

Get Screened Oakland: The Highlights

National HIV Testing Day commemoration planning underway in Alameda County

(March 26) More than 30 organizations and local staff from the offices of federal and state elected officials met in the Office of Mayor Ronald V. Dellums to plan for the local commemoration of National HIV Testing Day and possibly for moving the event from the steps of City Hall to a location in the community. Responding to invitations from several community organizations, Get Screened Oakland identified a location in East Oakland, and plans are underway to sponsor a community health fair at Eastmont Mall.

During the meeting, Marsha Martin, DSW, Director of Get Screened Oakland, reported that Councilwoman Desley Brooks supports the health fair and will work with Get Screened Oakland to enlist the support of local East Oakland agencies. The Eastmont Mall is in Ms. Brooks' council district. She also reported that Adriann McCall, Program Manager of Get Screened Oakland, has been meeting with the managers of the mall and has secured their permission and support for the day-long event. Bertha Navarez of APMC Highland Hospital reported that the hospital will be providing HIV screening at the Eastmont Wellness Center as part of the day's activities. Marlyn Murry from the California Division of the American Cancer Society volunteered to help secure support from within her organization for the health fair.

Enthusiasm was very high for sponsoring the health fair and outreach. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008 in the large conference room, Office of the Mayor, 3rd floor, City Hall. The meeting will be open to community and health service agencies, and Get Screened Oakland encourages their attendance.

Oakland's annual Cinco de Mayo celebration was also discussed during the meeting. The holiday of Cinco de Mayo commemorates the victory of Mexicans over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Activities are planned for Sunday May 4 in the Fruitvale district. It was agreed that Get Screened Oakland would sponsor a health outreach booth at the day long festival. Get Screened Oakland will work with Angel Fabian, HIV Health Supervisor for La Clinica de la Raza, to coordinate HIV screening activities at the festival. Stay tuned for information on the follow-up planning meeting.

Finally, the issues of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) outreach services in the East Bay and the need to expand HIV services to LGBT communities of color was raised. Marsha Martin agreed to work with Miguel Bustos, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Mayor's Office, Peggy Moore of Oakland Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Marlyn Murry, Chair of the American Cancer Society's Diversity/Disparities Working Group, Aaron Testard, HIV Program Manager for the Pacific Center, Greg Edwards of the Flowers Heritage Foundation, and Ron Hypolite of the AC Office of AIDS to develop a proposal for an LGBT Community Advisory Group.

Other Oakland News

US Senate Designates March 20, 2008 as National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and Bay Area joins in the commemoration

(March 11) Responding to the slogan, “Protect our future, Protect our people, Celebrate Life,” the 110th Congress passed Senate Resolution 479 to designate March 20, 2008 as the second National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NAAP-C), March 20 was “chosen as the time to hold the National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day because spring is a time of profound change, new beginnings, and birth.” National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is meant to bring attention to the plight of Native communities and to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS among Native people—Native Americans, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians.

HIV/AIDS is a growing problem among American Indians and Alaska Natives. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the numbers of HIV and AIDS diagnoses for American Indians and Alaska Natives represent 1% of the total number of US-reported HIV/AIDS cases. American Indians and Alaska Natives ranked third in rates of HIV/AIDS diagnoses in 2005, after blacks and Hispanics. The rate is 10.4% per 100,000 as compared with 71.3 % for blacks, 27.8% for Hispanics, 8.8% for whites, and 7.4% for Asians and Pacific Islanders.

In the Bay area, the Native American AIDS Project coordinated a commemorative event with Bay Area American Indian Two Spirits, the Native American Health Center, and the Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center. The event began with a Navajo morning prayer, drumming, and song at Dolores Park in San Francisco. An API Wellness Center group performed a traditional Hula dance and provided attendees with fresh flower leis.

With 100 attendees, the sunrise service was a success, and was followed by a breakfast at the San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center. Honored at the event was Ron Rowel, Founder of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center. Mr. Rowell was honored for his advocacy work in securing funding for Native Americans with AIDS, and was presented with a traditional Pendleton Blanket that commemorated Native American AIDS Awareness Day. A panel of speakers representing each of the coordinating agencies presented information to the breakfast 160 attendees. Additionally, representatives from the offices of Mayor Gavin Newsom, Assemblymember Mark Leno, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi provided proclamations and words of support.

Commemorations continued in the East Bay at La Pena Cultural Center on March 26, with an evening of song, dance, drum, and education about HIV in the Oakland and national Native communities. Following the Honoring Song, *All Nations*, led by Michael Bellinger, a panel presentation provided a comprehensive portrait of HIV within Native communities. The presentations included remarks from Danny Garcia, an HIV-positive Native person; Benito, an outreach worker; Esther Luccero, an HIV case manager; and Cathy Chapman, an HIV substance abuse counselor.

Following the presentations were three acts of comedy, dance, and drag. Charlie Ballard, a Native humorist, left nothing untouched in his comedic routine. The Brush Arbor Girlz, a Native drag duo, performed several skits about getting screened for HIV and how scary it might be. Finally, Nataani Grey Cloud Guthrie, a NAAP health educator, performed a 21-ring hoop dance accompanied by Manny Luceras, Michael Bellanger, and his son Mike Bellanger on the drums. The evening closed with a prayer circle. CAL-PEP provided HIV testing services, and ten people were tested. Joan Benoit of the American AIDS Project, SALVADA, Angel Fabian of La Clinica, and Lorenzo Hinjosa of the Alameda County Office of AIDS coordinated the event.

3rd Annual Transgender Leadership Summit comes to East Bay

(March 14 -16) Under the umbrella theme of “Trans Grows Up: Change from the Inside Out,” and hosted by the Gender Equity Resource Center, more than 425 individuals gathered at the University of California Berkeley campus to discuss trans issues. This year’s conference theme was chosen by the Equality Alliance members to reflect the increased visibility of transgender youth, the growing number of transgender elders, and the need to work through multiple strategies—both inside and outside the system—to ensure civil rights and equality for all transgender people. What follows are highlights from the summit’s opening session.

Tiffany Woods, Program Coordinator of TransVision Program, Tri-City Health, welcomed the attendees to the summit and introduced Cecilia Chung, Deputy Director of the Transgender Law Center and Vice Chair of the SF Human Rights Commission, who served as the moderator of the welcoming panel. The panel, comprised officials and staff from elected offices within the state, offered words of congratulation and encouragement.

Billy Curtis, Director of Berkeley's Gender Equity Resource Center and the conference host, spoke about the history of the Center and how, nine years ago, UC Berkeley decided to combine the campus' Women's Center with its LGBT Center. That way, the Centers could combine resources and create a locus where their intersecting issues could be studied. By making this decision, Berkeley became the first university to link issues of gender, equity, and access together.

Following Billy Curtis' comments, members of the East Bay political establishment offered remarks. Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson thanked those present for continually providing critical information on their issues and integrating them into broad discussions of human rights. Berkeley Councilman Chris Worthington mentioned to the attendees that Berkeley was the first city in the world to train the police department on LGBT issues, and he attributed the city's early recognition of this need to a member on the Police Review Commission, who was transgender. He said the lesson to learn is get to the table; get appointed, elected, and hired; and remain at table for discussions at every level. He concluded his remarks by stating, "We will all be more effective if we are all at the table together."

A staff member from Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office said that the Bay area leads the nation in responding to the needs of LGBT persons, and Congresswoman Lee is always open to assisting the LGBT community and community advocates on issues of equality and affirmative action. A staff member for State Senator Ellen Corbett presented the conference organizers with a California Senate Certificate of Recognition. Noting that Senator Corbin is Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, she said that the Senator is committed to equality for all residents of California. A staff member from the office of State Assemblyman Sandre Swanson, Chair of the Labor Committee, promised to continue to examine the issues raised at the summit in the area of employment non-discrimination, and a staff member for State Assemblywoman Mary Hyashi told attendees that her boss is very excited to learn from the summit and looks forward to building new pathways to health care and supportive services. Finally, Miguel Bustos from Mayor Ronald Dellums' office, shared remarks and invited conference organizers to consider hosting the next conference in Oakland—a suggestion that was met with a lot of cheers. In a personal story, he reflected on his experience coming out many years ago. Like many others, he had felt the need to leave his hometown (San Francisco) in order to starting the process. He reminded attendees that times have changed, and now the issues are about "gender-neutral bathrooms in the places where we live and work." He stated, "We no longer have to leave home to be who we are. We can all be teacher learners—wherever we are."

Following the panelists' remarks, the Friday evening plenary session, Trans Grows Up: Maturation of a Movement, began. Facilitated by Masen Davis of the Transgender Law Clinic, the session featured Shannon Garcia of TransYouth Family Allies (TYFA) and Miss Major of the Transgender, Gender Variant, Intersex Justice Project.

Ms. Garcia introduce herself as the Founding Member of TYFA and mother to an average family with a father and four boys in Indiana. She said her family became active in the trans community as a result of their experiences with the family's fifth boy. At the age of six, she recounted, he announced that "he was a she."

In December 2006, her son became the daughter she had always wanted. But the transition has not always been easy for the family. For example, Ms. Garcia explained, her family had to educate themselves because there was an absence of materials on families addressing challenges similar to theirs. Looking in the bookstore for the Raising a Gender Variant Child for Dummies book and not finding it, she went on-line and became familiar with the trans world. As she did, she was befriended by many of the individuals and families she met.

Her family is active in TransYouth Family Allies, a national organization she helped to found in 2006, which seeks to provide assistance to families confronting similar circumstances. Dedicated to empowering children and families through partnerships with educators, service providers, and communities, the TYFA develops supportive environments in which gender identity may be expressed and respected. In 2007, 15 families requested assistance from TYFA, and as of March 2008, more than 30 families had reached out to the organization. For more information, www.tyfa.org.

The second presenter, Miss Major, spoke of her life as a trans woman. A 60 year-old African American, she began her remarks by assuring folks that “we will be here until the dust settles, so get over it.” Continuing, she shared how—after transitioning more than 35 years ago—she has learned to take the good with the bad. But, she said, she is still waiting for the day when people will stop staring at her and questioning her when she walks out the door of her home. Telling how her family never got over her transition, and giving honor to Ms. Garcia for her bravery and love of her child, Miss Major recounted how she used to leave her home everyday and change clothes in the bushes, hoping one day to be who she truly felt she was/is. Finally leaving her home and her family, she found an accepting community and never looked back. Echoing many of Ms. Garcia’s words, Miss Major asked about creating common ground and integrating and maturing the movement. Although she asked more questions than she answered, she told all gathered, “Stand up and be proud—get over the fears and learn to fight for ourselves...remember your body is not going to tell you wrong.”

The conference offered 26 workshops, roundtables, and caucuses, and four plenary sessions. Kate Kendall of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Alice Kessler of Equality California, and Danielle Castro of Transgender Law Clinic spoke on the theme, Reflections on Leadership. Mara Keisling of the National Center for Transgender Empowerment, John Newsome, and Danielle Castro provided information on Deliver California, the local and national campaign for a Trans-inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Donna Rose, former Board Member of the Human Rights Campaign, and Jamison Green, Board Member of the TransYouth Family Allies and Transgender Law and Policy Institute, closed the summit by responding to a question posed in the title of the closing plenary: What is next?: Building the Movement for Transgender Equality.

The San Francisco LGBT Center hosted the summit participants at a Saturday evening reception entitled “A Party to Celebrate the Cultivation of Transgender Leadership.” For more information about the summit, contact the Transgender Law Center at 415-865-0135 or at www.transgenderlawcenter.org.

Health ministry program hosts Week of Prayer HIV/AIDS Awareness Program

(March 7) Stephanie Davenport of the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center’s Health Ministry Program and partners from the Alameda County Department of Public Health and the Oakland interfaith community convened a clergy breakfast and forum on HIV. Chaplain Stevie Stennis welcomed attendees on behalf of the Medical Center, shared words of inspiration, and reiterated **Ms. Davenport’s message** about the importance of the faith community coming together to develop compassionate ministries. Using the film *fearful Truth* as a center point for the morning, the clergy in attendance had the opportunity to discuss strategies for helping their congregations and parishioners to “deal with HIV as a part of the life of the church.” The film, written, directed, and produced by Oakland resident Dedocio Habi, features Oakland residents from all walks of life as they share experiences, hope, and opportunities for responding to HIV, and commenting on the impact it is having on the greater Oakland community. Using camera interviews of members of the clergy, people living with HIV, and those working in the HIV field, *fearful Truth* seeks to stimulate conversations and discussions within the local interfaith community. Get Screened Oakland and members of the clergy delegation from The Balm in Gilead Black Church Institute attended the breakfast meeting.

Following the film’s showing, Michael Shaw of the Alameda County Public Health Department’s Men’s Health Initiative facilitated a discussion about the film, how it deals with HIV, and the film’s utility as an HIV education tool. As is often the case, a lively discussion followed the film’s showing. Those attending the clergy breakfast agreed that the film is a useful tool. Many said they would seek to create opportunities to show the film. Local churches planning and participating in the breakfast included East Bay Church of Religious Science, City of Refuge, St. Columba Catholic Church, Allen Temple Baptist Church, Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, United Methodist Church, and True Word Assembly.

Get Screened Oakland wishes to thank members of the planning committee for organizing the breakfast: Stephanie Davenport, Dedocio Habi, Michael Shaw, Shelley Stinson, Gloria Cox Crowell, and Adriann McCall.

HIV advocates and legislative staff meet for roundtable discussion

(March 6) The Policy, Education and Review Committee (PERC) of the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties’ Ryan White Collaborative Planning Council held its first legislative roundtable in four years. Invited participants included staff representatives from the offices of US Senator Barbara Boxer, US Congresswomen Ellen Tauscher and Barbara Lee, State Senator Ellen Corbett, State Assemblyman Sandre Swanson, and Assemblywoman Loni Hancock.

PERC Acting Chair Hilary McQuie convened the roundtable, whose stated goals were as follows: educate the legislative community on policy issues impacting the HIV/AIDS community; provide a legislative update on care, treatment, education, prevention, and counseling and testing issues/legislation; discuss legislative strategies to support policy needs on a state and federal level; and examine strategies PERC can use to assist federal, state, and local legislative leaders in their efforts to support the HIV/AIDS community. Get Screened Oakland attended the meeting.

Honoring those who are living with and affected by HIV and AIDS, the roundtable began with a moment of silence. A review of the agenda and an epidemiological overview of the AIDS and HIV epidemics in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties were presented by Tom Mosmiller of the Alameda County Office of AIDS and Carla Goad of Contra Costa County.

Their presentations included the following information on the two counties:

- AIDS cases have been declining in both counties since 1992.
- Men who have sex with men remain the population with the most diagnosed cases of AIDS and HIV.
- The population aged 30 to 50 years has the greatest number of AIDS cases.
- The number of cases of AIDS and HIV are rising for women and Latinos.
- All women of color are over-represented in new cases of AIDS and HIV.
- African Americans continue to be the ethnic/racial group most heavily impacted by the epidemic in the East Bay.
- In Alameda County, African Americans are seven times more likely to have AIDS than whites.
- In Contra Costa County, African Americans are 9% of the population, but represent more than 31% of the AIDS cases.
- The city of Emeryville has the highest per-capita rate of AIDS in Alameda County.

Following the epidemic overview, Tiffany Woods from the Planning Council introduced the attending legislative office staff members and invited them to give brief reports on the work currently underway in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. An overview of various pieces of legislation was presented. This overview included discussions of state bills to increase HIV testing in prisons, expand funding for clean needle and syringe exchange and for a statewide HIV education campaign for adolescents, require health plans and health insurers to offer routine HIV testing regardless of primary diagnosis, support the authorization of blood withdrawal in cases where police officers, firepersons, or emergency medical personnel have contact with blood in the line of duty; and comprehensive sexual education in grades 1 through 12.

The following current and pending federal legislation was also discussed: the Microbicide Development Act; Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA); Responsible Education Act; Ryan White CARE Act; HIV Prevention Act; African Health Capacity Investment Act; the United States Leadership Against Global HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act, and full funding for Title X Family Planning program.

Those attending the PERC roundtable asked questions about a host of issues following the formal presentations. There was a range to the areas of concern, which included reauthorization of the CARE Act; state budget funding for Medi-Cal, Denti-Cal, and ADAP; Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); HIV prevention services, health education, and condom distribution in prisons; the needs of HIV-positive transgendered people; the needs of HIV-positive people who are released from prison and jail without their medical records; and those working in harm reduction, specifically in syringe exchange programs, and their on-going experience with police harassment.

The roundtable concluded with agreement that the exchange of information was very important and valuable for all of the members of the Collaborative Planning Council, and an invitation to participate in the Collaborative Planning Council retreat was extended to the legislative staff.

A personal prayer in the midst of a church living with AIDS

There are sisters and brothers in my community that are in desperate need of healing – healing from the ravages of HIV and AIDS. We don't even know who they are. Some of them are us. Walls of silence keep us apart. Many are fearful to speak the name of HIV and AIDS.

God, bring us all to a truly safe place filled with compassion and understanding. Bring us all to this place of safety; that the church may embody your spirit of protection and healing.

What part do I play?
Show me the way to make a difference.
Guide my hands to hold the first hand.
Open my heart to receive the first hug.
Remind me that you have chosen me. I can help.

God, awaken the spirit within me.
The spirit that is mine is yours.
Your spirit refreshes the soul with serenity.
Your spirit embodies the heart with courage.
Your spirit charts our right course with wisdom.

Help me break down the walls of separation within our community. Help me build bridges of love and understanding. Help me sweep away debris of the isms, phobias, broken connections, and shattered hopes.

Prepare my heart to prepare your way. Encourage me to think the first thought,
to make the first sound,
to speak the first word.

Help me break the silence.

This prayer was read by Chaplain Stevie Stennis at the Alta Bates Summit Clergy Breakfast. Excerpted from "We will Break the Silence," Copyright 2005, The Balm in Gilead.

Other HIV News

Report shows 48% hike in US HIV cases

(March 28) Reported new HIV infections in the United States increased by 48% in 2006, according to new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Gay.com revealed. The data's "stunning figures," which appear in the current issue of the *CDC Surveillance Report*, precede a long-anticipated, in-depth review of HIV infections by the federal agency.

In the report, the CDC documents 52,878 new HIV infections in 45 states and the District of Columbia for 2006. In 2005, CDC reported 35,537 new infections in 38 states and the District of Columbia. According to Gay.com, the CDC attributes the difference in statistics to more states being counted — not to an increase in actual new diagnoses.

The seven states whose data was newly included by the CDC are California, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Washington.

"While there are seven additional states reporting in 2006, this does not account for the 48% jump in new diagnoses," Marjorie J. Hill, PhD, Chief Executive Officer of Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City, stated to Gay.com. "These devastating numbers reinforce what we have known for quite some time: that HIV prevention is under-funded and hamstrung by ideological restrictions that force us to fight this epidemic with one hand tied behind our back."

Nationally, the number of HIV infections among men who have sex with men (MSM) is rising—and dramatically among black MSM. Earlier this month, the CDC reported similarly worrisome statistics: one quarter of teenage females overall have an STI, and nearly half of the study's black teenage females were found to have one.

Source: "Report Shows 48% Hike In US HIV Cases"; 365Gay.com NewCenter staff; 03/28/08

In US, HIV-positive women face high levels of stigma

(March 31) HIV-positive women in the United States face strikingly high levels of stigma, according to survey results released by amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research. According to a press release issued by the organization, the survey covered HIV risk and responsibility, impact of gender-based violence, and women's access to health care and health information, as well as attitudes towards HIV-positive women. Nearly 5,000 respondents, aged 18 to 44, responded.

The results of the survey reveal pervasive negative views of HIV-positive women and a high level of discomfort in interacting with them. Many of the responses indicate a lack of knowledge on how HIV is transmitted and misplaced fear of contracting the virus.

Sixty-eight percent of respondents indicated that they would be somewhat or not at all comfortable with an HIV-positive woman as their dentist; 59% said they would be somewhat or not at all comfortable with an HIV-positive woman serving as their child-care provider; and 57% said they would be somewhat or not at all comfortable having a female physician who is HIV-positive. One in five respondents would be somewhat or not at all comfortable having a close friend who is HIV-positive.

Only 14% of respondents felt that HIV-positive women should have children. Currently medication exists to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

The survey demonstrates significant differences in how African Americans, Latinos, and whites perceive HIV and the risk of acquiring it. Of those who know someone with HIV/AIDS, blacks (34%) and Latinos (32%) are much more likely to have a family member with HIV/AIDS than whites (13 percent).

Insights were also gained into public attitudes about HIV testing. Nearly 40% were sure they had not been tested for HIV. A majority (80%) of these respondents indicated that they did not need a test, either because they "knew" they did not have HIV or because they didn't think they needed to be tested.

The survey draws much needed attention to the difficulties faced by women who are living with HIV/AIDS. Forty-six percent of people with HIV/AIDS worldwide – about 15.4 million – are women and girls. In the United States, women account for 27% of new AIDS diagnoses, up from only eight percent in 1985. Both domestically and internationally, women continue to face widespread social and gender inequalities that can make it difficult for them to reduce their risk of HIV infection. In addition, women are biologically more susceptible to HIV infection than men.

At a Washington, DC press briefing where the survey results were issued, international AIDS Activist Marvelyn Brown, who is living with HIV, said, “Many women erroneously believe that they are not at risk for HIV.” She continued, “This is why we are seeing the rate of new infections for women rise significantly in America. While many women accept that they could potentially become pregnant from even just one act of unprotected sex, they feel that they would have to do something ‘extraordinary’ to contract HIV, like be excessively promiscuous or be involved with people the likes of whom they don't think they would encounter in their everyday world.”

Ms. Brown said, “I take seven pills daily that make me sick to my stomach. I experience nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, and the worst of all mood swings. But yet it is still not the worst part of having HIV. It is the stigma.”

Source: “Stigma Clings Stubbornly to Women Living With HIV/AIDS,” AMfAR press release, 03/31/08

Community Calendar 2008

Upcoming Events and Dates to Keep in Mind

April

W. 4/9 - Th. 4/10 HIV/AIDS Law and Practice: From Local Client to Global Workforce; American Bar Association AIDS Coordinating Committee National HIV and Law Conference; Dallas, TX. For more information, link to www.abanet.org/AIDS/conferences/2008/home.html.

Th. 04/24 East Bay Dining Out for Life. For more info, contact the Vital Life Center at 510-655-3435

May

May 1 CAL-PEP Lanuch of Men's Initiative, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Carla Dillard Smith at 510-874-7850

Tu. 5/4 Cinco de Mayo HIV Screening Outreach Program, Fruitvale/Oakland, CA. For more information, contact Angel Fabian at a fabian@loclinicia.org.

Tu. 5/22 - Su. 5/25 Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders in HIV/AIDS Social Work... Today: the 20th Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS.; Washington, DC. For more information contact Vincent J. Lynch, Boston College 617-552-4038 or lynch@bc.edu.

June

Tu. 6/10 Clergy Leadership Health Summit on HIV and Cancer. Hold the Date.

W. 6/11 - Sa. 6/14 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit; Detroit, MI. For more information, send e-mail to conferences@nmac.org or call 202-483-6622; abstracts due 1/10/08.

F. 6/13 East Bay HIV Update. Hold the date.

F. 6/27 National HIV Testing Day

August

M. 8/3 - Su. 8/8 XVII International AIDS Conference 2008, Mexico City, Mexico; Theme: Universal Action Now; Abstracts accepted through February 19, 2008.

September

Th. 9/18 - 9/21 U.S. Conference on AIDS; Miami, FL. For more information, send e-mail to conference@nmac.org or call 202-483-6622.