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January Digest

Change Requires Action

Hi Todd,

We're halfway through session - we told you it would go lighting fast! For a quick recap of how session unfolds, [read this helpful news article.](#)

Change the Law, End the Stigma!

2024 Legislative Session: GO!!!

You heard earlier from Dr. Carrie that we support HIV Modernization [HB1094](#) (Author: Rep. Clere) this year, a shortened version of the bill that passed the House Chamber last year). Here is the [HB1094 FAQ](#) for more information.

Knowing there would be a limited bills heard, we aren't surprised to see we've reached the midpoint of this short session and our bill was not heard in House committee so officially has died. To learn more about how committees work and the power they have at the Indiana Statehouse, [read this recent news article.](#)

While disappointed, we know this is a marathon, not a sprint. We knew this would be a challenging & super fast session. We are also pursuing multiple strategies, including possibly amending some of the bill language into other bills that have reached a committee hearing. So, we're not ready to close out the session quite yet...we are always hopeful for possibilities.

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HIV Advocacy Day at the Statehouse

We held another successful **HIV Advocacy Day** at the Indiana Statehouse on January 22nd. 14 of our HMM cohort worked the halls, educating and advocating with legislators and their staff members. People recognize us and our issue because we show up consistently, year on year. They notice! Change the Law, End the Stigma!

We were joined by staff from the [IDOH Zero is Possible initiative](#), focused on statewide efforts to end the HIV epidemic and eliminate Hepatitis C (HCV) in Indiana.



HMM Across the State

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

- Feb 10 - [Peer-Led Town Hall Event: The Past, Present & Future of HIV](#) - (Tabling)

- Feb 20 - IDOH Non-Medical Case Manager Training (Presentation)
- Feb 28 - [ETAF's](#) National HIV Is Not A Crime (HINAC) Awareness Day
- Feb 28 - [HIV Disclosure 201](#) (online free webinar co-hosted by HMM)
- Mar 17-19 - [AIDS Watch 2024](#)
- June 2025 - [The Sero Project's](#) HINAC Conference

Member Spotlight

Join us in celebrating Geneco Glover (he/him). Geneco received his Associate of Science degree in Business Administration from Ivy Tech Community College and is currently serving as the CAPRC II (Peer Recovery Coach)/Harm Reduction Outreach Specialist/Community Health Worker at Imani Unidad in South Bend, IN. Geneco is also the Co-Chair of the Indiana HIV/STI/Viral Hepatitis Advisory Council and a cohort of HIV Modernization Movement INDIANA.

Geneco's personal interests include traveling, playing basketball, tennis, and pickleball.



HMM launches new resources for the community

Building off the work done through the Sero Project Justice Institute, HMM is launching a ["Get Help"](#) page on our website. It provides guidance for people living with HIV who are threatened with, or are facing, criminal prosecution for HIV nondisclosure or exposure. [Click here for the webpage.](#)

Get Help

Guidance for People Living with HIV Who Are Threatened with, or Are Facing, Criminal Prosecution for HIV Nondisclosure or Exposure.

What You Need to Know

Protect Yourself



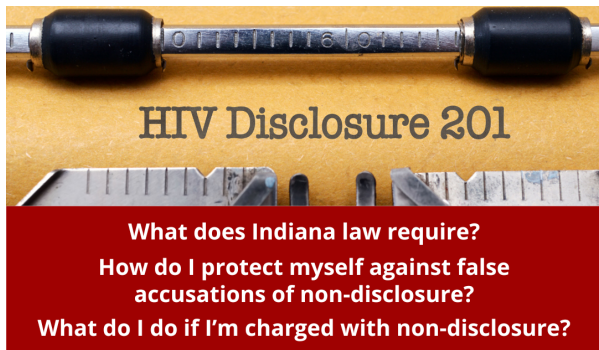
What to do if accused or charged with an HIV related crime?



Find a Lawyer



HMM member Todd Fuqua has an online blog on his website: [Professor Researcher](#) is a



Join Professor Peacock for a FREE webinar to learn more!

Wednesday February 28, 2024

6-7pm ET / 5-6pm CT via Zoom

Register at bit.ly/HIVDisclosure201



blog personality, [Professor Peacock](#), who is venturing out into education & public speaking!

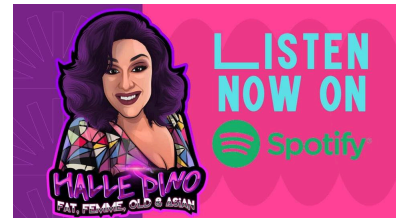
HMM will co-host an online workshop with Prof. Peacock titled "[HIV Disclosure 201](#)" that will focus on tips & best practices when sharing one's status, particularly in dating, sexual or needle sharing situations.

[To RSVP, click here.](#)

RSVP for HIV Disclosure 201

HMM Members Nick and Johnny featured on local podcast

Check out our HMM advocates Johnny and Nick on a recent episode of "Fat, Femme, Old & Asian - The Podcast with Halle Pino!" Johnny and Nick talked about their experiences of being involved in the modernization movement. It's a powerful and personal conversation among family. Thank you to Halle Pino for sharing your platform with us! We appreciate you. [Click here to listen to the podcast.](#)



"Our HIV criminal laws don't produce the effect you think they would. In fact, they often times do the exact opposite." ~Nick Atkinson

"People don't know about U=U. We all bear a little bit of responsibility to get educated about the science." ~Johnny Jones

Spit Does Not Transmit - Fact Sheet for Law Enforcement

Did you know that a lot of HIV-related criminal charges come from spitting and biting incidents? Many of these incidents involve law enforcement personnel. However, there have been no reported cases of a law enforcement officer contracting HIV through these types of events while on duty. That's because the risk of HIV transmission through spitting and biting is very low. Unfortunately, these types of incidents have still led to new or heightened criminal

charges that claim HIV exposure or transmission risks.

The Center for HIV Law and Policy published a [Fact Sheet on Transmission](#) that we find to be helpful. This fact sheet provides current, scientifically sound information about the actual transmission risks that law enforcement professionals may face in the line of duty. [Click here to download the PDF fact sheet.](#)

Dr. Carrie recognized by Positive Women's Network (PWN)

Congratulations to our Chair, Dr. Carrie Foote, on her honor of being **Positive Women's Network's PWN Shero of the Month** for January 2024! [Watch this interview with Dr. Carrie](#) conducted by Tennessee advocate and HIV Criminalization survivor Lashanda Salinas.



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 residential 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

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

Other Opportunities & Resources

- For help for people living with HIV who are threatened with, or are facing, criminal prosecution for HIV nondisclosure or exposure [click here for our Get Help page](#).
- [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!](#)

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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