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**Advances in Adherence and Other Behavioral/Social  
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Networks**

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The NIH HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks and sites just recompleted for the next 7 years. All five networks were refunded, albeit with significantly reduced funds. In January 2014 the networks presented their scientific agendas to the NIAID advisory group, the Strategic Working Group. Today's symposium will highlight their agendas and focus on the proposed behavioral/social science components and opportunities.





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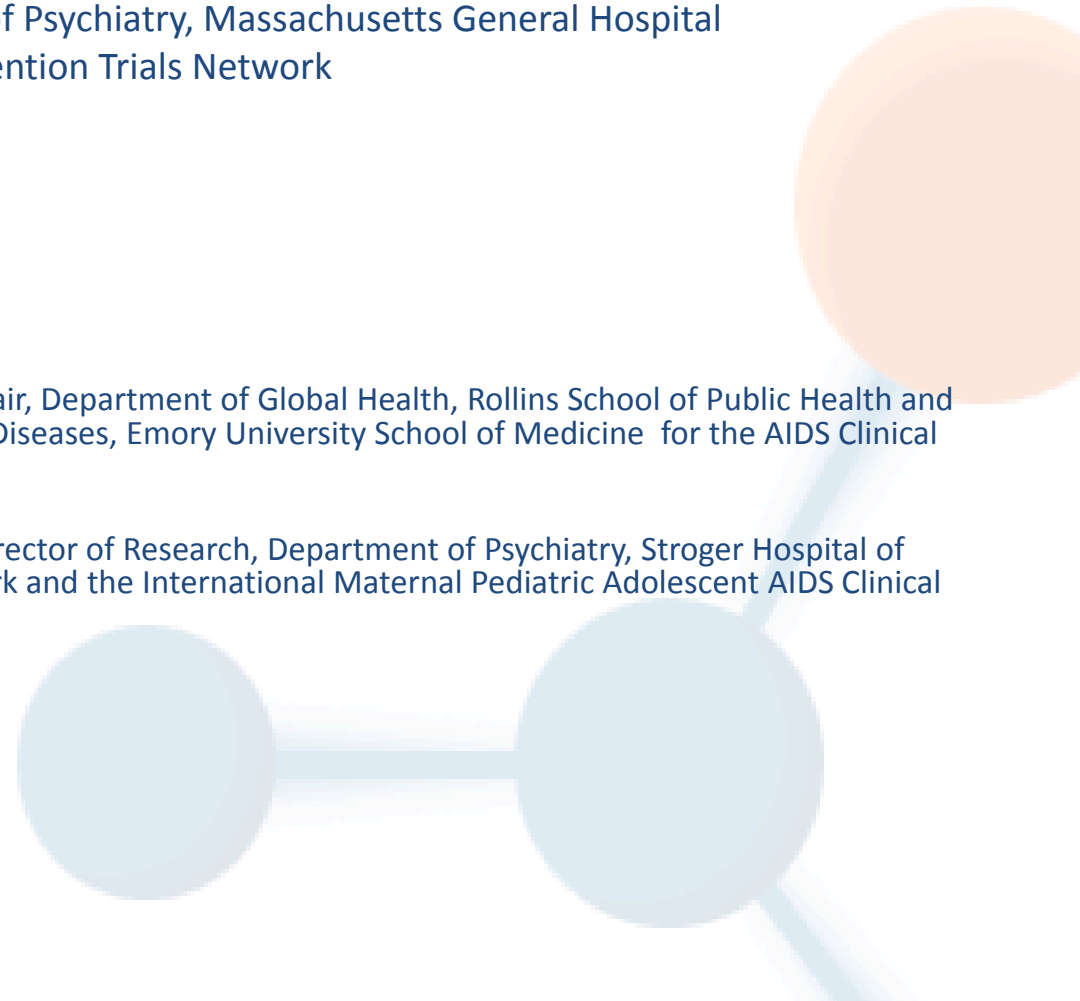
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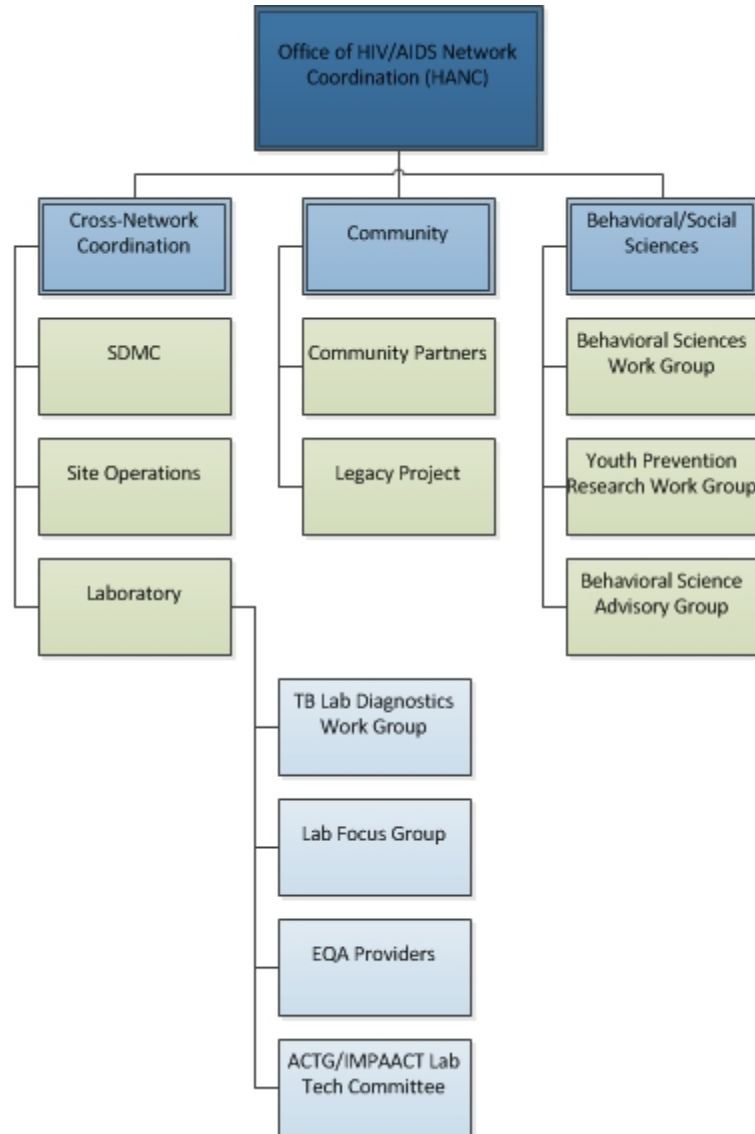




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The mission of the Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination (HANC) is to support the science and operations of the NIH-funded global HIV/AIDS clinical trials networks by increasing efficiency and resource-sharing through cross-network coordination of critical activities. HANC provides a framework for collaboration and improved communication among network staff, DAIDS staff, research site staff, and the many partners and research groups engaged in the NIH research agenda.

## HANC-facilitated areas of coordination





## HANC-facilitated behavioral science area of coordination

**Behavioral Sciences Work Group (BSWG):** endeavors to maximize scientific expertise, reduce redundancies, improve cross-network communication and collaboration, facilitate sharing of information and state-of-the-science practices, and ensure that the best quality behavioral science is consistently integrated into clinical trials.

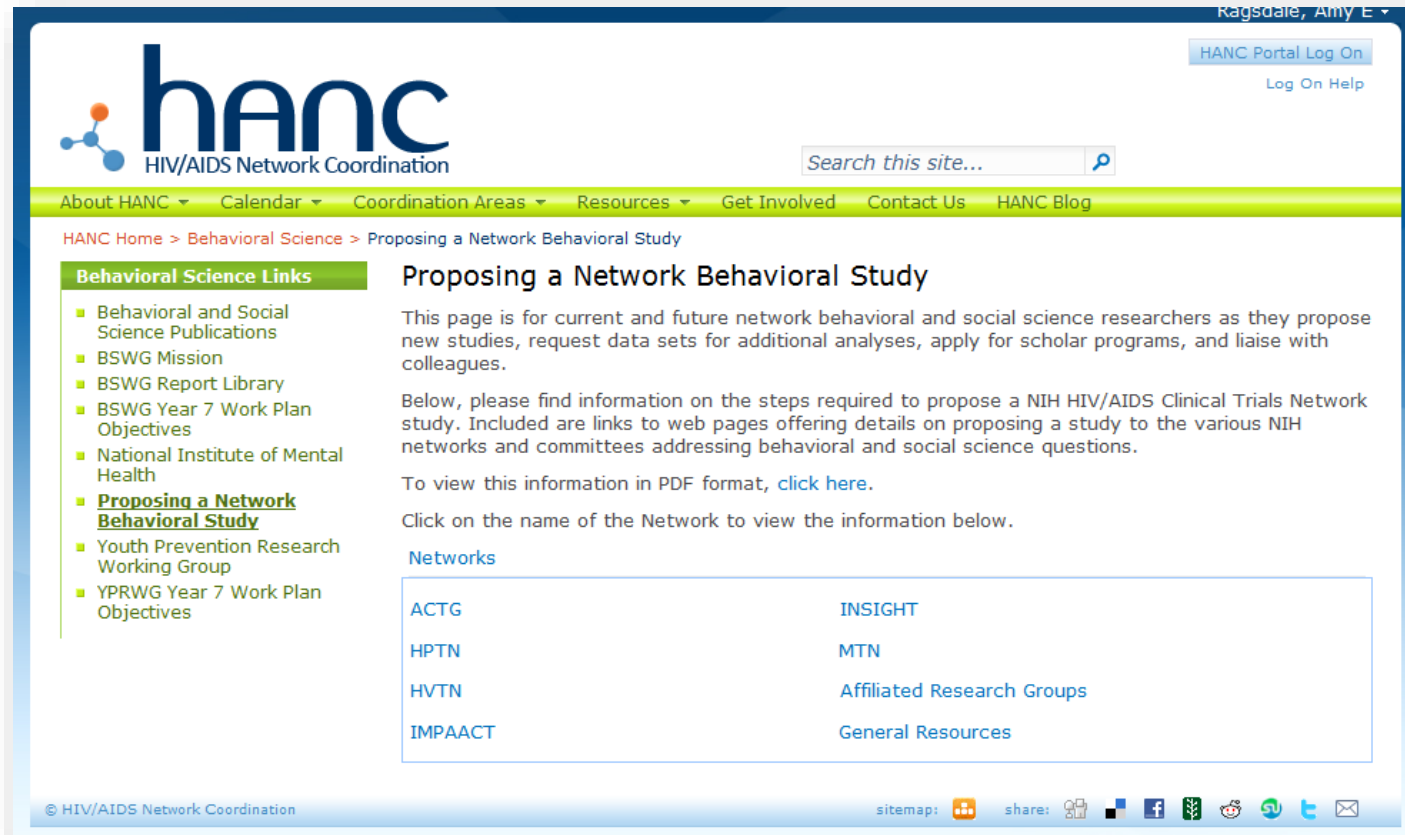
**Youth Prevention Research Work Group (YPRWG):** endeavors to facilitate and find synergistic opportunities for adolescent/youth-focused work that could be done within the structures of the existing networks; to address research gaps; and establish a prevention research agenda.

**Behavioral Science Consultative Group (BSCG):** provides expert opinion as requested to the NIH HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks on the behavioral components of their research agenda and studies: including, but not limited to, advice on protocol design, protocol implementation and methodology for data collection and evaluation.

**Behavioral Science Interest Group (BSIG):** The BSIG was formed as an outcome of the 2010 BSWG face-to-face meeting. Their mission is to share state-of-the-science developments and facilitate discussion with the goal of enhancing behavioral/social science research within the NIH clinical trials networks. HANC maintains a resource center featuring relevant case report forms, articles of interest, white papers, best practices documents, funding opportunities, and meeting presentations. The almost 400 members receive a weekly digest of new library additions and are encouraged to participate in the BSIG Topics of Interest webinar series.

[www.hanc.info](http://www.hanc.info)

- <https://www.hanc.info/behavioral/Pages/Proposing-a-Network-Behavioral-Study.aspx>



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**Behavioral Science Links**

- Behavioral and Social Science Publications
- BSWG Mission
- BSWG Report Library
- BSWG Year 7 Work Plan Objectives
- National Institute of Mental Health
- Proposing a Network Behavioral Study**
- Youth Prevention Research Working Group
- YPRWG Year 7 Work Plan Objectives

## Proposing a Network Behavioral Study

This page is for current and future network behavioral and social science researchers as they propose new studies, request data sets for additional analyses, apply for scholar programs, and liaise with colleagues.

Below, please find information on the steps required to propose a NIH HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Network study. Included are links to web pages offering details on proposing a study to the various NIH networks and committees addressing behavioral and social science questions.

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Click on the name of the Network to view the information below.

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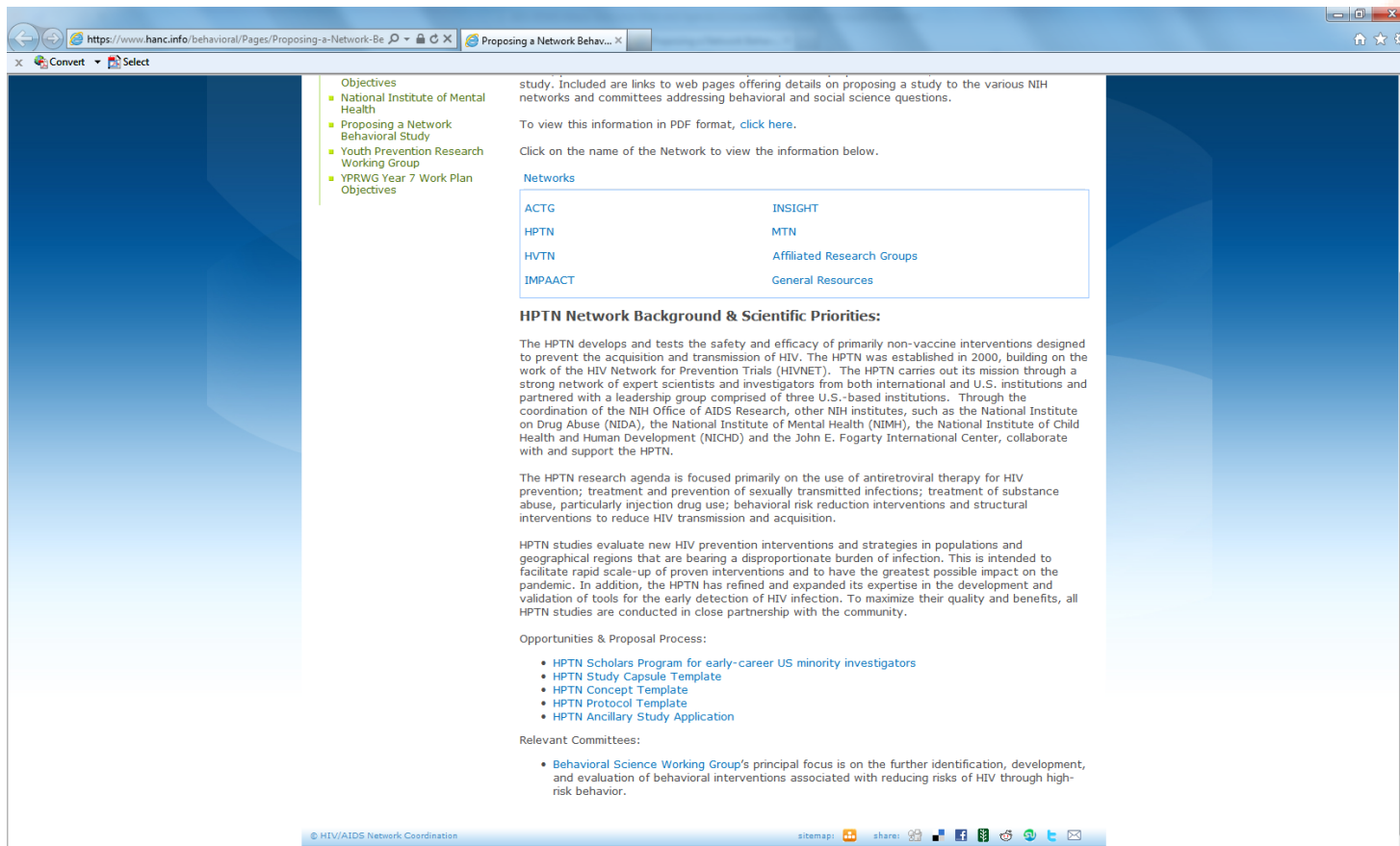
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Objectives

- National Institute of Mental Health
- Proposing a Network Behavioral Study
- Youth Prevention Research Working Group
- YPRWG Year 7 Work Plan Objectives

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**HPTN Network Background & Scientific Priorities:**

The HPTN develops and tests the safety and efficacy of primarily non-vaccine interventions designed to prevent the acquisition and transmission of HIV. The HPTN was established in 2000, building on the work of the HIV Network for Prevention Trials (HIVNET). The HPTN carries out its mission through a strong network of expert scientists and investigators from both international and U.S. institutions and partnered with a leadership group comprised of three U.S.-based institutions. Through the coordination of the NIH Office of AIDS Research, other NIH institutes, such as the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the John E. Fogarty International Center, collaborate with and support the HPTN.

The HPTN research agenda is focused primarily on the use of antiretroviral therapy for HIV prevention; treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted infections; treatment of substance abuse, particularly injection drug use; behavioral risk reduction interventions and structural interventions to reduce HIV transmission and acquisition.

HPTN studies evaluate new HIV prevention interventions and strategies in populations and geographical regions that are bearing a disproportionate burden of infection. This is intended to facilitate rapid scale-up of proven interventions and to have the greatest possible impact on the pandemic. In addition, the HPTN has refined and expanded its expertise in the development and validation of tools for the early detection of HIV infection. To maximize their quality and benefits, all HPTN studies are conducted in close partnership with the community.

Opportunities & Proposal Process:

- [HPTN Scholars Program for early-career US minority investigators](#)
- [HPTN Study Capsule Template](#)
- [HPTN Concept Template](#)
- [HPTN Protocol Template](#)
- [HPTN Ancillary Study Application](#)

Relevant Committees:

- [Behavioral Science Working Group](#)'s principal focus is on the further identification, development, and evaluation of behavioral interventions associated with reducing risks of HIV through high-risk behavior.

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