

UCHAPS Representative

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The Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) is a national collaboration of community partners and health departments dedicated to preventing new HIV infections and reducing health disparities, morbidity, and mortality. UCHAPS member jurisdictions are among the epicenters of the urban HIV epidemic and are often at the forefront of piloting new intervention strategies.

UCHAPS has sought, since its founding, to bring enhanced attention and resources to metropolitan areas that have faced a disproportionate burden of HIV infection. UCHAPS believes that by working together, government officials, community planning leaders and those impacted by HIV can develop and implement sound public health programs that prevent new HIV infections and increase the health and wellbeing of individuals.

The Position

Each full member selects four active representatives to UCHAPS—two governmental representatives and two community representatives. One of the governmental representatives must be from the health department and is traditionally the lead staff person for HIV prevention programs within the jurisdiction; the jurisdiction may select their other governmental representative based on their own criteria.

One of the community representatives must be the past, present or future community co--chair of the HIV Community Planning Council. An alternate representative will also be designated. Community representatives must be members of the HIV Community Planning Council. UCHAPS Representatives are elected for a renewable 2-year term.

Qualifications

1. Active member of the Planning Council in good standing. If possible, representation will strive to include both a consumer and provider of services.
2. Demonstrates an understanding of the HIV prevention care continuum.
3. Understand and have an interest in the UCHAPS Representative's roles and responsibilities.
4. Able to interact effectively with associated stakeholders.
5. Demonstrates sensitivity to the needs and requirements of the communities that are affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
6. Demonstrates ability to listen, hear and represent diverse points of view.

Responsibilities

1. The UCHAPS Representative will represent the HCPC at all UCHAPS meetings and may participate in UCHAPS' various work groups and events.
2. The UCHAPS Representative will advocate for relevant funding, public policies and other associated issues.
3. The UCHAPS Representative will regularly brief the Council with updates from UCHAPS meetings and will inform the Council of relevant issues in a timely manner.
4. Other duties and activities as required.