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September Digest

Change the Law, End the Stigma!



November 9 @ 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
705 N Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN



Hi Todd,

We are excited to announce we will host a **Trail Talk at the Phoenix Theatre** as part of the 2022 Spirit & Place Festival in November. More information below.

If you haven't already, [please share your street address or zip code with us](#). This information will help us identify State Legislative districts where HMM members live, which will allow us to target our emails to residents in key districts around the State.

Thanks for being a part of our network!

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HMM News

A LOT has happened since [our last news digest](#).

- In case you missed it, the Indiana legislative summer study committee met to review Indiana HIV criminal law. [Watch the committee meeting here](#).
- The Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) approved both policy resolutions for [HIV](#) and [Viral Hepatitis](#) criminal law modernization at their Sept. conference. [ISMA also sent a letter in support of HIV modernization](#) to the summer study committee, as did the Indiana Region of the [American Red Cross](#) and [Indiana Disability Rights](#).
- We tabled at Lafayette and Bloomington Pride celebrations, making personal connections in those communities & educating folks about our work.
- Dr. Carrie, Mark Hughes and Kem Moore presented on HIV Modernizaton at the annual Positive Living Conference - the only conference in the US that is for people living with HIV. The 24th annual conference in Ft. Walton Beach, FL brought together over 500 people from all across the country.



HMM advocates with Dr. Weaver, Rep. Clere and Mr. Turner (IDOH) at the Indiana Statehouse for the study session.



HMM tabling at Bloomington Pridefest, August 2022



Mark Hughes, Carrie Foote and Kem Moore at Positive Living Conference, Ft. Walton Beach, FL, September 2022.

Spirit & Place Festival - HMM Trail Talk at Phoenix Theatre

HIV Modernization: Ending the Stigma of People Living with HIV

We are excited to partner with the Phoenix Theatre, hosting one of their Trail Talks. Through an art exhibit and panel discussion, learn how people living with HIV and our allies are working to end HIV stigma by modernizing Indiana's outdated HIV criminal laws.

The event is November 9th from 5:30-8:00pm EST. [Click here to learn more and to register](#).

ABOUT SPIRIT & PLACE. The Spirit & Place Festival (Nov. 3-13) celebrates the powerful role the arts, humanities, and religion play in community life and is housed in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI. Learn more at [spiritandplace.org](#)

Register for our HMM Trail Talk

HMM Across the State

If you know of events in your area where we should be, please [contact us](#).

- Sept 21 [HMM Advocacy Meeting](#) (All Hoosiers Welcome)
- Sept 25 [Indiana AIDS Walk](#) (*join our HMM team*)
- Sept 26-27 [Indiana Annual Recovery Month Symposium](#), Plainfield (*tabling*)
- Oct 1 Community-wide Resource Fair at the Julia Carson Center (*tabling*), 300 E. Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr from 10am-2pm
- Oct 5-7 [Indiana Criminal Justice Association State Conference](#), Muncie (*Dr. Foote is a keynote speaker; tabling*)
- Oct 11 Last day to register to vote in Indiana - [register/check voting status here](#)
- Oct 27 Last day for absentee ballots (received by)
- Oct 22 [Spencer Pride](#) (*tabling*)
- Nov 8 [VOTE](#)
- Nov 9 "[HIV Modernization: Ending the Stigma of People Living with HIV](#)" Trail Talk at [The Phoenix Theater](#), Indianapolis (*presenting as part of [Spirit & Place](#)*)
- Nov 10-12 - [IU Bloomington AIDS Quilt Display](#) (*presenting; tabling*)

Join our HMM Indiana AIDS Walk Team

Member Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming Eric Pfleider (he/him) as our Communications Lead for HMM where he creates, organizes and maintains HMM's social media presence to advance ongoing efforts for HIV criminal law reform in Indiana.

Eric has been living with HIV for 5 years. He has 3 years of experience working in the HIV arena using his talents in communications to create stigma-reducing, inclusive content and developing engaging images to support these messages while reaching diverse communities most impacted by HIV. He also currently works as the Communications Director for The Sero Project, which works nationally to help end inappropriate criminal prosecutions of PLHIV.



HIV Is Not a Crime Visual, Written, and Spoken Word Art Contest & Post Card Campaign

REMINDER! The HIV Is Not A Crime 5 (HINAC5) Art Contest is open and seeking submissions from PLHIV. Winners will receive a full scholarship to HINAC5 in Emory, VA including registration, travel, meals, and lodging.

Submissions are due October 14th at 11:59 pm PT. Can't wait to see your advocacy through art! [For more information, click here](#). #HIVIsNotACrime #HINAC5 #artivism



art submissions due
october 14, 2022
email kamaria.laffrey@eropproject.com

Why people living with HIV should not be criminalized for donating blood



The HIV Justice Network has published [Bad Blood: Criminalization of Blood Donations by People Living with HIV](#). The authors argue that the criminalization of blood donations by people with HIV is a disproportionate measure – even if the aim of protecting public health through the prevention of transfusion-transmitted infection is legitimate – and is the result of both HIV-related stigma and homophobia. It is not supported by science.

[Learn more here.](#)

What action can you take to help?

- Join our bi-monthly [HMM Advocacy Meetings](#)
- Inform others about HMM by placing our brochure at your organization, place of worship, or favorite coffee spot! If you'd like paper copies for distribution, [please contact us](#). [You can download a copy here](#). Para español, [haga clic aquí](#).
- [Join our HMM Indiana AIDS Walk Team](#) to help raise funds for the DEFA Program - Direct Emergency Financial Assistance for People living with HIV in Indiana.
- Provide us in with more information [including your full street address](#). This information will help us identify which State Legislative districts HMM members live in, which will allow us to target our emails to residents in key districts around the State. [Click the](#)

button below to [take action](#) now if you haven't already! 😊

Take Action

Other Opportunities & Resources

- For larger discussions on national news related to HIV criminalization, join email lists from [The Sero Project](#) and the [Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation](#).
 - For extensive resources on the topic, visit the [Center for HIV Law and Policy](#).
 - [Find your Indiana state and federal legislators](#)
 - [Register to vote or check your voting status!](#)
 - [Indiana Editorial](#): "Science has advanced the lives of HIV-positive people, but our laws are in the dark ages"
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Thank you!

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