

THE FRONTLINE



THE MISSION OF PRC is to help people affected by HIV/AIDS, substance use, or mental health issues better realize opportunities by providing integrated legal, social, and health services that address the broad range of social risk factors that impact wellness and limit potential.

Forward this message to a friend | Fall 2019

Dear Friend,

Amid the whirlwind of news cycles, I'm glad to offer you a few morsels of inspiration to keep our momentum pointed in the right direction.

In Washington D.C. last month, I was honored to share PRC's historically groundbreaking work to build and demand inclusive personal and professional environments and co-present, as a board member of the National Working Positive Coalition, on Employment Opportunities for People Living with HIV. Today, carrying such traditions forward, you can read about our most recent push to get people with lived experience with mental health and substance use challenges not just back to work but on a career trajectory. Work supports recovery, it funds independence, and Lift UP SF is a win-win-win for San Francisco's beleaguered behavioral health delivery system.

PRC operates 267 treatment beds every night in San Francisco. Each one—across the continuum from crisis to treatment to subsidy—is a precious resource helping adults overcome crises and addiction, exit and prevent homelessness, and step up to independence rationally. We work hand in hand with over 50 public and private partners to insure systems and strategies are in place for clients and their families to succeed.

I hope to see you next Friday at the Mighty Real Gala. We'll have the honor of hearing from four amazing people transforming their lives with PRC and several not to be missed performances, to be sure. Read on!

In Community,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brett Andrews', is positioned above the printed name.

Brett Andrews
Chief Executive Officer

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Lift UP SF: A win-win-win for San Francisco

PRC is proud to introduce a new pathway to personal and economic growth for the thousands of people overcoming mental health, HIV or substance use challenges each year in San Francisco. California is investing nearly \$500,000 in PRC's award winning workforce development model, so we're scaling up a new peer-to-peer occupational training pathway.

Lift UP SF is a win for consumers, a win for behavioral health service providers, and a win for San Francisco.

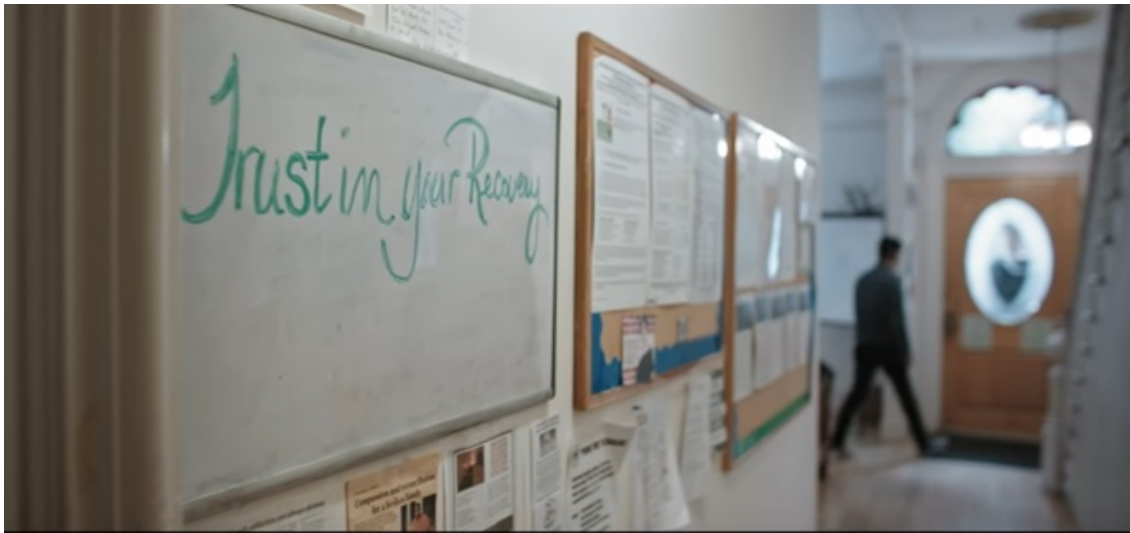
Leveraging the experience of people with lived experience in mental health, substance use, and public health systems doesn't just make sense, it's proven to result in better outcomes for consumers on both sides of the interaction.

Read more about opening career pathways, building public health program capacity, and improving access and effectiveness in San Francisco



An unforgettable evening of incredible cuisine, wine, entertainment, and dancing!

Join us for an unforgettable evening...a special musical performance from Grammy-nominated singer Frenchie Davis, a video presentation from icon Dionne Warwick, and an awards ceremony highlighting four clients' achievements. PRC's annual celebration returns to the elegant Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco on **Friday, October 11th**. Cocktails begin at 6PM, dinner at 7:30PM and the after party at 9:30PM. Hope to see you there!

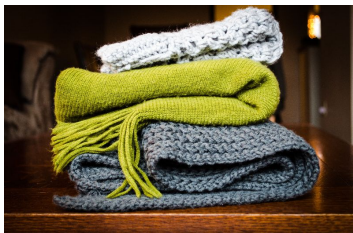


When Personal Networks Aren't Enough

Kathy—a 53-year-old Korean-American woman who moved to the US when she was two—was living with and working as her ailing mother's caregiver, when she was referred to PRC's Co-op Supported Living Program. Kathy had been diagnosed with Schizophrenia in her late 20's, battled delusions and paranoia, had bouts of homelessness, and utilized crisis services in San Francisco from 2014 to 2019.

Now she's strong, housed, and living in Colorado. [Read more about Kathy](#) and how resources that keep vulnerable adults like Kathy housed and healthfully in community, like each of PRC's 111 existing co-op beds, are critical stepping stones and safety nets.

Take Action



Scarves, Hats, Socks and Gloves!

Plan an item drive with your workplace or social group to help us bring holiday warmth and cheer to people struggling to stay healthy and meet basic needs over the winter holidays. It's the 30th annual Christmas Eve Dinner, and we need your help to bring another layer of welcome and care to the more than 700 people joining us for a hot meal.

[Contact Cal](#) to sign up or learn more.

Spread the word about PRC

Of course you can [visit our blog](#) and [join us on social media](#) to stay up to date with news, picture and events. **Did you know you can invite PRC to share insights about the issues we're tackling across San Francisco?**

- How are we integrating social services with mental health and substance use treatment to build effectiveness?
- How are we getting people back to work earning 200% to 300% more money?
- Why is it so important to know your legal rights about disability benefits and health care services?
- What can you do to eliminate cycles of poverty, stigma, and homelessness in your neighborhood or community?

Reach out today to schedule a brown bag lunch or group presentation.



PRC In the Community



Wondering how working affects eligibility to receive disability income and how to avoid costly pitfalls?

Drop in to **Working While Receiving Disability Benefits**, a monthly workshop hosted by PRC's Legal Advocacy Program. It's open to the public, individuals and helping professionals, and generally takes place on the last Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Learn the implications of returning to work when receiving SSI and SSDI and how to appropriately report earnings. **Reach out** for more information.

Miss our 2019 Impact Report?

Check it out here.



SF HIV FOG's 5th annual Open Enrollment Boot Camp

Monday, October 7th at UCSF Mission Bay, SF HIV FOG will host it's 5th Open Enrollment Boot Camp: a full day of training for frontline workers from across



the Bay Area on how best to help people living with HIV receive and maintain health insurance coverage.

Speakers include representatives PRC's Equal Access to Health Program Legal Team, Covered California, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Bay Area Legal Aid, Harm Reduction Coalition, Tom Waddell, University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, Self Help for the Elderly, and San Francisco Benefits Net.

For information or to enroll, [email](#) or call (415) 972-0892.

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