spiegler, MPH, Sarah Kozlowski, MPH, Graham Harriman, MA & Jeff Petruzzelli

**Summary:** During this session, participants , participant will be able to identify the most pressing gaps in service provision for OPLWH in the NYC area and identify opportunities to engage OPLWH in the creation of holistic services aimed at improving overall health and wellness.

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**Title:** *Identifying and addressing the needs and challenges of older adults living with HIV in Illinois's Getting to Zero Plan.*

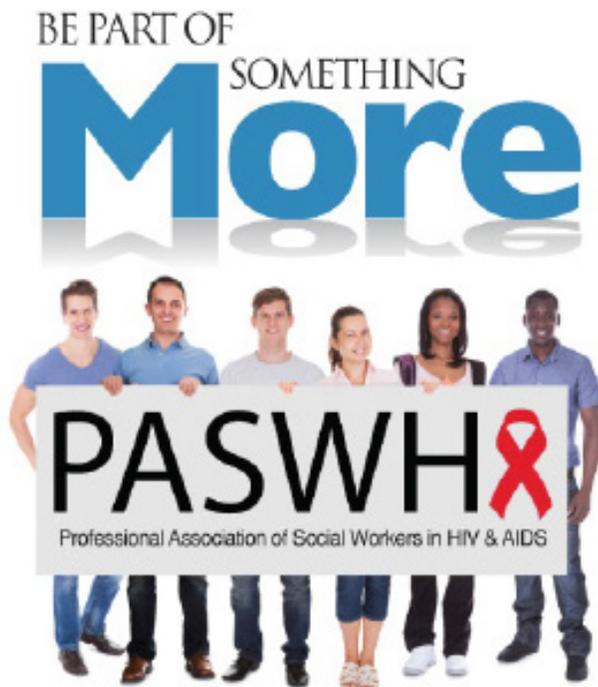
**Presenters:** Jeff Berry, Director of Publications; Editor of Positively Aware, Andrea Dakin, PhD, MA, Senior Director, Shared Program Service, Meg McElroy, MA , Manager of Policy Special Projects , Rebecca Inledon, MPH , Director of Program Development and Michael Maginn, HIV Project Manager/HIV Prevention Lead Agent

**Summary:** As communities across the United States develop plans to end the HIV epidemic, it is imperative that the needs and perspectives of older adults living with HIV are included. In this session, AFC will first review highlights of Chicago findings from the Research on Older Adults with HIV (ROAH) 2.0 study, including identified needs and challenges. Next, there will be an overview of the development and implementation of the Older Adult and Long-Term Survivor Workgroup as part of the Getting to Zero Illinois Plan, including identified activities and strategies of the group. As part of a moderated discussion, the co-chairs of the group will discuss why it is crucial to include older adults and long-term survivors when planning HIV care services and prevention strategies. The discussion will outline how the group is addressing social determinants of health and how the work has shifted to address increased isolation as a result of Covid-19.

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### Our Mission

PASWHA is the lead organization that supports the professional growth and development of HIV social workers and allied professionals, promotes evidence informed practice, and advances equitable and just policies to end the HIV & AIDS epidemic.

### Our Vision

As leaders in the field of HIV Social Work, PASWHA strives to end the HIV & AIDS epidemic by promoting social justice and equity through all forms of social work practice.

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