

**Positions of a PLWH/A Committee:
Striving for a Comprehensive Care Model
in a Time of Fewer Resources**

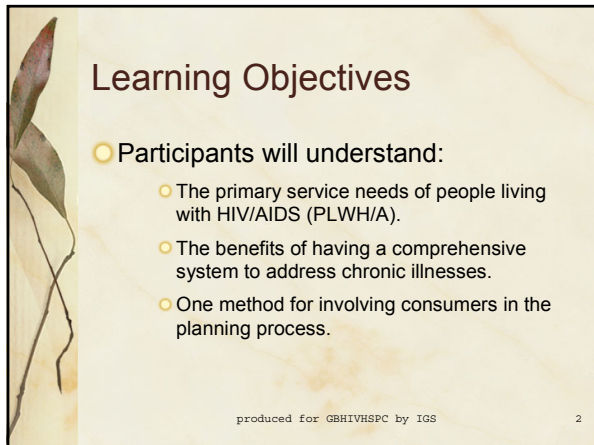
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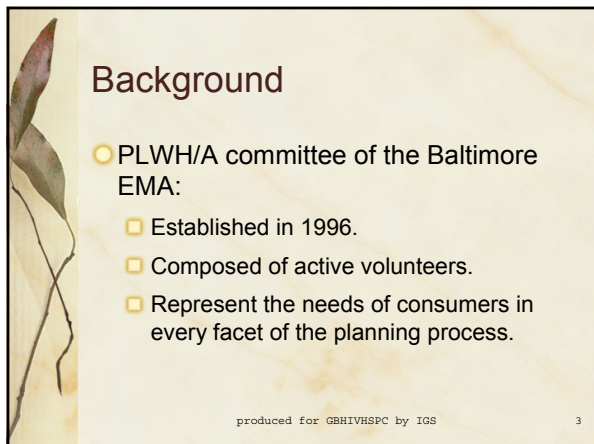


Learning Objectives

- Participants will understand:
 - The primary service needs of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH/A).
 - The benefits of having a comprehensive system to address chronic illnesses.
 - One method for involving consumers in the planning process.

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Background

- PLWH/A committee of the Baltimore EMA:
 - Established in 1996.
 - Composed of active volunteers.
 - Represent the needs of consumers in every facet of the planning process.

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Background of Position Papers

- Policies and actions that impact services to PLWH/As are the driving force behind the papers.
- Papers are presented to the planning council, other planning bodies and agencies interested in meeting the needs of PLWH/As.

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- A set of three positions.
- Resulted from the reauthorized legislation.
- Operates on the premise that Ryan White funding is the funding of last resort.

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Position #1: Essential Services for PLWH/As

- Ryan White services provide a safety net for PLWH/As.
- The PLWH/A committee identified the services that are most important to ensuring that PLWH/As get into and stay engaged in treatment.

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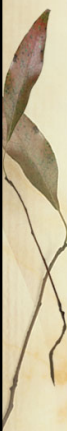
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**Position #1:
Essential Services for PLWH/As**

<p>Core medical services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early intervention services. ○ Outpatient ambulatory health services. ○ AIDS drug assistance. ○ Case management. ○ Mental health. 	<p>Support services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short-term housing. ○ Food bank/home-delivered meals. ○ Medical transportation. ○ Psychosocial support. ○ Emergency financial assistance.
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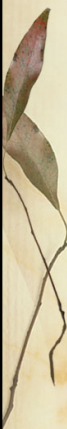
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**Position #1:
Essential Services for PLWH/As**

- These essential services are necessary for a continuum of care, no matter who funds the services.
- Without these essential services, an adequate quality of life could not be maintained.
- A good quality of life is the most cost-effective means of managing HIV care.

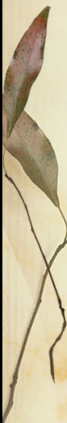
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**Position #2:
Ryan White Services: A Transition To Long-term Services**

- Treatments and medications for HIV have improved.
- PLWH/As are living longer and more active lives.
- Legislation has shifted from focusing on AIDS to focusing on the ongoing treatment of HIV and AIDS.

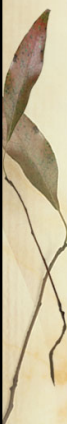
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Position #2:
Ryan White Services: A Transition To Long-term Services

- We must help consumers understand that Ryan White provides *short-term* services.
- We must help providers reevaluate their approach to treatment.
- We must help planning councils rethink their approach to planning.

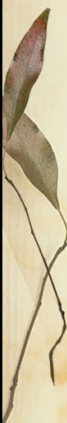
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Position #2:
Ryan White Services: A Transition To Long-term Services

- Providers and consumers share equal responsibility for ensuring that consumers are not utilizing short-term services for their long-term needs.
- This partnership should result in greater independence for consumers and improve consumers' ability to self-manage their HIV care.
- Providers would have the capacity to treat the growing number of new clients.

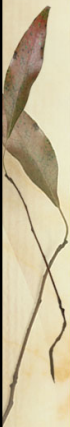
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Position #3:
Ryan White as the Ultimate System of Comprehensive Care

- The ultimate goal of any health care system is to enable its consumers to enjoy a normal and stable quality of life.
 - Living with a chronic illness does not allow you to do this.
- Ryan White is the ultimate model of comprehensive care for addressing any chronic illness.


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Position #3:
Ryan White as the Ultimate System of Comprehensive Care

- Ryan White provides a safety net.
- Ryan White is a stabilizer.
- Ryan White provides comprehensive care.
- Ryan White encourages and makes self management possible.

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Ryan White Program

- Works to fight stigma.
- Improves consumer access to care and quality of life.
- Serves as the ideal model of care for addressing any chronic illness.


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We Hope This Session:

- Helps agency, planning and policy officials understand and plan for the provision of the most-needed services by consumers in and out of care.
- Helps consumers understand the importance of planning for long-term care services so that Ryan White funds are always available for those most in need of services.

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Closing

- Position papers are effective tools for community participation.
- Thank you.
- For more information, please contact the PLWH/A Committee at:
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