

Fiscal Year 2016 Report on Conferences Sponsored by HRSA

About the Report:

This report is submitted as required by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum on Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations ([M-12-12](#)), dated May 11, 2012, which requires Federal agencies to publicly report, by January 31 of each year, all conferences hosted or sponsored by the agency during the previous fiscal year where the net expenses were in excess of \$100,000.

As the primary Federal agency for improving health and achieving health equity through access to quality services, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) programs provide healthcare to people who are geographically isolated and economically or medically vulnerable. Protecting the public health and providing essential human services to the American people, effective outreach to our partners, grantees and to the public is central to the mission of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Agency's support to and attendance at a range of scientific, medical, and service-related conferences is critical for HRSA staff to engage stakeholders regarding HRSA's mission and to share our findings with our partners, grantees, and the public.

Description of the Report:

In compliance with OMB Memorandum M-12-12, this report includes the following:

- Information about the net conference expenses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, as well as general information about conference activities throughout the year.
- A description of all HRSA-sponsored conferences for FY 2016 where the net expenses associated with the conference were in excess of \$100,000, along with:
 - The total conference expenses incurred by the agency for the conference;
 - The location of the conference;
 - The date of the conference;
 - A brief explanation on how the conference advanced the mission of the agency; and
 - The total number of individuals whose travel expenses or other conference expenses paid by the agency.
- For any instances where the net expenses exceeded \$500,000, a description of the exceptional circumstances that necessitated exceeding this amount including the agency designated official's rationale and approval. (OMB Memorandum M-12-12 established a \$500,000 threshold on conference spending but allowed the agency head to waive this threshold based on exceptional circumstances).

Fiscal Year 2016 Summary:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) hosted the 2016 National Ryan White Conference titled *Forward Momentum: Accelerating Access, Optimizing Care, and Transforming Public Health*.

- **Total conference expenses:**
 - \$1,198,184.49
- **Location:**
 - Marriott Marquis Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- **Dates:**
 - 8/22/2016 – 8/26/2016

- **How the conference advanced the mission of the agency and management rational for approval:**

The conference provided significant opportunity for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients to meet together and share best practices to improve health outcomes for people living with HIV, which results in significantly reduced transmission of HIV. Participants heard from national leaders regarding the status of the HIV epidemic, scientific advancements that impact the HIV epidemic, and the collective federal, state, local, and individual efforts to address the HIV epidemic. The National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment delivered program and policy updates, training, and technical assistance to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients, people living with HIV, stakeholders, and health care and service delivery providers.

- **Total number of individuals whose travel expenses or other conference expenses were paid by the agency:**
 - 194 individuals
 - Total Feds on Travel: 181
 - Total Non-Feds on Travel: 13
 - Total conference attendees: 2,580