

POSITIVE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE WORKSHOP

Held on July 11 and 12 in Panama city, the Positive Leadership Alliance Workshop was carried out with the objective of strengthening the regional dialogue for the preparation of the funding request of the Positive Leadership Alliance to the Global Fund and review, discuss and agree on the content of the draft financing request.

The organizations that participated in this workshop were:

- Positive Young Network – J+LAC
- Central American Network of People with HIV- REDCA+
- Latin American Network of People with HIV-RedLA+
- The International Coalition of Preparation for Treatment - ITPC LAC
- Latin American and Caribbean Movement of Positive Women – MLCM+
- International Community of Women with HIV – ICW Latin



The RCM was represented by the President of the Mechanism, Dr. Aurelio Núñez and his Alternate, Dr. Rafael Pitti.

RCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2-2018

On July 19-20, Belmopan, Belize was developed the Second Meeting of the RCM Board of Directors under the Presidency Protempore of COMISCA.



The RCM Board of Directors, SE-COMISCA, Focal Points for HIV, Malaria and the RCM Secretariat attended to this meeting.

The main objective was to review the actions of the RCM Annual Operating Plan corresponding to the second semester of the year.

Similarly, the induction was given to the members of the RCM, review of progress in compliance with RCM agreements, follow-up to COMISCA resolutions, socialization of the operational manual of the COMISCA technical entities and the Guidelines related to the RCM, among others.

"It is forbidden not to smile at problems, not fight for what you want, abandon everything out because of fear, not make your dreams come true" . Pablo Neruda

NEW CCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS COSTA RICA

On August 3, 2018, during the Ordinary Assembly, the Country Coordinating Mechanism of Costa Rica, elected the Board of Directors for the period of 2018-2021, being elected as follows:

-Chairmanship: Mrs. Ruth Linares, Principal representative of Women with HIV.

-Vice-Chairmanship: Mr. José Pablo Montoya C., Government representative /Ministry of Health.

-Executive Secretariat: Mrs. Nubia Ordoñez, Principal representative of sex workers women



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Congratulations to the new Board of Directors and we urge them to continue focusing in the Costa Rica population well-being.

REDCA+ PARTICIPATED IN THE “V CONFERENCE OF KEY POPULATION ON HIV AND HUMAN RIGHTS”

Held in Tegucigalpa city, Honduras on August 23, 2018. REDCA+ participated in the V Conference of Key Population on HIV and Human Rights, organized by the Foundation LLAVES and the HIV and Human Rights Platform.



The objectives of this meeting were:

General Objective: Promote a space for the Government, Civil society and Cooperation to analyze the current situation in HIV and Human Rights of people with HIV and key population, in order to find solutions that ensure an effective and timely response based on human rights.

Strategic Objective: Identify the progress and challenges of recent years regarding to the HIV epidemic and the human rights situation of people with HIV and key population, where the

findings are identified and recommendations made to the Government, Civil society and Cooperativon for the due post- conference follow up.

Otoniel Ramírez, in his capacity of Regional Secretary of REDCA+, participated as a speaker with the theme: "Importance of political advocacy respect of legal gaps in the field of the promotion, protection, respect and guarantee of the human rights of people with HIV". Case from Honduras.

In this event participated: The Congress Health Committee, the G-16 Health Bureau (CESAR), State Secretaries: Health, Education, Labor, CONASIDA, Association of Municipalities (AMHON), Honduran Institute of Social Security, Secretariat of Defense, National Police, National Penitentiary Institute, International Cooperation Agencies, Academy, Media, Private enterprise, Civil society organizations



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WELLNESS WEEK 2018



From August 27-31, personnel of the RCM Secretariat based in El Salvador, participated during the celebration of the Wellness Week 2018, organized by the Executive Secretariat of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA) and the System of Central American Integration (SICA).

This activity is carried out each year within the framework of the Wellness Week promoted by the Pan American Health Organization, with the aim of foster the Health Promotion Movement in the Region of the Americas to achieve health for all

everywhere.

In this way, the self-care of the people who work in the organization is promoted, who are committed to the population health of the region.

The activities developed during this week were: Healthy cooking class, Healthy market, Health fair, Basketball tournament, Football tournament, Conference: Metabolic syndrome, Conference: “How to talk about sexuality in the family environment”, Dance class, Race for Health.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF GLOBAL FUND TO RCM

The Global Fund provided technical assistance to the RCM to strengthen the governance and strategic monitoring of the Regional Initiative of Elimination of Malaria (IREM), which started the current year.

During August and September, the consultancy is expected to provide good outputs and recommendations, focused to improve the actions implemented by the RCM withing the framework of sustainability and development of functions as Regional Mechanism of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic for the HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria issues, and its role in the IREM.

COORDINATION WORK WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

During July and August, the Technical Secretariat of RCM worked jointly with personnel of SECOMISCA, giving a follow up to the following topics:

Monitoring the RCM Operating Plan, progress of the Sustainability Strategy of the Regional Response to HIV, reporting of the Regional HIV indicators, follow up to RCM and COMISCA Agreements, follow up to the IREM, among others.

Likewise, the Technical Secretariat participated in training activities related to Monitoring and evaluation, Regional Gender Policy of SICA and International Health Regulations.

