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November Digest

Change the Law, End the Stigma!

Indiana panel recommends repealing HIV penalties



Hi General,

In case you missed it, the interim study committee of 17 bipartisan legislators & community representatives declared unanimous support for modernizing Indiana's HIV criminal Laws. [Watch this news clip to learn more.](#) Legislators are currently drafting a 2023 HIV modernization bill which we will share as soon as it's filed.

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!

Sawubona,

Todd Fuqua

Pronouns: They/Them

HMM Coalition Building Lead

HMM News

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

- Dr. Carrie was a keynote speaker on HIV Modernization at the [Indiana Criminal Justice Association's](#) annual meeting in Muncie, Indiana. We tabled which gave us opportunity to have conversations with people on the frontline of our criminal justice system.
- We tabled at the **Indiana AIDS Walk, Indiana ARM Symposium, Spencer Pride** and other community health events making personal connections in those communities & educating folks about our work.
- We hosted "**HIV Modernization: Ending the Stigma of People Living with HIV**" Trail Talk at [The Phoenix Theatre](#), Indianapolis (as part of Spirit & Place).
- HMM advocates Dr. Carrie and Brenton McQueary presented at the **IU Bloomington AIDS Quilt Display**. [Click here to read an article](#) by the student paper.
- Our email list hit the 1,000 mark thanks to the outreach & tabling events we've been holding this year. This strengthens our voice into democracy during legislative session.



HMM advocates at the Indiana AIDS Walk



HMM tabling at "HIV Modernization: Ending the Stigma of People Living with HIV" Trail Talk at The Phoenix Theatre



HMM Monroe County Lead Brenton McQueary presenting at IU Bloomington AIDS Quilt Display.

Artwork by Contonnia Turner

This is one of the powerful pieces titled "**Stigmatized Hearts**" by local artist and HMM advocate [Contonnia Turner](#), who participated in our Trail Talk at The Phoenix Theatre.



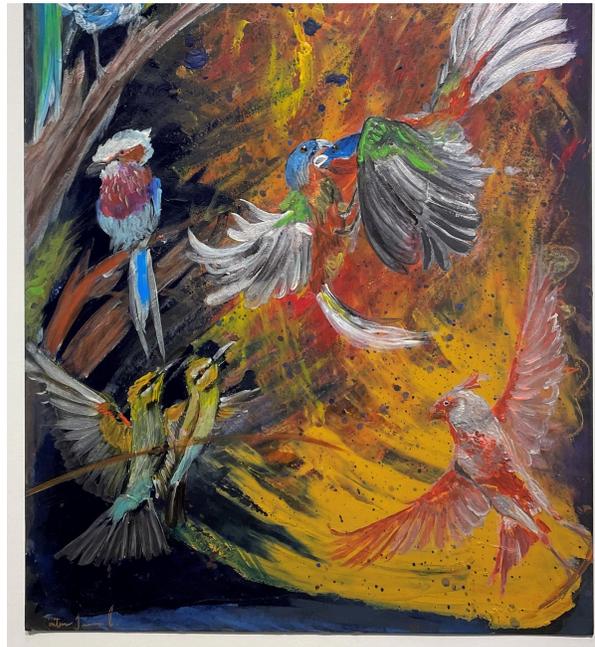
Contonnia displayed more than a dozen other pieces of art, including this piece titled "**Feather Frenzy**". Enjoy!





Artist Statement:

“This piece is a reflection of myself. A black gay male living with HIV. The hearts depict the struggles and stigmas associated with each demographic I belong to personally. Though this piece is personal to me, so many of us can relate to the symbolism depicted here. I call it “stigmatized hearts”. Each heart is stigmatized in different ways, but all the same they suffer for the stigmas placed on them by society. Suffering with the struggles of one of these hearts is bad enough. Just imagine what it must be like to suffer with the obstacles of all three at once.”



Feathered Frenzy, by Contonnia Turner

HMM Across the State

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

- Nov 22 - **Organization Day**, Indiana Statehouse (*tabling*)
- Dec 1 - [Free 1st Thurs & World AIDS Day](#) offerings, Newfields, Indianapolis (*tabling*)
- Dec 1 - [World AIDS Day Keynote](#): Join HMM member Bruce Smail as he shares his 20-year Journey of Living with HIV, Bloomington
- Dec 2 - [World AIDS Day Celebration](#), Urban League, Indianapolis (*tabling*)
- Feb 7 - **HIV Awareness Day** at the Indiana State House (*hosting*)
- Mar 18-Apr 29 - **Virtual HMM Advocacy Cohort Training II** (more info below)
- Mar 19-21 - [AIDSWatch 2023](#) in Washington DC; registration opens in January
- Jun 3-7 - [HIV IS Not A Crime Training Academy V](#) in Virginia; scholarship applications open in January

Virtual HMM Advocacy Cohort Training II



HMM is excited to announce we will be holding a second Advocacy Cohort Training session in 2023! This virtual training will meet every Saturday from Mar 18-Apr 29, 2023.

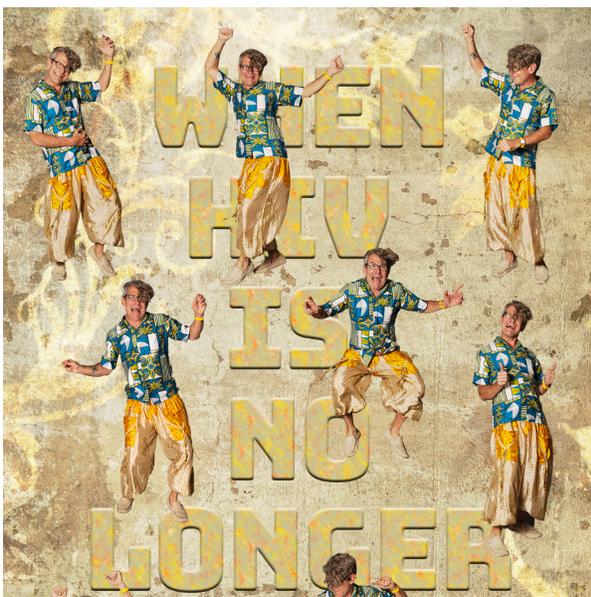
People living with HIV from [ZIP regions 3,4,5,6,8](#) will be invited to attend to expand our reach into these parts of the state. Applications open in December. Stipends for participation are included. **Come join us as an advocate!**

For more info on your regional ZIP Coalition, [click here](#).

Member Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming Todd Fuqua (they/them) as our Coalition Building Lead for HMM where he uses our Action Network platform to engage our growing list of activists to advance ongoing efforts for HIV criminal law reform in Indiana.

Todd has been living with HIV for 10 years. They are an Indy-based queer photographer, digital artist & activist (*activism through art*). They are member of the Marion County Ryan White Planning Council and Marion County Ending the HIV Epidemic Task Force. Todd started a social movement called [CelebrateUU](#) to combat the stigma that comes with an HIV diagnosis.



Enjoy this piece by Todd titled "**Happy Dance**", part of the art exhibit at the Phoenix Theatre.

Artist's Statement

"I wanted to use this experience to bring healing, reclaiming the shame and stigma I experience living with HIV.

It was easy to identify with the stigma and fear created by our HIV criminal laws. I wanted to go beyond that to rescript the negative messaging around HIV criminalization.



Happy Dance, Todd Fuqua

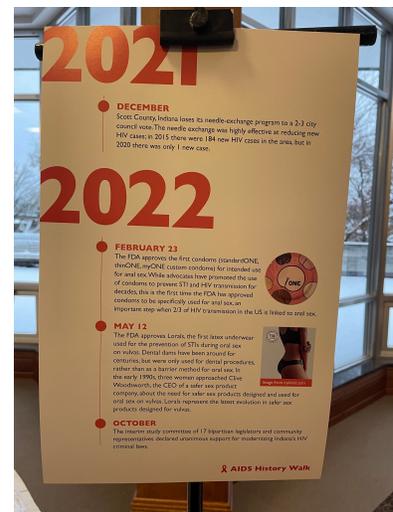
I reflected on “what will it feel like when these laws are modernized?” Immediately, I thought of joy. And when I feel joy – I love to dance. From there flowed my central piece of the exhibit, 'Happy Dance'."

HMM efforts included in AIDS Memorial Walk timeline at IU

[IU Bloomington AIDS Quilt Display](#) included a comprehensive documented timeline of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, with global, national and Indiana events or stories of note listed across dozens of large format cards in and around the display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at Alumni Hall in the Indiana Memorial Union.

The last bullet point on the last card included a bullet point - ***"the interim study committee of 17 bipartisan legislators & community representatives declared unanimous support for modernizing Indiana's HIV criminal Laws."***

We were excited to be included in this AIDS History Walk. We're hopeful for 2023! Thank you for being a part of our network of advocates across Indiana.



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! [Click here to print copies and/or request paper copies](#) for distribution (English and español available).
- Provide us 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!](#)

Thank you!

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