

HENRY L. SHATTUCK

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

2018 Henry L. Shattuck Public Service Award Recipient



Leroy Ivey, Outreach Coordinator, Bureau of Recovery Services, AHOPE, Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC)

As **Outreach Coordinator** for **BPHC's Bureau of Recovery Services, AHOPE program**, **Leroy Ivey** dedicates himself to expanding overdose prevention services to our City's vulnerable residents. A gifted coordinator of care and patient advocacy, Leroy led the way in helping Boston confront the unprecedented opioid epidemic presenting itself in Boston communities.

Leroy's deep understanding of overdose prevention, harm reduction and outreach, along with his strong commitment to patient advocacy set the tone of the program since 2016 when he became the City's Outreach Coordinator for Addicts Health Opportunity Prevention Education (AHOPE), a program within BPHC to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

Leroy's emphasis on providing non-judgmental, client-led approaches helps clients move toward drug-free lives while taking responsibility for their health, and his collaboration with partner agencies assures the correct effective treatment for each person. Most important, Leroy never gives up on his clients. He can always think of new solutions to help extraordinarily complex cases.

Most recently Leroy helped launch *CareZone*, a collaborative initiative with Health Care for the Homeless and the Kraft Center for Community Health at Massachusetts General Hospital, (MGH), to bring Boston's first mobile addiction services clinic to neighborhoods in need. He also manages AHOPE's syringe exchange program that reduces the spread of infectious diseases among drug users while offering courage and conviction to those affected by their own or loved one's addiction.

For all of his accomplishments within AHOPE, Leroy's greatest impact on the program and his colleagues is his style of leadership. He has mentored and nurtured newly recruited staff members who have come to rely on his stoicism, calm demeanor and quick thinking. He is often the first person to look after the wellbeing of fellow staff members who are struggling with the health or death of a beloved client and to comfort a client struggling with a given situation.

In addition to his remarkable work with those suffering from addiction, Leroy is a passionate advocate for restorative and criminal justice reform. He has been an active volunteer in founding a program that helps released prisoners find jobs, reconnect with their families, and secure living accommodations upon leaving prison.

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