

AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE, INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc (AAB) is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. AAB is governed by a seven member Board of Directors which is elected annually.

AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. (AAB) is dedicated to providing patient services for all people in Baltimore City regardless of race, religion, age, disabilities, sexual orientation, gender or non-confirming gender, including emergency financial assistance, HIV education, testing assistance, navigation support for healthcare linkage, retention in care, medication adherence and access support, HIV prevention services, including outreach efforts and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication access.

AAB administers HIV prevention programs for transgender people and MSM that promote HIV testing, help people get linked to care and treatment, and remain in treatment. Our PrEP UP program links people to PrEP clinics and services, and New Horizons is boosting empowerment and breaking the bonds of homophobia, racism, and stigma in same gender-loving (SGL) African-American men in Baltimore City.

AAB advocates for research, treatment and support services for people with HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV). Many people are co-infected with both HIV and HCV. We advocate for more efficient and more effective treatment services and research programs for people with HIV and HCV as well as fair pricing for newly approved drugs and limited price increases for HIV and HCV drugs.

AAB representatives work directly with officials of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including NIAID's AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG), the Johns Hopkins University AIDS Service, the Maryland State Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration, and all leading HIV and HCV pharmaceutical companies in conjunction with many national community organizations.

AAB also provides research and treatment information on our website and at Town Hall Meetings to assist people with HIV and their families, advocates and care providers with essential information on the latest in prevention, research, treatment news and COVID-19 updates. (www.aidsactionbaltimore.org)

AAB provides all these services with four full-time employees, and our committed volunteers. AAB's administrative expenses for 2020 totaled only 7% of total revenues.

Contributing Organizations: AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Baltimore City Health Department, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Brother Help Thyself, Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Systems, MD DHCD Non-Profit Recovery Initiative, Network for Good, Nordstrom and the M-A-C AIDS Fund, Open Society, 12 Days of Christmas and Viiv.

PATIENT SERVICES INDIVIDUAL HIV/AIDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

AAB provides financial assistance to many needy people with HIV/AIDS. AAB has provided this support to over 8,650 people since 1987 and \$3,110,000 in assistance for items such as rent and utilities, and direct programs in our community to people with HIV/AIDS and their families. We firmly believe we must continue our invaluable financial assistance program which provides a safety net to people with HIV/AIDS experiencing an emergency financial crisis.

Patients may apply to AAB personally or by referral. The application process is simple and easy, designed to be tailored to individual needs and individual circumstances. Applications are normally acted upon and the funds provided within days of submission.

HIV/AIDS SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Over the years, we have provided funding for emergency assistance for patients at hospitals and community based organizations serving the Baltimore HIV/AIDS community. AAB has contributed to the Johns Hopkins Hospital HIV Patient Emergency Fund (B. Frank Polk Fund) and to the University of Maryland Hospital for Pediatric and Adolescent HIV/AIDS patient service programs as well as local COVID-19 food insecurity efforts for people with HIV.

AAB has also provided seed money and emergency assistance over the years to organizations such as Chase-Brexton Health Services, Inc., Moveable Feast, Sisters Together and Reaching and AIDS Interfaith Residential Services.

410-837-AIDS HELPLINE

AAB provides a Peer Counseling Program for people at all stages of HIV infection. This program is particularly useful for people who have recently tested positive for HIV or are newly diagnosed with AIDS who need basic information on available services and direction on how to tackle the maze of government entitlement programs. Sometimes the only support necessary is a friendly ear and some guidance. For those times, peer counseling is a phone call away. For a referral on virtually any HIV related problem or concern, the AAB Helpline is available - Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

DROP-IN CENTER

The AAB office on Eager Street in the Mount Vernon area of Baltimore City doubles as a convenient "Drop-In Center" for anyone interested in learning more about AAB's programs and services, and taking a proactive role in their healthcare.

AAB PUBLICATIONS and WEBSITE INFORMATION

AAB has a unique publications program designed to provide essential information to people with HIV, their families, advocates and care providers via *The AIDS Action Bulletin*.

AAB also provides online information from research conferences and national newsletters on our website at www.aidsactionbaltimore.org. Complex medical issues are covered by community experts and discussed in laymen's terms. We provide a compilation of articles from the best community treatment writers across the country on topics such as PrEP, new antiviral drugs, side effects, HIV and Aging, AIDS related cancers, neurological complications, Women and HIV as well as exciting new HIV "Cure" research and HCV treatment paradigm changing research information and COVID-19 Advocacy.

HIV COMMUNITY FORUMS

AAB conducts free community forums for people with HIV, their care givers and advocates, and people interested in PrEP in an effort to disseminate much needed treatment and prevention information from scientific conferences and meetings as well as COVID-19 updates. We have conducted HIV forums since 1994. We conduct our forums throughout the community in partnership with other local AIDS service organizations in a continuing effort to outreach to all affected communities.

CLINICAL RESEARCH ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Our national work affects all who are touched by HIV/AIDS. We are working with industry to continually change the standard of care by ensuring that their new drug pipelines remain robust, and by replacing older more toxic drugs with more effective, better tolerated drugs, as well as exciting new long-acting drugs for HIV prevention and treatment that may require only daily, weekly or monthly dosing. This is the wave of the future. For more information on the latest in HIV treatment and research as well as PrEP for HIV prevention and HIV treatment support or financial assistance and prescription drug access program information, please see our web site at www.aidsactionbaltimore.org and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/prep.up.7> and <https://www.facebook.com/newhorizonsbmore/>

AAB has been instrumental in the formation of the Drug Development Committee of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition, a national organization that interacts with the pharmaceutical industry, pressuring companies to study drugs expeditiously and ethically and to include the HIV affected community in all aspects of research and development. AAB is also a leading member of the national Fair Pricing Coalition (FPC), pressuring “big pharma” to price HIV drugs reasonably, limit price increases, cap ongoing drug prices for government programs like AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, and to initiate co-pay programs for patients with private insurance. We have convinced every HIV and Hepatitis C drug company to create programs that will cover all the outrageously expensive co-pays and other out of pocket (OOP) costs for people with private insurance. Our work directly affects Marylanders with ever increasing OOP prescription costs. We are also working very hard to ensure that people in Maryland and across the country who cannot afford their medications get their drugs for free from “big pharma” through Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs). Our work is way ahead of the curve. This type of advocacy does not happen in any other disease community. These OOP co-pay programs are now in danger of being discontinued by insurance providers. AAB has been trying to work in collaboration with numerous national organizations to preserve co-pay programs.

We are very excited that scientists have begun to work on HIV “cure- related” research. AAB is working with government, industry and the national HIV community to make a “cure” for HIV or what we are now calling “durable HIV suppression” a reality. Even though this will take years to come to fruition, we have to start somewhere. AAB is a member of the Martin Delaney Cure Research Collaboratories (DARE) CAB, AAB is also working with DARE researchers to bring additional resources to Baltimore for local cure research projects. We held three HIV Cure Forums in 2019 and 2020, and will hold more in 2021.

AAB was instrumental in ensuring that PWHIV were not excluded from COVID-19 vaccine protocols, and worked tirelessly to ensure that PWHIV were finally prioritized for COVID-19 vaccinations both nationally and in Maryland. We spearheaded many months of high level advocacy, collaborating with national activists to ensure that PWHIV were included in COVID-19 vaccine trials and prioritized for vaccines.

TREATMENT SERVICES ADVOCACY PROGRAM

AAB has taken a leadership role in ensuring that the law in Maryland regarding HIV testing requirements was streamlined in order to remove HIV testing barriers for people who want to be tested. Ms. Dee was a member of the former AIDS Administration Working Group mandated by the Maryland legislature in this regard. This is vitally important as In the latest Centers for Disease Control (CDC) data reported in 2019, Maryland was ranked 6th among

U.S. states and territories in adult/adolescent HIV diagnosis rates (per 100,000) in 2018, tied with Mississippi. At the end of 2018, 1,173,900 people in the United States aged 13 and older were living with diagnosed or undiagnosed HIV. At the end of 2019, there were 31,630 people aged 13 and older living with diagnosed HIV in Maryland. An estimated 3,830 people with HIV (PWHIV) in Maryland in 2019 remain undiagnosed.

AAB is a leading member of the national Fair Pricing Coalition (FPC), working with the National Association of State AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and the AIDS Crisis Task Force (ACTF) to pressure “big pharma” to price new drugs reasonably and to limit drug price increases. The FPC and ACTF have forced drug companies to provide additional rebates to all national ADAP programs. The FPC has also pressured industry to initiate co-pay reimbursement programs for people with private insurance and free patient assistance programs (PAPs) for people with no healthcare coverage. Every major HIV drug manufacturer has agreed to PAPs and co-pay reimbursement programs as a result of the efforts of Ms. Dee and her dedicated FPC colleagues.

AAB is also working with many national advocates to ensure that we maintain currently covered HIV services and that the inclusion of all classes of antiviral drugs remain on new drug formularies.

AAB has also been working diligently on COVID-19 advocacy and support. We are using our many years of government research and policy expertise and connections in the fight against COVID-19. AAB is advocating directly for PWHIV with COVID-19. Last year AAB was able to convince the HIV Medical Association (HIVMA) which is part of the Infectious Disease Society of America to create a document that addresses critical care interventions and other important medical considerations for PWHIV and COVID-19.

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2020 EVENTS

January

Nominations for Board of Directors
ViiV/Capacity Building and Sustainability Planning Workshop
Brother Help Thyself Grant Award Ceremony
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

February

Election of Board of Directors
Combined Charity Campaigns Acceptance
National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March

MD State Combined Charity Campaign Acceptance
27th Conference on Retroviruses & Opportunistic Infections
ViiV/ATAC Meeting
Update on the End AIDS Initiative Town Hall

April

National Transgender HIV Testing Day and Health Awareness Week
BCHD Meeting
T.E.A. Time, PrEP UP and New Horizons Meetings

May

Direct Mail Drive
Clinical Care of the Patient with HIV Infection
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

June

Gay Pride Celebration
National HIV Testing Day
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings
COVID-19 Update Town Hall

July

23rd International AIDS Conference
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

August

BCHD EHE Grant Award
T.E.A. Time, PrEP UP and New Horizons Meetings

September

Merck CAB
COVID-19 Vaccine Trials at Johns Hopkins Town Hall
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

October

Baltimore Black Pride Celebration
DARE Annual Meeting
Mourn, March and Movement People's Vaccine Rally
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings

November

Transgender Day of Remembrance
ViiV Healthcare 22th Annual Community Summit
Direct Mail Campaign
T.E.A. Time and New Horizons Meetings
COVID-19 Vaccine Trials at University of Maryland Town Hall

December

World AIDS Day Celebration of Life
12 Days Of Christmas Benefit
We Three Queens Productions "The Red Show" Benefit
Christmas Outreach

AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE, INC.
Statement of Financial Position
as at December 31, 2020 and 2019

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 224,426	\$ 285,411
Contributions Receivable	53,693	57,642
Other Receivables	-0-	-0-
Prepaid Expenses	769	769
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 278,888	\$ 343,822
<u>Furniture & Equipment</u>		
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 63,126	\$ 59,032
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	59,235	58,599
TOTAL FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	3,891	433
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
Security Deposit	\$ 1,000	1,000
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ 1,000	1,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 283,779	\$ 345,255
<u>LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accrued Expense Payable	\$ 3,661	\$ 3,695
Credit Card Payable	1,563	20
Payroll Taxes Payable	-0-	807
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 5,224	\$ 4,522
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 260,706	\$ 331,649
Temporarily Restricted	17,849	9,084
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 278,555	\$ 340,733
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 283,779	\$ 345,255

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Statement of Activities

For The Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	Temporarily Restricted	Un- Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
<u>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>				
<u>PUBLIC SUPPORT:</u>				
Contributions	\$ 9,344	\$ 47,285	\$ 56,629	\$ 42,695
Special Events	-0-	18,407	18,407	51,341
Grants-Education	-0-	210,756	210,756	155,561
Total Public Support	\$ 9,344	\$ 276,448	\$ 285,792	\$ 492,852
Net Assets Released from Restriction	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>REVENUE:</u>				
Rental Income	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Investment Income	-0-	45	45	63
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$ 9,344	\$ 276,493	\$ 285,837	\$ 249,660
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
<u>Program Services:</u>				
Public Services	939	327,005	327,994	417,898
<u>SUPPORTING SERVICES</u>				
Management and General	-0-	20,021	20,021	14,921
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 939	\$ 347,076	\$ 348,015	\$ 432,819
Change in Net Assets	8,405	(70,583)	(62,178)	(183,159)
<u>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>9,084</u>	<u>331,649</u>	<u>340,733</u>	<u>523,892</u>
<u>NET ASSETS - END OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 17,489</u>	<u>\$ 261,066</u>	<u>\$ 278,555</u>	<u>\$ 340,733</u>