The first-ever South Coast World AIDS Day Conference is designed to raise awareness of the need to find a long-term solution to the ongoing HIV/AIDS epidemic. The event features exhibits and presentations from some of the area’s leading authorities on HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and treatment.

WELCOME
William R. Keating, U.S. Congressman, Massachusetts’ 9th Congressional District

OPENING REMARKS
Forward Thinking: How We Can Shape the Future of HIV/AIDS Awareness in the South Coast
Andrew Pollock, President, The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network

LET HISTORY BE OUR GUIDE
An historical perspective on the HIV/AIDS crisis in South Coast during the 80’s and 90’s
Speakers: Liz DiCarlo, LGBTQ+ activist; Paul Cassidy, MSW, LICSW, Greater New Bedford Community Health Center

HOPE AND HEALTHY OUTCOMES
A look at current HIV/AIDS infection trajectories, populations affected, treatments, and options
Speakers: Brian Costa, NP, Greater New Bedford Community Health Center; Michael J. Macomber, MSN, ANP-BC, AAHIVS, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program; Linda Spinner, HIV/AIDS Activist

TOWARD A WORLD WITHOUT HIV/AIDS
A look at promising new approaches and therapies from around the world for people suffering from HIV/AIDS
Speakers: Shabana Naz, MD, Medical Director of Infectious Disease with the GNBCHC; Donald Page Rice, Jr., MD, Infectious Disease Specialist with SSTAR in Fall River, Mass.

A CALL TO ACTION
Panel discussion featuring Liz DiCarlo, Paul Cassidy, Brian Costa, Michael J. Macomber, Shabana Naz, Donald Page Rice, Jr., and Linda Spinner

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are being offered at this event from Community Research Initiative (crine.org). Registration on site.