Background

The Washington, DC Region covers more than 6,000 square miles. The Washington, DC Region spans the District of Columbia, five counties in suburban Maryland, eleven counties and six independent cities in Northern Virginia, and two counties in West Virginia. The Commission has the responsibility to prioritize a range of medical and support services totaling about $25 million in federal and other funds.

The US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides Ryan White funds that are critical to maintain a robust continuum of high quality HIV care, treatment, and support services for persons across the region. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides funds and supports community engagement for HIV prevention planning activities.

The Washington, DC Regional Planning Commission on Health and HIV shall have over forty members appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia comprised of a broad and diverse group of providers, community members, and stakeholders. One-third of the members will be people living with HIV who receive services from the Ryan White Program. The full Commission and its standing committees **meet** in Washington, DC and will have some meetings in other jurisdictions in the EMA (please see the meeting schedule for times and locations or call the Program Coordinator). Meetings are open to the public. **Commissioners** are comprised of government officials, community stakeholders, service providers, advocates, and people living with HIV (PLWH).

The Washington, DC Regional Planning Commission on Health and HIV will invigorate planning for HIV prevention and care programs that will demonstrate effectiveness, innovation, accountability, and responsiveness to our community.