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SYNChronicity 2018 Conference is happening in April!  
Arlington, VA, April 22 - 24, 2018

SYNChronicity (or SYNC 2018) is HealthHIV and the National Coalition for LGBT Health's fifth national conference addressing HIV, HCV, and LGBT health.

SYNChronicity is a year-long education offering that provides relevant, timely content for participants via webinars and an app with available resources—keeping participants syncing throughout the year.

SYNChronicity provides a distinct approach to HIV, HCV and LGBT health education and training. With the rapid changes and challenges in the health care sector, the need to come together and SYNC on pressing issues from access to delivery is greater than ever. SYNC 2018 participants will receive training on a variety of HIV, HCV and LGBT health topics and have the unique opportunity to engage with clinicians, service providers, government officials, community based organization leaders, advocates, and others.

The SYNC 2018 program will include five plenary sessions featuring pre-eminent thought leaders and experts discussing health reform, health systems, and health equity. Track sessions include:

1. The LGBT Health Track - Details best practices to address health disparities in LGBT communities and the unique health needs of LGBT individuals.
2. The MSM of Color Health Track - Identifies strategies to increase retention and engagement in health services and build leadership among MSM of color.
3. The Black Women's Health Track - Bolsters programming and interventions addressing health issues among Black women.
4. The HCV Health Track - Syncs strategies to facilitate engagement in HCV testing and cure therapy in at-risk communities.
5. The Preventative Health Track - Integrates public health and primary care in delivering preventative services.
6. The Generational Track - Identifies the unique health needs of people across generations, focusing on youth and persons 50 and older.
7. The Systems Health Track - Helps HIV organizations move from compliance to sustainability with federal grants, revenue building, and strategic thinking within the new healthcare landscape.

Continuing Medical Education (CME), Continuing Education (CE), and Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) credit hours will be available at ALL SYNC 2018 plenary and track sessions. SYNC 2018 is accepting abstract submissions for tracks sessions and the poster hall. Poster sessions will feature original research, and new and ongoing best practices and interventions. Limited scholarships are available for youth, consumers,

transgender individuals, and community-based organization staff members. Three major factors will be considered in awarding these scholarships: a) applicant's commitment to HIV, HCV, and/or LGBT health; b) leadership; and c) demonstration of need.

#### ABOUT HealthHIV

HealthHIV is a national non-profit working with organizations, communities, and health care providers to advance effective prevention, care, and support for people living with, or at risk for, HIV and HCV through education and training, technical assistance and capacity building, advocacy, and health services research and evaluation. HealthHIV leads the Pozitively Healthy national HIV consumer coalition, the HealthHCV initiative, and the National Center for Health Care Capacity Building.

#### ABOUT the National Coalition for LGBT Health

The National Coalition for LGBT Health is dedicated to achieving LGBT health equity. The Coalition is comprised of leaders from national and state LGBT organizations, health centers, health departments, universities, health organizations, clinical and behavioral health providers, and LGBT individuals and allies who are committed to addressing LGBT health.

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