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April Digest

Change Requires Action

HIV-RELATED POLICY ISSUES · NEWS ANALYSIS

Reform of HIV Criminalization Laws Gaining Traction in Indiana but Not Yet There

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April 17, 2023



Despite some wins in the Indiana House of Representatives, we failed to get a Senate committee hearing on this year's HB1198. [Read more in this article.](#)

Hi Todd,

In case you missed it, we got some great national coverage of our efforts this year with HIV Law Modernization [HB1198](#). [Click here](#) to read the article in [TheBody.com](#).

Later this year, we will ask your help with email campaigns to our elected officials, particularly Indiana Senators. If you haven't already, [please provide your residential street address](#). This helps us identify who we have in which districts, which will help our power mapping to key legislators based on where our members reside.

HMM Shows Up at 2023 AIDS Watch in Washington DC



A delegation of HMM advocates traveled to Washington, D.C. to represent Indiana at the 30th anniversary of [AIDSWatch](#), a national HIV advocacy effort. The group attended workshops that informed the group on the



concerns of people living with HIV/AIDS from around the country, focusing on policies relating to quality of life, access to health care, civil rights, aging with HIV, HIV decriminalization and federal funding. We also had time to meet with our state's congressional leaders to address these concerns. For more information on the [2023 AIDS Watch HIV Policy Briefs](#), [click here.](#)

HMM Across the State

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

- April 28 - [Bloomington AIDS Walk](#) (tabling)
 - May 20 - [Scott County Community Health & Resource Fair](#) (tabling)
 - Jun 4-7 - [HIV IS Not A Crime Training Academy V](#) in Virginia
 - June 5 - [Indianapolis Long Term Survivors Retreat](#) (tabling)
 - June 10 - [Loogootee Pride](#) (tabling)
 - June 10 - [Indy Pride](#) (tabling)
 - June 11 - [Valparaiso Recovery Event & Art Series](#) (tabling)
 - June 17 - [South Bend Pride Festival](#) (tabling)
 - June 17 - [Rising out of the Ashes Long Term Survivors Event](#) Several HMM advocates are panelists.
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HMM Member Spotlight



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I will bring fresh eyes and a young voice to the council, but make no mistake about it: I highly value the input of our citizens who have lived here for generations.
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Join us in celebrating **Greg Coultter**, a 7th generation Hoosier, public servant, historian, and artist. Greg has left their mark across Michigan City and La Porte County, including working with local libraries to support LGBTQ teens, homebound library users, and adults learning to care for aging parents. They are the Tobacco Program Coordinator at Healthy Communities of La Porte County and is running for the Michigan City Council on a democrat platform. When elected they will be the **first openly** nonbinary council member living with HIV on a city council anywhere in Indiana!

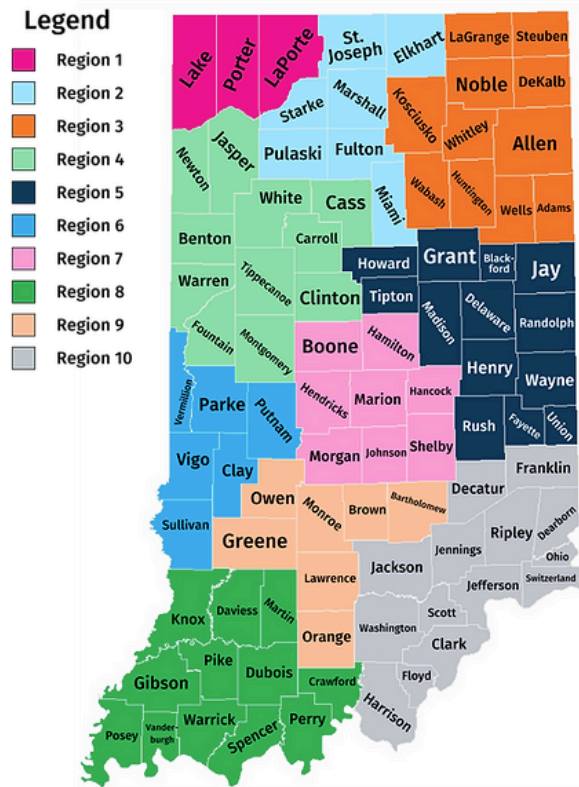
- [Click here to learn more about Greg](#)
- Visit Greg's [Michigan City Council Campaign Page](#).

Indiana's ZIP Coalitions need your voice!

[Zero is Possible – Indiana](#) (ZIP-IN) is a statewide initiative bringing together the essential people, tools, and resources to end the HIV epidemic and eliminate Hepatitis C (HCV) in Indiana. The effort is organized into 10 regional [ZIP Coalitions](#) that meet regularly. HIV Modernization is a key part of the state's [Zero is Possible Plan](#).

Each ZIP Coalition is a coordinated, community-based group that is responsible for leading regional efforts to end the HIV epidemic and eliminate HCV in Indiana, which includes engaging diverse partners, especially PWLE, and using data and information to set priorities and act strategically.

ZIP-IN would love to have more folks with lived experience in all regions, but particularly Regions 3,4,5,6 need more people from their community with lived experience. [Click here to join a regional ZIP Coalition](#).



2023 HMM Quaterly Updates

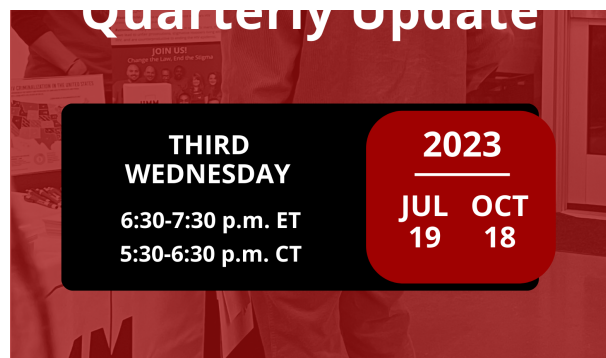
For the remainder of 2023, we will move to quarterly advocacy meetings instead of bi-monthly. **Please note the new dates.**

- When? Quarterly 3rd Wed of the Month: 6:30-7:30p ET/5:30-6:30p CT
- Remaining 2023 Dates: Jul 19. Oct



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- Where? Zoom:
<https://iu.zoom.us/j/85825317208> | no passcode required.



JOIN US!
Change the Law, End the Stigma
Zoom: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/85825317208>



HIV Is Not A Crime 5 National Training Academy (HINAC V)

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!**



<https://bit.ly/HINAC5BasicRegistration>



[HIV Is Not A Crime 5 \(HINAC V\)](#) Training Academy is open until May 22 with in-person and virtual options!

HINAC V, the fifth national training academy to educate and train people living with HIV (PLHIV), activists, stakeholders, and policy leaders to mobilize state-level advocacy to end HIV-related criminalization, will be held June 4–7, 2023, at Henry and Emory College in Emory, VA. It will also include leadership institutes for transgender, Black, Latinx, and White people dismantling racism in HIV spaces.

[Click here to learn more about HINAC 5](#) and for the different registration options. We hope to see a lot of folks from Indiana there!

HMM's Work Recognized at Spotlight!



CEO Jason Grisell of the [Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis](#) gave a shout out at Spotlight Indy to HMM for our tireless work to end HIV stigma and discrimination in the



law.

[Spotlight Indy](#) raises funds for the [Indiana AIDS Fund](#) which supports critical life saving HIV prevention programs.

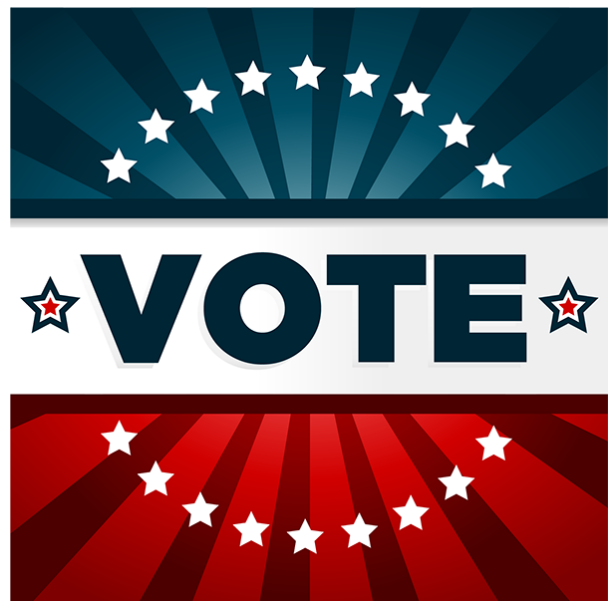
HMM and related Tshirts like the one Jason is wearing can be purchased through [our shop page](#).

Don't forget to vote in the May 2nd Municipal Elections!

On May 2 The major parties (Democratic and Republican) will nominate candidates for the following offices at the Municipal Primary Election:

- Mayors
- City County council members (in Marion County only)
- City common council members
- City clerks and clerk-treasurers
- City judges (in certain cities)
- Town council members, town clerk-treasurers, and town judges in towns which have chosen to stagger terms, or to elect all town officials in 2023
- Some local public questions may be placed on the ballot in certain counties

[Learn more here about who is on your ballot and where to vote!](#)



What action can you take to help?

- Join our quarterly [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

- [Read past HMM digests](#) under Newsletter tab.
 - 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 here](#)
 - [Register to vote or check your voting status!](#)
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Thank you!

HIV Modernization Movement is a grassroots advocacy organization. Our work is made possible by contributions from many donors, including major support from the [Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation](#).

We are now able to accept charitable contributions. [Please click here to donate!](#)

We have [HIV Modernization Movement merchandise for sale](#) on our website. Proceeds are invested back into our grassroots advocacy efforts.

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