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## July Digest

### *Change Requires Action*

Hi Todd,

We need to be aware of how many members we have in each legislative district, particularly for Indiana Senators. [Please take the time to click here to update your contact information and provide your residential street address.](#) This will allow us to pinpoint who we have in every district, which will let us target the most important legislators based on where our members reside. Our power lies in our numbers!

## Support Team HMM for the Indiana AIDS Walk

The 2023 Indiana AIDS Walk is Sunday, Sept 17 at the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center (450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis) 11a-2p. Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. Walk Step-Off at 1:00 p.m.

Every dollar donated goes to the Gregory Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance program that helps Hoosiers living with HIV pay for medication, medical appointment transportation, rent and utility bills, and even food and clothing in



emergencies. [Click here to support Team HMM!](#)

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## HMM Across the State

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

- July 22 - [Ft. Wayne Pride](#) (Tabling)
- Aug 19 - [Outfest Lafayette](#) (Tabling)
- Aug 24 - IUPUI Health Fair (Tabling)
- Aug 27 - [Bloomington Pridefest](#) (Tabling)
- Sep 2 - Muncie Pride (Tabling)
- Sep 16 - [Terrehaute Pride](#) (Tabling)
- Sep 17 - [Indiana AIDS Walk](#) (Join our team! And Tabling)
- Sep 18-19 - Unity HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis Indiana Conference (Tabling)
- Sep 23 - [Latin Expo](#) (Tabling)
- Sep 30 - [Columbus Pride](#) (Tabling)
- Sep 30 - Westfield Pride (Tabling)

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## Member Spotlight

Join us in celebrating **Sydney Moulten** with the [Corydon Group](#)! Sydney has been our lead lobbyist from the beginning; for the last six years she has tirelessly been working behind the scenes at the statehouse. She has won numerous legislators as allies to our issue and helped forge crucial relationships with statewide agencies. Under her guidance, we have seen six HIV modernization bills heard and passed out of House committees, five passed the House chamber, and two were signed into law: [HEA1182](#) in 2020 and [HEA1340](#) in 2021.

After all her amazing years of service, she shared that she is leaving the firm to pursue her dream career to open a dog training business.

Sydney, we wish you well and know you will



be dearly missed, but will forever be known as one of our **HIV Modernization Heros** in the movement! Thank you for everything you have done for us! We wish you well and cheering you on as you begin this exciting new chapter of your life!



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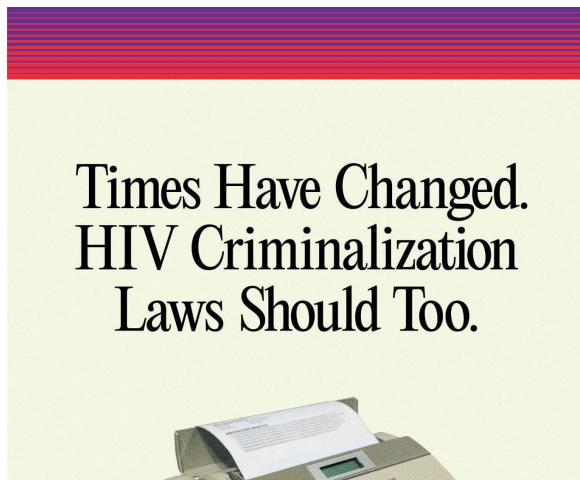
## Where has HMM been this month so far?

We had a terrific few days educating and advocating at Black Expo's Healthful Living Minority and Black Health Fair! This weekend, we'll be at Ft. Wayne's Pride Event. #HMMIndiana



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## Heads Up: National Billboard Campaign



The [Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation](#) (ETAF) is rolling out a national "stuck in the 80s" HIV criminal law reform billboard and poster campaign in different states. ETAF is a major sponsor of HMM-Indiana. Because of our efforts to modernize Indiana's HIV criminal laws, we've been selected to participate in their national campaign!

Please be on the lookout for billboards and posters in the greater Indianapolis area during August & September. If you see one,



please take a picture or video and share on social media. Tag us @hmmindiana and use the hashtags #HIVIsNotACrime #HMMIndiana #Stuckinthe80s. Thank you!

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## Write It Out! Playwriting Program & Prize for PLWHA

Write It Out! (WIO!) is a groundbreaking playwriting program and prize for people living with HIV and AIDS. WIO! takes pride in being created by community for community. Understanding the isolation one can feel when living with HIV, WIO! provides community and artistic tools as it amplifies the visibility of people living with HIV in the theatre and beyond.

The goal of WIO! is to use the power of imagination and healing to strengthen the voice of those living with HIV and AIDS and transform the theatrical landscape into a more equitable and stigma-free space.

The free workshops take place virtually every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6:30pm EST, from September - December.

Write It Out! is only for people living with HIV. All writing levels/experiences are encouraged to apply. Strict confidentiality is given to all applicants.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

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## Continuing Legal Education (CLE) on HIV Modernization



The Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) offers Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for a workshop that Dr. Carrie Foote held for their association on HIV modernization efforts in Indiana. [It's now available online through July, 2024.](#)

Please share this information with any attorneys, judges & legal professionals in your network, especially public defenders and district attorneys! Education is an important part of our outreach and is necessary for change!

Go to <https://www.inbar.org/event/HIVmovement>

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## SERO is Now Accepting Applications for the SERO Project Justice Institute 2023-2024 Cohort



SERO, with generous funding from [Gilead](#) through [Health Not Prisons Collective](#), is proud to announce that we are now accepting applications for the SERO Project Justice Institute 2023-2024 cohort through Tuesday, August 8, 2023 by 8 p.m. ET/7 p.m. CT.

The Sero Project Justice Institute (SPJI) is a year-long program designed to nurture advocacy, leadership skills, and self-empowerment to PLHIV to assist their confidence and participation in state coalition work. Participants will increase skills and tools for strategic planning, gather support, and mentorship.

A promotional banner for the SERO Project Justice Institute. The top half has a blue background with the SERO Project Justice Institute logo on the left. To the right of the logo, the text reads "Now accepting applications!" in a large, white, sans-serif font, followed by the URL "https://bit.ly/SPJI3App" in a smaller white font. The bottom half of the banner features three black and white photographs of diverse individuals. At the bottom of the banner, there is a dark blue bar with the text "Funding provided by:" followed by the logos for GILEAD (with the tagline "Creating Possible"), HEALTH NOT PRISONS COLLECTIVE, and SERO.

The [“How to Apply” webinar](#) was hosted yesterday, July 11. We recommend watching the webinar and reviewing the [slide deck](#) prior to filling out the application online, as it addresses many frequently asked questions. If you have any questions after viewing the recording, please reach out to SERO at: [spjiinfo@seroproject.com](mailto:spjiinfo@seroproject.com).

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## "STD for STDs" Save the Date - Indiana UNITY Conference

This year's UNITY conference will be



September 18 & 19 at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis. This is a fantastic statewide conference, focused on all sexually transmitted diseases including HIV and HCV.

This conference is hosted by Indiana Department of Health's STD Prevention Program. There will be scholarship applications for people with Lived HIV and HCV experiences.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

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## Why do we need to reform HIV criminalization laws?

We often get questions - *"Isn't legally requiring someone to disclose their HIV status to sexual partners a good thing?"*.

This is the best answer I've found to date! Lambda Legal HIV Project Director Scott Schoettes talks about why we need to reform HIV criminalization laws.

[Please take a listen!](#)



*"We need to have laws that require intent and actual harm; as it stands, it is enough to simply be HIV-positive and not disclose your status to face years in prison."*

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## 2023 HMM Quarterly 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 18
- Where? Zoom:  
<https://iu.zoom.us/j/85825317208> | no



<https://iu.zoom.us/j/85825317208> | No passcode required.



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Zoom: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/85825317208>



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## 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

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## Online Learning about HIV Criminalization Reform

- [HIV Modernization Movement Indiana](#) - hosted by the Indiana State Bar Association. This is an approved Continuing Legal Education (CLE) course.
- [The HIV Criminalization Online Course](#) - hosted by the HIV Justice Academy

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## 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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