

NAHOF CONNECTION

SPRING 2004

Arizona's Largest Agency on Aging hosts NAHOF's 5th Conference *Bridging the Age Gap: Prevention, Care and Management of HIV Over Fifty*



Keynote Speaker Sandra Bertman, Ph.D., Boston College

The National Association On HIV Over Fifty's conference in Scottsdale, Arizona was a true collaboration between the HIV/AIDS and Aging communities Sponsored by a joint effort of the Area Agency on Aging in Phoenix, New England AIDS Education and Training Center, The Midwest AETC and the Pacific AETC. Working together to bringing the issue of HIV over fifty and all of it's complications to a truly national audience.

Last fall over 300 advocates from around the country including Doctors, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Social Workers, Case Managers and People Living and Aging with HIV met in Arizona to discuss the complications as well as the lack of attention HIV/AIDS was getting or should I say was not getting. Workshops included The Aging Immune System, Housing Seniors with HIV/AIDS, Nutrition, Risky Behavior in Aging African Americans, HIV in the Nursing Home Setting , Gay Men Over Fifty and HIV as well as Newly Emerging Research.

At most conferences that I've attended the

Keynote speaker has to speak over a dull buzz of conversations but at The NAHOF conference this past fall I looked around the room at the standing room only attendees and you could hear a pin drop. Not only were people attentive but they were also involved you could see people that had just met holding hands and sharing a very personal experience. Who was this speaker? Sandra Bertman Ph.D., whose presentation Living with Dying: The Healing power of Hope, Humor, and Grief.

When over forty people living with HIV/AIDS met together on Friday night the some over the age of eighty it was like a reunion of old friends all of which have been on the same journey sharing, laughing, talking and praying. There were many such experiences along with networking and education that took place. Workshops bubbled over into the halls and there is never enough time to do all that you want to do. It was like the early days when attendees at conferences finally found the information they so desperately needed. .

Arizona was chosen because it is the third largest retirement community in the country. NAHOF has seen a constant rise in diagnosed infections in these communities over the past years. We would like to acknowledge The Area Agency on Aging and the state of Arizona for its ground-breaking decision to collaborate on this conference.

**Watch for Upcoming Details on the
6th National Conference on
HIV and Aging
Spring 2005 in Miami Florida**

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Attendees at NAHOF's 5th National Conference on HIV and Aging



Session on HIV in the Nursing Home Setting by Jeanine M. Rielly,
BS, RNC, LNHA

NEWS FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Northern California Alliance on HIV/Aids over 50 will meet in May at the University of California offices at 44 New Montgomery, next to the Palace Hotel. Call Paul Quin 415/255-8971 for details or email kboyz@mindspring.com with NCAHOF in the subject line. All interested persons are welcome. The past few months, encouraged by member Hulda Brown, we have joined others to focus the new governor's attention on the elderly, ill and otherwise disadvantaged disproportionately affected by his deficit budget. Upcoming are prevention presentations for senior programs.

NEWS FROM BOSTON

The Boston office has been busy working with The Boston Partnership for Older Adults on a Robert Woods Johnson Foundation application for the City of Boston. We will also be resending at the 15th Annual Black Church Week of Prayer and The New England Eldercare Conference on May 12th as well as the Mass. Asian AIDS Conference this spring. NAHOF has been serving on the Advisory Committee for the SAGE Conference, No Need No Fear? No Need to Hide, June 18th & 19th in NYC. We will also present a panel in Newport RI April 2nd on keeping consumers involved in AETC presentations.

NEWS FROM CHICAGO

The Chicago NAHOF related group has named itself the "Chicago Forum on HIV and Aging". The group meets monthly at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and is currently working on a needs assessment, including a survey of aging and HIV related programs. In addition, a resource directory is being developed for distribution and inclusion in regional resource listings.

SLATE OF NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

NAHOF re-elected 14 board members at our Phoenix Conference in September 2003. The following were elected:

Sharon Maxwell	Illinois
Joe Iarelli	Massachusetts
John Mazzullo, MD	Massachusetts
Courteney Williams	Washington, DC
Mary Lynn Kasunik	Arizona
Mary Mareno	Texas
Charlie Enlet	Washington State
Bill Rydwels	Illinois
Jim Campbell	Massachusetts
Mary Ann Malone	New York
Cheryl Cahill	Massachusetts
Myron Gold	New York
Nathan Linsk	Illinois
Tom Sentell	New York

Seven remaining positions are now up for election as well as officers. The nominating committee has provided a slate after a period of input beginning at the Phoenix meeting in September running through December, 2003.

Elections will be held at a membership meeting to be conducted by teleconference call on May 4, 2004 at 3:30 PM EDT.

Members may vote by telephone number and access code to be obtained by contacting NAHOF at jcampbell@hivoverfifty.org. Bylaws provide for proxy votes by email, fax or mail by sending information to Mary Ann Malone: email: Malone@msn.com or phone 212-241-0719, FAX 212-831-1127

The slate for board members are:

Chris Coleman, Ph.D.	Virginia
Mary Hughes	Washington, DC
Paul Quinn	San Francisco, CA
Vincent Delgado	Miami, FL
James Curry	Detroit, MI
Steve Thomas	Little Rock, AR
(alternate-Dale Hagar)	
Gary Myerscaugh	Sacramento, CA

Slate of Officers are:

Jim Campbell	President
Paul Quinn	Vice President
Mary Ann Malone	Secretary
Tom Sentell	Treasurer

All NAHOF members are encouraged to vote at the website: elections@hivoverfifty.org



Working Committee for the Arizona Conference (l to r) Mary Lynn Kasunik, Jim Campbell, Donna Gallagher



Arizona Conference Workshop Presenter, Shirly Royster

NEWS FROM NEW YORK

The New York Association on HIV Over Fifty:

- NYAHOF is incorporated and has received 501(c)(3) status.
- Board and Membership meetings now held once a month. Members represent various senior and HIV related organizations in the area.
- Committees set up to update website, plan telephone support group and disseminate information re: HIV over Fifty.
- NYAHOF continues spring and fall seminars...next one to be held on June 8, 2004.

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NEWS FROM MIAMI and THE SITE OF THE 2005 NAHOF CONFERENCE

During the last three International Conferences, the theme of HIV/AIDS and the Aging was presented. The Department of Health in Puerto Rico presented their annual conference in the month of October/2003; Vincent Delgado was invited to participate in a panel on Older Minorities Issues on HIV/AIDS. During the first weekend on December, in Punta del Este, Uruguay took place the 8th. World STI/AIDS Congress, the theme on Older HIV/AIDS Educators was included in the program of the conference, and was invited to present Mr. Delgado. During these Conference Mr. Delgado meets other colleagues from Latin American and they are interest to participate at the next NAHOF conference. He also had the opportunity to meet with the representation from the PAHO and he discusses the issues on HIV/AIDS and the Aged in the Latin American countries. Recently in from the 5 to 7 of March took place the conference, A Multicultural Caribbean United Against HIV/AIDS in Dominican Republic, Vincent Delgado presented two posters sessions, Training Older Adults as HIV/AIDS Educators and Living with Three strikes, Older, Gay and HIV/AIDS.

As initiative of Borinquen Health Care Center and NAHOF we establish May 13, NATIONAL AIDS AND AGING AWARENESS DAY. Miami already has the Proclamation from the City of Miami Dade and the City of Miami. The State of Florida Proclamation is in the process. We want to invite all the local, state and any instance to unify the effort and together observe that day and create one more time these a very significant date for our older population. For more information please contact Vincent Delgado at vdelgado@borinquenhealth.org.

Miami is very excited to be the place for the next NAHOF conference, as Miami Dade County is the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic among Older Adults, these will be a great opportunity to educate professionals in the Aging and HIV/AIDS field and the most important to continue the awareness on these issue. Also the weather, the beach and the sunshine will be an appropriate environment for professionals around the country and an opening door for the Latin Americans as well.

***WELCOME TO MIAMI ALL THE
NAHOF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.***

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ON HIV OVER FIFTY, INC. (NAHOF)

NAHOF membership is open to those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, including health care and social service providers, caregivers, educators and advocates.

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Dues: Members are encouraged to join at whatever level of financial support is affordable.

Suggested fees for a one-year membership are: Individual, \$25; Organization/Agency, \$100

Make check out to NAHOF and mail to the following:

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