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February Digest ***Change Requires Action***

2024 Legislative Session

As mentioned last month, [HIV Modernization HB1094 \(FAQ\)](#) was not heard in the House committee so officially has died. We also pursued another "new" strategy to amend some of the bill language into other bills that reached a committee hearing with no luck.

While disappointed, we knew this short session, in a major election year, would be challenging. We did continue to engage legislators and made good progress building relationships with key Senators. Until next session, there is much work to be done on education, administrative advocacy and other fronts in addition to our legislative efforts.



Help HMM! Make a Donation for HIV is Not A Crime Awareness Day - Feb 28



[Support HMM Indiana for HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day by donating to HMM.](#)



HINAC Day brings attention to the need to change laws that criminalize people living with HIV. Our coalition works tirelessly educating and pushing for modernizing Indiana's HIV criminal laws and related health laws.

Help us change change the law and end the stigma by supprting our work with a **donation** today!.

Donate

HMM Across the State

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

- Feb 28 - National HIV Is Not A Crime ([HINAC](#)) [Awareness Day](#)
- Feb 28 - [HIV Disclosure 201](#) (*free online webinar co-hosted by HMM*)
- Mar 17-19 - [AIDS Watch 2024](#)
- Apr 10 - [LGBTQ Health Conference](#) Kick-off (tabling)
- Apr 17 - [Quarterly HMM Update](#)
- June 2025 - [The Sero Project's](#) HINAC Conference

Member Spotlight

Join us this month in celebrating HMM advocate Flomichelle Battles, a prominent figure in the Indiana Transgender Community, known for her unwavering advocacy, activism, and leadership.

With a diverse range of expertise, she currently holds the position of Deputy Director at the Trans Solutions Resource and Research Center. Currently, Flomichelle serves as one of the co-chairs of Indiana's EHE Taskforce and holds a position on the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board for the city of Indianapolis.

In the upcoming spring, she intends to return to school and obtain a bachelor's degree in



organizational leadership, further equipping herself to drive positive change in her community and beyond.

HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day February 28



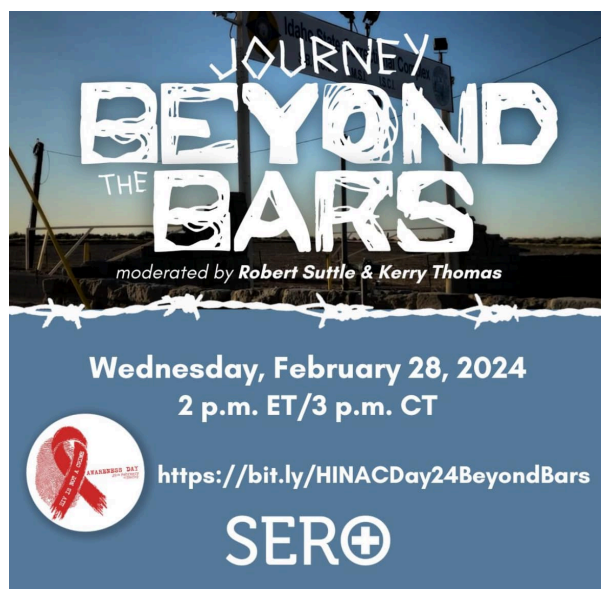
HIV Is Not A Crime (HINAC) Awareness Day was created in partnership with the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (ETAF) and the Sero Project on February 28, 2022.

Marked as a day to support advocates mobilizing to change laws during their legislative session that target people living with HIV. Follow the [HINAC Awareness Day Facebook page](#) to learn about events.

HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day Online

Join Robert Suttle and Kerry Thomas on HINACDay as they discuss their post-incarceration experiences and highlight the important work SERO does and the network of people and organizations on the outside, like those that assisted Kerry in his commutation of sentence and has been offering support after his release including Craig Durham, Allison Nichol, Dr. Clay Roscoe, Kayden Sinclair, Cindy Stine, and Dr. Ben Young.

[To RSVP, Click Here.](#)



HMM member Todd Fuqua has an online 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

accusations of non-disclosure?
What do I do if I'm charged with non-disclosure?

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



sharing one's status, particularly in dating, sexual or needle sharing situations.

[To RSVP, click here.](#)

RSVP for HIV Disclosure 201

Faces of HIV Criminalization

Join Council of Justice Leaders, Tiffany Moore, Lashanda Tootie McDonald, Jeremy Merithew from the The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation for Faces of HIV Criminalization on Tuesday, Feb 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM to honor Elizabeth Taylor on her birthday. [Click here to join the google Meet](#)

The Council of Justice Leaders at ETAF is a group of people who have been criminalized for being HIV positive. For more information, [visit their website](#).

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
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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!](#)
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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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