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ASO Leadership & Sustainability Institute

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As the dynamic healthcare environment continues to evolve, ASOs/CBOs need to be even more proactive in preparing for organizational and HIV program sustainability. Although there is still a great degree of uncertainty, many are likely to experience a reduction in funding from federal levels and reduced fees billing insurers. In order to continue to provide clients with a high level of care, ASOs/CBOs must develop relationships with partners across the HIV care continuum to share resources, leverage new and existing funding opportunities, and implement business models that diversify income streams.

The ASO Leadership & Sustainability Institute is designed to help ASOs/CBOs adapt to evolving needs and the dynamic healthcare environment through leadership and workforce development, partnership advancement, and fiscal diversification. The panel presentations will include practical implementation of best practice models from ASO/CBO peers and experts on developing business agreements, advancing effective and resilient leadership and governance, and building fiscal sustainability for HIV programs.

Speakers

- Marissa Tonelli, Senior Capacity Building Manager, HealthHIV
- Brittany Walsh, LICSW, CPH, Senior Manager of Retention and Engagement, Whitman-Walker Health
- David A. Sternberg, Clinical Services Manager, HIPS
- John Winnett, President and Chief WOW! Officer, WOW! Impact Strategies

PrEP Institute

Sunday, April 23, 2017, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Studio A

Given the central role PrEP now plays in HIV prevention strategies, it is essential for consumers, public health officials, advocates, and others to understand the latest PrEP and treatment as prevention (TasP) research and share their experiences building PrEP awareness and implementing its use into practice. This institute and reception will provide a unique opportunity for consumers to engage with advocates and experts in an approachable setting. Health departments and community organizations will share updates from PrEP and TasP awareness campaigns. Speakers will provide updates from CROI, advocacy and awareness campaigns, and health department implementation strategies.

Speakers

- Marcus Stanley, MPHc, Capacity Building Manager, HealthHIV
- Damon Jacobs, LMFT, PrEP Advocate and “PrEP Facts” Creator
- Megan Coleman, FNP-BC, Director of Community Research, Whitman-Walker Health
This plenary session will provide a platform to understand the SYNCing between federal agencies and divisions in the development of a coordinated response to syndemics impacting communities. Healthcare government agencies play an essential role in the development and implementation of national health policies and strategies to mitigate disease transmission and improve health outcomes. These policies and strategies in turn lead to funding direction/redirection and ultimately program development. It takes significant coordination with the federal healthcare agencies to leverage strategies and resources to achieve and exceed programmatic outcomes across the care continuum.

**SYNC POINTS**

- Describe federal agencies’ healthcare priorities and strategies to advance health outcomes in this changing health care landscape.
- Identify areas of collaboration and coordination between government agencies and national strategies.
- Understand challenges and limitations inhibiting coordination among federal agencies.
- List how agencies are preparing to address the impact of administrative changes on agency operations.
Anita Everett, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Dr. Everett is the Chief Medical Officer of SAMHSA. She is also the Director of the Office of Chief Medical Officers (OCMO). The OCMO is strategically positioned within SAMHSA to facilitate the development of policy, practice and programs that comport with best practices and current trends in contemporary health care.

Prior to her arrival at SAMHSA, she served as the Section Chief of The Johns Hopkins Bayview Community and General Psychiatry in Baltimore, Maryland. She was on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the Bloomberg School of Public Health. At Hopkins, she directed 22 community psychiatry programs that provide a range of services to individuates from preschool age to older adults. More recently at Hopkins, she has been involved with the leadership of health system behavioral health integration into accountable care structures. From 1999 to 2003 she served as the Inspector General to the Office of the Governor in the Department of Mental Health in Virginia.

Dr. Everett has served on the National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Advisory Council. She is active in several professional organizations including the American Psychiatric Association where she has received a commendation for her work in healthcare reform. She is a past president of the Maryland Psychiatric Society and the American Association of Community Psychiatrists.

Dr. Judith Steinberg is the Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA

Judith Steinberg, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer for the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA

Dr. Steinberg is the Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) and the Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine and Family Medicine and Community Health at UMass Medical School. Prior to joining the BPHC, Dr. Steinberg served as the Deputy Chief Medical Officer of UMass Medical School’s Commonwealth Medicine and the Senior Director of its Office of Healthcare Innovation & Quality. She has served as a leader and clinical consultant on the design and implementation of healthcare reform initiatives involving new care delivery and payment models. Dr. Steinberg is a physician leader with over 25 years’ experience in primary care and infectious disease. She has focused her clinical practice of community health centers in Boston, where she has also served as Medical Director, and has practiced at academic medical centers’ safety net clinics.

Dr. Steinberg received her medical degree from the University of Texas at Dallas Southwestern Medical School and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and an infectious disease fellowship at Beth Israel/Brigham and Women’s Hospitals, Boston. She was a Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellow in Minority Health Policy and received a MPH degree from the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston.

Carol Jimenez, JD, Acting Director, Office of Minority Health (OMH), HHS

Carol Jimenez, JD is Acting Director of the Office of Minority Health (OMH) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Office of Minority Health is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that help to eliminate health disparities. She has served as Deputy Director of OMH since November 2014.

Ms. Jimenez is an attorney with more than 30 years of success expanding access to high quality, affordable health care for vulnerable populations. Immediately prior to joining OMH, Ms. Jimenez worked at HHS’s Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), which leads implementation of the Affordable Care Act. At CCIIO, she directed the successful on-time implementation of the Medical Loss Ratio (the 80/20 rule) program, which resulted in $1.1 billion in rebates to 12.8 million consumers in its first year. As Deputy Director of CCIIO’s Consumer Support Group, Ms. Jimenez also directed the development of the consumer assistance programs for the Health Insurance Marketplace, which led to more than 26,000 cashiers helping consumers nationwide in its first year. She also served as Senior Advisor to the CCIIO Director’s office.

Previously, Ms. Jimenez was Supervising Attorney and Director of Litigation for the Center for Health Care Rights in Los Angeles and was one of the founders of and counsel to California Health Advocates. She owned a law and consulting firm focused on health coverage and health care systems, and served as a California Deputy Attorney General, focusing on the business practices of health plans, health insurers and financial institutions. Ms. Jimenez has testified before Congress and the California legislature, argued cases before the federal Ninth Circuit and California Supreme Court, served as an Adjunct Professor of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, and lectured to and trained thousands of attorneys and advocates nationwide.

Ms. Jimenez received her undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester and her law degree from Georgetown University.
Plenary Session 2

SYNCing Prevention and PrEP in Practice: Removing Barriers and Implementing Solutions

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SYNCing Prevention and PrEP in Practice: Removing Barriers and Implementing Solutions

This session will be done in two parts. Part one, Dr. Donna Sweet is presenting “An HIV Prevention Medication: Reducing the Risk of Acquiring HIV-1 Infection”.

Dr. Sweet is a professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita (UKSM-W). She is also the Director of Internal Medicine Education at Via Christ Health – St. Francis Campus where she oversees the training of medical students and residents in Internal Medicine.

In addition, Dr. Sweet is certified as an HIV specialist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine of which she is the immediate past board Chair. Dr. Sweet serves as the Chair of HealthHIV’s Board of Directors. She is also the Medical Director of the UKSM-W Ryan White HIV/AIDS Care Program where she cares for approximately 1200 patients with HIV and also has a large general medicine practice.

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Gail Bolan, MD, Director, Division of STD Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC

Dr. Bolan is Director of the Division of STD Prevention in NCHSTP at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A graduate of Dartmouth Medical School, she completed her training in internal medicine at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. She received subspecialty training in infectious diseases at the Ithaca New England Medical Center and the Stanford Medical Center and in medical epidemiology as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer at CDC in the Respiratory and Special Pathogens Branch. Prior to joining CDC in February 2011, she served as the Chief of the STD Control Branch at the California Department of Public Health from 1997 to 2011 and as the Director of the San Francisco City and County STD Prevention and Control Program and as Medical Director of San Francisco City Clinic from 1987 to 1997. She also directed the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center for over 20 years.

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She has served on the CDC HIV/STD Prevention Advisory Committee, CDC Office of Infectious Diseases Board of Scientific Counselors, and the American STD Association (ASTDA) Executive Committee. She is past chair of the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) and past vice chair of the American Social Health Association (ASHA) Board of Directors.

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Today, we are closer than ever to actualizing an end to the HIV epidemic. Within the last few years, new HIV diagnoses in the United States have decreased among most population groups due to advances in biomedical interventions such as PrEP, PEP and treatment as prevention. However, HIV remains a significant threat, especially among communities of color and in many urban and southern areas of the U.S.

This plenary will cover the advances made and consider the policies, practices and strategies necessary to end HIV in the U.S.

**SYNC Points:***
- Describe the current HIV landscape and the HIV prevention and treatment advances that have been made in recent years.
- Discuss the policies utilized and needed to facilitate further decreases in HIV incidence.
- Identify local strategies implemented by Health Departments and their community partners to eliminate HIV.

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**Jeffrey Crowley, MPH, Program Director, National HIV/AIDS Initiative, O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law**

Jeffrey S. Crowley is a Distinguished Scholar and Program Director of Infectious Disease Initiatives at the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University School of Law. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law. Mr. Crowley is a leading expert on HIV and disability policy. From 2009 to 2011, he served as the Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy. As the President Obama’s chief HIV/AIDS advisor, Mr. Crowley led the development of the first comprehensive National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States. During his tenure at the White House, Mr. Crowley also represented the Domestic Policy Council on the White House Health Team prior to enactment and during the early implementation of the Affordable Care Act. In addition to health issues, he was actively engaged in policy development related to Social Security, disability civil rights, LGBT civil rights, Alzheimer’s disease, teen pregnancy, prevention, and numerous other issues.

From 2000 to 2009, Mr. Crowley was a Senior Research Scholar at Georgetown University’s Health Policy Institute and subsequently to its founding, he was a Senior Scholar at the University’s O’Neill Institute, focusing his work on improving health care for people with disabilities and chronic conditions through improvements to Medicaid and Medicare, with a particular emphasis on managed care and Medicaid pharmacy management policies. He also has extensive experience working on issues such as improving the private health insurance system, protecting consumers and expanding their ability to navigate the health care system, and protecting the privacy of personal health information. From 1994 to 2000, he served in senior policy and management positions at the National Association of People with AIDS.

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**David Kern, Deputy Commissioner, HIV/STI Bureau, Chicago Department of Public Health**

Dave Kern is the Deputy Commissioner for the HIV/STI Bureau at the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). In his role, Dave works with his team and community partners to advance strategies to decrease HIV and STI morbidity in Chicago. Before coming to CDPH, Dave served as the Manager of Infectious Disease Prevention for the Washington State Department of Health, where he oversaw the state’s HIV/STI and HCV prevention efforts. Dave also served as the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Director of Prevention for the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), where he provided national leadership on HIV and HCV issues.
José M. Zuniga, PhD, MPH, Chief Executive Office, International Association of Providers of AIDS Care

Dr. Zuniga was appointed President of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) in December 1999. Prior to his appointment, he served as IAPAC’s Vice President, charged with advancing the association’s medical education and technical assistance initiatives. Prior to joining IAPAC, Dr. Zuniga served as Director of Policy/Communications at the AIDS Action Council in Washington, D.C., following his military service in the U.S. Army, including combat duty in the Persian Gulf during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm that earned him a Combat Medical Badge.

Dr. Zuniga’s academic credentials include a Master’s of Public Health (MPH) in International Health Policy, and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Human Development and Social Policy. He lectures at several academic institutions; has been published in a review of peer-reviewed journals; authored thematic chapters for four books; and co-edited three books – “The HIV Pandemic: Local and Global Implications” (Oxford University Press, 2006); “Decade of HAART: The Development and Global Impact of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy” (OUP, 2008); and “Advancing the Human Right to Health” (OUP, 2013). He is Editor-in-Chief of the bimonthly, MEDLINE-indexed Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC).

Dr. Zuniga is an IAPAC Trustee, a technical consultant for the Collaborative Institute of Virology and a member of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee. He is one of the co-signers of the Paris Declaration on Fast-Track Cities and spearheads IAPAC’s efforts as the core technical partner for the Fast-Track Cities Initiative. Additionally, Dr. Zuniga serves as UNAIDS Special Advisor on Fast-Track Cities. He also routinely advises United Nations agencies, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and its regional offices, as well as bilateral institutions such as the US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). His work spans over twenty years in the field of HIV/AIDS and includes past positions as the Deputy Director of the Ryan White Part B and AIDS Drug Assistance Program of HAB, Director of Technical Assistance and Training at the National Minority AIDS Council, and 8 years as an independent consultant working with Ryan White grantees to strengthen health care systems, provided workforce training, planning policy and program development. His work involves monitoring and evaluation including needs assessments to identify service gaps and barriers. His expertise includes work on disparities in access to health care for key and priority populations. Dr. Zuniga serves on the CDC (HSA/AIDS Advisory Committee (CHAC)) from 2003 – 2010. He has a Masters degree in urban and regional planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an undergraduate degree from Kalamazoo College in Michigan.

Stephanie Hubbard, MA, MPH, Senior Program Planner, Prevention Program, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Stephanie is a Senior Program Planner in the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where she supports the Prevention Unit to develop programmatic models for culturally competent, data driven HIV prevention service delivery and subsequent tools and resources for program implementation. Stephanie is a graduate of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health where she earned a Master of Public Health in Health Promotion within the Sociomedical Sciences Department. Stephanie also holds a Master of Arts in Sexuality Studies from San Francisco State University where she studied sexual negotiation and romantic relationships with youth living with HIV. Stephanie previously worked as a consultant with the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP) and as the Assistant Director of the aidHastie program, a joint initiative between the Ministries of Health in Rwanda and Ghana and Columbia University.

Healthcare reform is at the forefront of contentious political debate in the U.S., culminating in a failed attempt to repeal and replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). While the ACA has provided significant protections for many vulnerable and underserved communities, it is not without its challenges. This panel of national healthcare policy leaders and advocates will provide a comprehensive review of the successes and areas for improvement with the existing law, while insuring protections for HIV, HCV, and LGBT communities. Our panelists will explore the impact of legislative and regulatory changes on chronic disease management from the creation of the ACA, to attempts to undermine existing protections, to advocating for changes to benefit vulnerable communities. They will look at Ryan White HIV/AIDS program delivery, access to HCV cure therapy and substance use services, and the delivery of culturally competent care for LGBT individuals.

**PLERNARY SESSION 4:**
**SYNCing Repeal with Replace: Protecting HIV, HCV, and LGBT Care**

**SYNC POINTS**
- Describe the differences between national health care policy activities (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and American Health Care Act) as they related to chronic disease prevention, care, and treatment.
- Summarize the impact of repeal and replace on vulnerable communities, including those living with HIV, HCV, and other chronic conditions.
- Assess the impact of potential legislative changes on health care protections of vulnerable populations such as LGBT individuals and other minority communities.
- Identify advocacy efforts to ensure the needs of vulnerable communities are prioritized in legislative discussions.
Bess Evans, Former Senior Associate Director and Senior Policy Advisor for the White House, Office of Public Engagement, The White House

Bess Evans served as a Senior Associate Director of Public Engagement and Senior Policy Advisor, where she managed outreach and policy on all issues related to health, including the Affordable Care Act, behavioral health and substance use disorder, public health and health epidemics, and gun violence prevention. She managed teams of individuals across the White House and the federal government on mission-focused projects and programs in these areas that yield positive outcomes for the taxpayer, communities, and the nation. In this work, she built coalitions of diverse groups of stakeholders from the advocacy community, non-profit and private sectors. Over the course of her time in OPE, she developed strategic and national campaigns that yielded local impact to advance Administration priorities including enrolling millions in health insurance, encouraging action on Zika and funding for the opioid epidemic, and using Administration leverage and grassroots organizing to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

Previously, Evans served as a Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of Science and Technology Policy, facilitating the White House’s engagement with the science, technology, and innovation community. There, she managed partnerships around high-impact portfolios including STEM education, resources for startups and high-growth entrepreneurs, youth jobs, e-literacy, and the budget. Bess previously served at the Department of Justice in the Office on Violence Against Women and in the White House Visitors Office.

Originally from Evanston, Illinois, she graduated from DePauw University, where she received the Walker Cup for her outstanding service to the University.

Carmel Shachar, JD, MPH, Clinical Instructor on Law, Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation

Ms. Shachar joined the Harvard Law School Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation in September 2014. Carmel leads the Center’s Affordable Care Act implementation, access to care, and Supreme Court projects. Prior to joining the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation, Carmel was an associate in the health care group of Ropes & Gray LLP. She focused her practice in regulatory and public payer billing and reimbursement.

Carmel earned her J.D. cum laude in 2010 from Harvard Law School and her M.P.H. in 2010 from the Harvard School of Public Health. She clerked for Judge Jacques L. Wiener, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from 2010-2011. Carmel is a licensed member of the bars of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Carl Schmid, Deputy Executive Director, The AIDS Institute

Carl Schmid is the Deputy Executive Director for the AIDS Institute, a national public policy advocacy and research organization that advocates for people with HIV and vital health. Since February 2004, he directs the Institute’s federal policy priorities before the executive agencies and the Congress. He is co-chair of the AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition and a Convening Group member of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership. He is a former chair of the HIV Prevention Action Coalition, the Ryan White Consultation Work Group, and founding co-chair of an HIV Testing Reimbursement Work Group. He remains active in those coalitions and other that advocate for Medicaid, Medicare, and Healthcare Reform: the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and health. As part of the Institute’s work in advocating for people with HIV and health, Schmid works extensively with other patient and disease groups on collective efforts to ensure that patients, particularly those with chronic conditions, have access to quality and affordable health care.

He was a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (2007–09) and chaired its Domestic Subcommittee. In 2010 he was named by POG Magazine as one of the 100 most effective AIDS fighters and by Whitney Walker Health as one of the 20 individuals who have played prominent roles in the fight against HIV in DC. Mr. Schmid earned a B.A. in Public Affairs and a M.B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Andrea Weddle, MSK, Executive Director, HIV Medicine Association

Andrea Weddle is the Executive Director of the HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA), an organization representing frontline HIV medical providers and researchers. Previously, she served as the Associate Director of the organization. As Executive Director, she oversees the Association’s education, membership and policy and advocacy activities. She has extensive experience working on health care financing issues with special expertise in the Affordable Care Act. She co-chairs the HIV Health Care Access Working Group and serves as Vice Chair of Hart/Path. Prior to joining HIVMA, she conducted policy research on Medicaid managed care programs as a research associate for the Center for HIV Quality Care and served as the staff director for the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society. Ms. Weddle has a Master’s in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley and a Professional Writer’s Certificate from George-town University’s Professional Development Program.

Andrew Raymonds, Hepatitis C Education Manager, Project Inform

Andrew is the Hepatitis C Education Manager of Project Inform. He has over 20 years of HIV, HCV, and STD awareness, prevention, and treatment experience, delivered in a wide variety of settings from street outreach to clinical settings to jails and prisons. In addition to facilitating several HCV support groups and delivering educational forums, Andrew provides one-on-one HCV education in-person, on the telephone via the Help-4-Hep phoneline, and in a variety of social media settings. He is the author of the PositiveAwa “Annual Hepatitis C Drug Guide,” and sits on the AASLD/IDSA HCV Guidance Panel. Andrew writes and lectures extensively on sexual transmission of HCV and HCV risk among MSM, including developing the Hepatitis C Screening Toolkit for HIV Providers, Hepatitis C Screening Toolkit for PADS, and the patient education booklet entitled Sexual Transmission of Hepatitis C: Tips for Gay Men.

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Elizabeth Carpenter, Senior Vice President, Avalere Health, LLC

Elizabeth Carpenter, Senior Vice President leads the Policy Practice at Avalere. Specifically, Elizabeth focuses on implementation of the Affordable Care Act, trends in commercial insurance, drug pricing policy, and the impact of politics on the policy landscape.

Prior to joining Avalere, Elizabeth was a Senior Advisor in the Health Policy practice at McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP and the Associate Policy Director for the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation. Previously, she served on both the legislative and campaign staffs of Senator Lincoln Chafee (RI).

Elizabeth has a BA in Political Science from Brown University.

Katie Keith, JD, MPH, Steering Committee Member, Out2Enroll

Katie Keith is an attorney in Washington, DC and a member of the Steering Committee of Out2Enroll, a national initiative to connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people with new coverage options under the Affordable Care Act. In this role, she leads Out2Enroll’s efforts to educate LGBT consumers about health insurance and health care, oversees digital outreach and paid media strategy to encourage LGBT communities to enroll in health insurance, and manages partnerships with more than 70 partners nationwide to coordinate on best practices for LGBT-specific outreach and enrollment.

Katie formerly served as a research professor at Georgetown University’s Center on Health Insurance Reforms where she specialized in state and federal implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Katie received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and holds a Master’s in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University.

Plenary Session 5

LGBT Health Disparities: Addressing Age, Access, Settings, and Services

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM, Grand Ballroom

The LGBT Health Plenary of SYNC 2017 will feature experts discussing disparities in LGBT health, focusing on issues affecting LGBT youth and seniors. There will be two 40-minute panels:

The first panel of government officials, researchers, and policy leaders will discuss health disparities in LGBT communities.

The second panel of LGBT researchers, advocates, health centers, health systems, and clinicians will discuss aspects of health equity for LGBT communities across healthcare settings.

PLENARY SESSION 5:
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Aaron Tax, JD, Director of Federal Government Relations, Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE)

Aaron Tax is the Director of Federal Government Relations for Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE), where he advocates for LGBT-inclusive federal aging policies that account for the unique needs of LGBT older adults.

Until June 2011, Aaron served as the Legal Director of Service members Legal Defense Network (SLDN), the leading organization challenging “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (DADT) in Congress and in the courts. He started there as a staff attorney in 2006, and for nearly five years of SDLN, he took part in a multifaceted approach to advancing the civil rights of LGBT service members through legal outreach, lobbying, legal education, as well as legal advocacy. Aaron was responsible for framing the legal services program of SDLN, the only organization providing free legal services to service members impacted by DADT and related forms of discrimination, including those who are HIV-positive and/or transgender.

Prior to joining SDLN, Aaron spent three years working for the Department of the Army in the Office of EEO and Civil Rights, the first two years as a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF). As a PMF he worked for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany and served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the US Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, where he tried more than two dozen cases. A graduate of Cornell University with honors and distinction and the George Washington University Law School with honors, he currently resides in Washington, DC.

Danielle Castro, MA, MFT, Project Director, Center of Excellence for Transgender Health

Ms. Castro is a headstrong and passionate transgender community advocate who seeks to create positive change through her work. She’s co-founded multiple trans serving organizations and coalitions including Trans Advocates for Justice and Accountability (TAJ-IL) Coalition and inspires others to promote a society devoid of transphobia. She is currently Project Director of Community Based Research for the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health (COTE) at the University of California, San Francisco, and an international capacity building assistance provider for various organizations delivering HIV prevention and care as well as behavioral health services. Her academic writing is published in the Praeger Handbook of Community Mental Health Practice; and most recently Danielle was awarded the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies International Women’s Day Award for all of her work to advance health care for trans people throughout the country and abroad.

Danielle began her public work to stop transphobia and AIDS when she was 14 years old. Her efforts were voluntary and provided important resources for many SF Bay Area trans and AIDS services organizations. She co-founded the first trans women of color serving organization in Santa Clara County in 2002 while attending college and later was Co-Vice Chair of the founding community advisory board of the COTE.

In 2013 Danielle became one of a handful of trans women of color psychotherapy interns in the country. She practiced at Dimensions Clinic at Castro Mission Health Center where she provided counseling for trans and queer youth and their families while simultaneously working at the COTE, as Clinical Supervisor for El Puente Translinia, co-op time graduate student and an integral part of organizing trans community events including the SF Trans March, the SF Transgender Day of Remembrance and a member of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission/Gay Action Committee. Danielle is a recent graduate from the University of Denver, where he majored in International Studies with a concentration in International Organizations, security and human rights. Prior to receiving his B.A., Adrian lived and studied in the Middle East, where he studied Arabic, the Syrian refugee crisis through a healthcare lens, and researched protection of LGBT refugees in Jordan. Adrian serves on the Board of Directors for Advocates for Youth and prior to being a board member he participated in several campaigns for Advocates including a Colorado state-based initiative to expand sexual health education, and “Youth Resource”, a nationwide LGBT advocacy group. Adrian was previously the Youth Advocacy Coordinator for a federal initiative to reduce teen pregnancy in Denver, Colorado.
**Plenary Session 5: LGBT Health Disparities: Addressing Age, Access, Settings, and Services**

** PANEL 2: Building Health Equity Across Healthcare Settings**

**Jonathan Appelbaum, MD, Professor in Clinical Sciences, Interim Chair for the Department of Clinical Sciences, the Laurie L. Dozier Jr., MD, Education Director, and Professor of Internal Medicine, Florida State University College of Medicine**

Dr. Jon Appelbaum is an internal medicine and geriatrics expert. He is active regionally and nationally with the American Academy of HIV Medicine, where he is on the national board of directors and serves as the board treasurer. He has served on the national steering committee for the Group on Diversity and Inclusion of the Association of American Medical Colleges, where he serves on the board of directors of HealthFAIR, a national organization supporting advocacy, education, capacity building and research for individuals, organizations, and communities. He has spoken on or been a member of panels on topics such as health issues in the older LGBT population, HIV and aging, and LGBTQ curriculum in undergraduate medical education. He has also presented at NIMH, Gray and Lesbian Medical Association, American Medical College, American Geriatrics Society and the National Association on Aging over fifty. He served as the co-principal investigator for the HIV and Aging Consensus Project and is the co-medical editor for the HIV+Age.org site. He currently holds the Laurie L. Dozier, Jr. MD Education Director and Professor of Internal Medicine of Florida State University College of Medicine (FSUCOM), where he also serves as the Interim Chair, Department of Clinical Sciences. At FSUCOM he serves on the Curriculum Redesign committee, the Council on Diversity and Inclusion, the Research Advisory Committee and chairs the Clinical Competency Committee of the FS/SSHawkes Memorial Healthcare Internal Medicine Residency Program. He is the faculty mentor for the student interest groups for Internal Medicine and LGBTQ Health and the mentors and advisors students. Dr. Appelbaum earned his MD at the University of Miami School of Medicine and completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Prior to relocating to Florida, he held positions at Fenway Community Health and at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA. He focuses on LGBTQ health disparities and aging and HIV.

**Edwin Craft, Dr.P.H., M.Ed., LCPC, Program Officer and Cross-Cutting Lead for LGBT Affairs, SAMHSA**

Dr. Craft is serving as a Government Project Officer for the targeted Capacity Expansion HIV and AIDS and the Minority AIDS Initiative Continuum of Care Pilot grant programs within the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of SAMHSA. He is the Cross-Cutting Lead in the areas of LGBT behavioral health, methamphetamine, and IDU/HIV. He has also served as the SAMHSA Associate Administrator for AIDS Programs and the Staff Lead to the SAMHSA Administrator for LGBT Programs and Policies. Currently, he is serving as the SAMHSA representative for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Workgroup on HIV. He recently retired from 12 years of service on the board of directors of GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality, where he served as Vice-President for Multidisciplinary Affairs. Dr. Craft is a licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and holds a DPH in Health Policy and Administration and a MEd in Community Counseling.

**Russell Roybal, Deputy Executive Director, National LGBTQ Task Force**

Russell oversees the organization’s fundraising work, and ensures the Task Force is using its resources strategically to increase the visibility of issues of importance to the LGBTQ community. He is a noted fundraiser, trainer and LGBTQ movement leader and was on staff of the Gill Foundation for over six years. He is also chair of the board and a consultant with the Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training (GIFT), a nonprofit group focused on building the fundraising skills of people of color and others working for social justice. Over the years, Russell’s worked with many groups and individuals, motivating them to get really excited about raising money — he puts the “fun” in fundraising!

**Barbara E. Warren, PsyD, UICMC, CASAC, CPI Director for LGBT Programs, Policies, Office for Diversity and Inclusion, Mount Sinai Health System**

Dr. Warren is Director for LGBT Programs and Policies in the Office for Diversity and Inclusion at the Mount Sinai Health System, and Assistant Professor of Medical Education at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Warren is charged with leading Mount Sinai’s implementation of the Human Rights Campaign’s and the Joint Commission’s guidelines for LGBT affirmative and culturally and clinically competent health care. Prior to joining Mount Sinai, Dr. Warren served as Distinguished Lecturer and the inaugural Director for the Center for LGBT Social Science and Public Policy at Hunter College, City University of New York. For 21 years, Dr. Warren was on the senior management team of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center of New York City, where she was the Director for the Center’s behavioral health programs and as Director for Planning and Research was responsible for the Center’s local and national programs and policy, research and education initiatives.

Dr. Warren holds a doctorate in counseling psychology from the Florida Institute of Technology’s School of Psychology and was also a credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselor and a credentialed substance abuse prevention professional in New York State. She has 43 years of experience in the development and implementation of substance abuse, mental health, HIV, and public health programs in healthcare and community-based settings.
Preventative Health Track

Track Overview
The Preventative Health track will address the integration of public health and primary care in delivering effective preventative services and SYNC public health practice with primary care services to advance positive health outcomes.

Advances in PrEP and nPEP technologies have dramatically altered HIV prevention strategies, bringing the elimination of new infections into focus. The Preventative Health Track at SYNC 2017 features a panel session on PrEP implementation in primary care and other sessions will address how PrEP affects other HIV and STI prevention tools. The second track will contend with how HIV, STI, and HCV prevention strategies such as routine testing, sexual history taking, education, and risk reduction counseling compliment each other in practice. The track’s final session will include a comprehensive analysis of a new prevention continuum, and how HIV prevention services and tools can eliminate new HIV infections.

Preventative Health Track:
Session 1 – Expanding PrEP and nPEP Services: SYNCing Public Health and Primary Care

Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio B

Individual presentations and group discussion focus on PrEP and nPEP implementation into primary care and how to utilize public health strategies to improve PrEP take-up and adherence. Speakers will present on their experiences training providers, engaging health department and jurisdictions, and utilizing health centers to achieve HIV prevention goals through PrEP implementation. Further discussion will address common provider questions related to counseling for and prescribing PrEP, strategies to ensure equitable PrEP access, and how PrEP works with other HIV prevention tools in the larger prevention continuum.

PREVENTATIVE HEALTH TRACK

SYNC POINTS
• Increase the understanding of HIV and STI prevention tools, their availability, effectiveness, best practices, and implementation in practice
• Provide a framework for setting goals for use of prevention tools
• Consider strategies, resources, and tools and their role the future of prevention
• Increase service and clinical provider understanding of the many factors influencing prevention effectiveness

PREVENTATIVE HEALTH TRACK:
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SYNC POINTS
• Increase the understanding of PrEP and nPEP as a tool that primary care providers can use to prevent new HIV infections
• Provide an explanation of barriers to accessing PrEP for patients and common barriers to prescribing for providers
Preventative Health Track: Session 1 – Expanding PrEP and nPEP Services: SYNChing Public Health and Primary Care

Richard Elion, MD, Associate Professor, Clinical Medicine, George Washington University School of Medicine
Dr. Elion, M.D. is a Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at George Washington University, as well as a private practice physician seeing patients with HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted diseases. He is currently the co-director of HIV and HCV treatment and research at Providence Hospital in Washington DC. He is the past Director of Clinical Research at Whitman-Walker Health, where he focused on cutting edge research in HIV. His tenure at Whitman-Walker Health coincided with the organization being selected in 2013 as part of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group by the National Institutes of Health. Prior to his tenure with Whitman-Walker Health, Dr. Elion served as Co-Director of HIV Services at Washington Free Clinic and in various research and clinical capacities in New York and Washington. He received his medical degree from Temple University and completed his internship and residency at Duke University. Dr. Elion also holds a master’s degree in counseling and spiritual psychology from the University of Santa Monica. In addition to seeing private patients, he serves as Medical Director of CAFE.

Jonathan Fuchs, MD, MPH, Director, San Francisco Department of Health, Center for Learning and Innovation
Dr. Fuchs is an Associate Professor of Medicine at UCSF and is the Director of the Center for Learning & Innovation at the San Francisco Department of Public Health. The Center focuses on transformational learning and innovation, and seeks to be the leading center of excellence in training and professional development that seeks to bolster the capacity of San Francisco’s public health workforce. For the past 15 years, Dr. Fuchs has led clinical investigations of novel HIV prevention strategies including experimental HIV vaccines, PrEP, and technology-based approaches to optimize PrEP adherence. He is the co-Director of the UCSF Center for AIDS Research Mentoring Program and is the Principal Investigator of a CDC-funded Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Program that supports local, state and territorial health departments nationwide as they implement High Impact HIV prevention.

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Preventative Health Track: Session 2 – STI, HIV, HCV Screening, Testing, and Prevention Methods in Primary Care

Monday, April 24, 2017, 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM, Studio B

The second prevention track session features expert presentation and discussion of using prevention tools in primary care to achieve national goals in STI, HCV, and HIV prevention. Government, advocate, and provider perspectives shape this discussion of STI testing, PrEP behavioral and mental health screenings, risk reduction counseling and other methods for disease prevention. The panel will cover how national guidelines and goals can be best implemented into practice and how to ensure prevention strategy success in an evolving healthcare landscape.

PREVENTATIVE HEALTH TRACK: Session 2 – STI, HIV, HCV Screening, Testing, and Prevention Methods in Primary Care

SYNC POINTS

- Increase clinical providers’ understanding of common STI, HCV, and HIV screening, testing and prevention methods and their use in primary care
- Provide examples of challenges to and strategies for implementing routine testing and screening methods in practice

Speakers

Bryan Bautista, PrEP Manager, Howard Brown Health
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Gail Bolan, MD, Director, Division of STD Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC

Gail Bolan, MD, Director, Division of STD Prevention at CDC in Atlanta, completed her training in internal medicine at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. She received subspecialty training in infectious diseases at the Tufts New England Medical Center and at the Stanford Medical Center and in medical epidemiology as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer at CDC in the Respiratory and Special Pathogens Branch. Prior to joining CDC in 2011, she served as the Chief of the STD Control Branch at the California Department of Public Health from 1997 to 2011, and as the Director of the San Francisco City and County STD Prevention and Control Program and as Medical Director of San Francisco City Clinic from 1987 to 1997. She also directed the California STD/IV Prevention Training Center for over 20 years.

Dr. Bolan is a leader in the field of STD Prevention and is nationally recognized for her contributions in applied research on the epidemiology and prevention of STDs, for implementation of science-based programs and for effective STD program policy development. Dr. Bolan has authored or co-authored over 150 scientific publications. She has served on the CDC HIV/STD Prevention Advisory Committee, CDC Office of Infectious Diseases Board of Scientific Counselors, and the American STD Association (ASTDA) Executive Committee. She is past chair of the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSTD) and past vice chair of the American Social Health Association (ASHA) Board of Directors.

Steven Santiago, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Core Resource

Dr. Steven Santiago received his BS in City College of New York and his MD from the State University of New York at Stony Brook Medical School. He completed his residency in Family Practice at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick. Dr. Santiago became Board Certified in Family Practice in 1994 and was appointed as a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians in 1998.

Dr. Santiago has been the Chief Medical Officer at Core Resource, South Florida's largest non-profit AIDS service organization, since 2014, he was the Medical Director from 2003 until 2014. In 2009 Core Resource became a Federally Qualified Health Center with offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami-Dade and Miami Beach, operating general primary care services to the whole South Florida community. In 2013 the agency became Joint Commission and PCMH accredited.

Core Resource uses a unique “total care” approach, including working with affected communities to create and/or implement prevention strategies, community outreach and education initiatives, testing medical care, and research protocols, as well as individual and family counseling and support services (including a food bank). This wide array of programs collectively strives to respond to every aspect of the HIV lifecycle and infected communities. In addition, until the research program’s closure in 2012, he directed the research program at Core Resource and he functioned as principal investigator for numerous pharmaceutical, governmental, and non-profit organizations.

Dr. Santiago has been an active member of the HIV education community speaking frequently on numerous topics to patient groups and also to physicians and allied health professionals.

Jake Bowling, MSH, Assistant Vice President of Practice Improvement, National Council for Behavioral Health

Jake Bowling brings a decade of experience in direct service administration, clinical supervision, and program development in the healthcare field. In his current role as Director Practice Improvement of the National Council for Behavioral Health, Jake provides strategic oversight for a large portfolio of practice improvement initiatives, including serving as key personnel for the SAMHSA Center for Behavioral Health Financing Reform and Innovation. Jake is also the Principal Business Commercialization at nationwide consulting firm that is currently supporting local and state-level systems transformation projects and providing technical assistance to organizations to enhance their competitive edge in the new healthcare landscape. Prior to his role at the National Council, Jake served in various clinical and leadership roles, including work as an adolescent therapist, psychosocial rehabilitation specialist, homeless outreach worker, manager of an integrated care peer support team and director of one of Pennsylvania's 4 CMS-funded AKA Navigators programs.

Bistao Ojikutu, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Global Health Equity, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School

Dr. Ojikutu is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and an Associate Physician within the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital; she also holds a joint appointment within the Infectious Disease Division of Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Ojikutu has dedicated her career to rectifying disparities experienced by people living with or at risk for HIV domestically and internationally. Her recent research explores the impact of structural factors and social determinants of health (e.g. crime, poverty, discrimination, immigration policy) on HIV transmission, clinical outcomes, and barriers to accessing care. Much of her work has focused on social and ethnic disparities in HIV care and treatment. To that end, she is co-editor of a comprehensive textbook, has lectured widely, and has served as Principal Investigator and Clinical Advisor to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded grants on that topic. Internationally, Dr. Ojikutu has worked extensively in Sub-Saharan Africa in developing and evaluating models of care for people living with HIV as a Senior Advisor at John Snow Research and Training Institute, the agency was led large USAID-funded HIV service implementation projects focused on expansion of HIV treatment. At HMS, she is co-Principal Investigator of the Doris Duke International Clinical Research Fellowship for Medical Students. She is also the former Director of the Office of International Programs within the Division of AIDS at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Ojikutu graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, completed residency in Primary Care –Internal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital, and Infectious Disease Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital/Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She received a Master of Public Health from Harvard University. Dr. Ojikutu maintains an active clinical practice focusing on the treatment of HIV primary care and general infectious diseases. She serves on the Board of Directors of HealthHIV.
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Session 3 – Developing a New Prevention Continuum

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio B

Individual presentations and group discussion outline individual, community and national approaches to achieving an end to new HIV infections. Presenters will focus on how advocates, health departments, and federal agencies can shape and implement prevention strategies, including PrEP and TpSP to address health disparities and improve health access. The group will discuss how best to collect and utilize data, communicate prevention goals and translate them into practice.

PREVENTATIVE HEALTH TRACK: Session 3 – Developing a New Prevention Continuum

SYNC POINTS

- Provide an explanation of a prevention continuum that engages patients in care and sustains HIV negative status
- Increase the understanding of how HIV, STI, and HCV prevention efforts shape and carry out national goals for ending the HIV epidemic

Tim Horn, Deputy Executive Director of HIV and HCV Programs, Treatment Action Group

A twenty-five-year survivor of HIV, Tim Horn has thus far spent his entire professional life working in the fields of HIV/AIDS treatment education and advocacy. Beginning as a writer and then editor of the Foundation for AIDS Research’s (amfAR) AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory in 1992, he also started working with TAG as an author of two advocacy-driven white papers, The Wasting Report: Current Issues in Research and Treatment of HIV-Associated Wasting and Malnutrition (1996) and The OI Report: A Critical Review of the Treatment and Prophylaxis of AIDS-related Opportunistic Infections (1997). Following his work at amfAR, Tim went on to complete a two-year fellowship in Mexico City where he developed treatment education and advocacy curricula needed to streamline the scale-up of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) access in Mexico’s urban and rural areas. He also completed work at the AIDS treatment Data-Network, alongside Richard Jeffery, as well as at the PWA Health Group—a New York City buyers’ club.

He also spent several years as executive editor of The PRN Notebook, a quarterly journal for HIV-treating clinicians. In 1999, he began working with TAG colleague Peter Staley on the development of AIDSmedia.com, an online educational portal for people living with HIV and their caregivers, he became the site’s president and editor-in-chief in 2008. As TAG’s Deputy Executive Director of HIV & HCV Programs, Tim oversees and assists in the coordination of the HIV Project and HCV/HIV Project portfolios. These include antiretroviral and direct acting antiviral (DAA) research, development, and regulatory issues; the advancement of novel biomedical prevention technologies, including antiretroviral drug products and vaccines; fair drug pricing and access mechanisms; and advocating for the science and policies necessary to address medical, structural, and social barriers to comprehensive HIV and HCV prevention and care services.

Tim and other HIV Project staff members worked in support of New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s Ending the Epidemic Task Force, which developed a statewide plan and AIDS as an epidemic in New York State by the end of 2020. This effort is part of a broader strategy by community activists, policy makers, advocates, and researchers to end the epidemic, both nationally and in key U.S. jurisdictions, by stemming new infections and ensuring that HIV-positive people receive care and maintain viral suppression. Tim was a co-author of a landmark review of the mechanisms and barriers of effective community mobilization in nine heavily affected metropolitan areas and lead author of a peer-reviewed paper conceptualizing a comprehensive primary and secondary HIV prevention continuum, both of which will serve as cornerstone of TAG’s work to strengthen and support advocacy in the years ahead.

He lives in Asbury Park, New Jersey, with his partner of 15 years, two Boxers, a cat named Feral Fawcett, and too many tropical fish to count.

Bruce Richman, JD, EdM, Executive Director, Prevention Access Campaign

Bruce Richman is the Founding Executive Director of Prevention Access Campaign which launched the Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) movement. U=U is a global community, comprised of 120 organizations from 35 countries committed to ending the dual epidemics of HIV and HIV stigma by ensuring communications about people living with HIV catch up with science. The U=U campaign and message gained extensive media coverage since its launch in the summer of 2016 in HIV/AIDS and mainstream outlets including POZ, TheBody, PositiveLite, A&U, HIV Plus, Advocate, Medical Brief - African’s Medical News Digest, Queerty, GL Weeklies, Cosmo, REBLOG, DailyMail, and HIV Post and was awarded Healthline’s Best Use of Social Media in HIV Advocacy. Before launching U=U, Bruce founded Improved Philanthropy Group which works with high profile people and brands to leverage their public platforms for social change on a diverse range of issues. He received his Ed.M. in Administration, Planning & Social Policy from Harvard Graduate School of Education and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Damon Jacobs, U=U, PrEP Advocate and “PrEP Facts” Creator

Damon is a New York based Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and HIV prevention specialist who focuses his work on sexual health, harm reduction, social justice. He is the author of the two books, Radical Believing and Absolutely Should-less. He is best known for championing the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) through his work in media including MINN, NPR, VICE TV, Here TV, as well as New York Times, USA Today, Out Magazine, and many more. He is featured as one of 35 “Leading HIV Activists” by The Advocate Magazine, one of the Top HIV/AIDS Influential Voices for 2014 by Healthline Magazine, and was a recipient of New York State’s Department of Health Commissioner’s Special Recognition Award in 2016.
Speakers

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David Kern, Deputy Commissioner, HIV/STI Bureau, Chicago Department

Dave Kern is the Deputy Commissioner for the HIV/STI Bureau at the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). In this role, Dave works with his team and community partners to advance strategic initiatives to decrease HIV and STI morbidity in Chicago. Before coming to CDPH, Dave served as the Manager of Infectious Disease Prevention for the Washington State Department of Health, where he oversaw state’s HIV/STI and HCV prevention efforts. Dave also served as the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Director of Prevention for the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASAD), where he provided national leadership on HIV and HCV issues.

Antigone Dempsey, M.Ed., Director, Division of Policy and Data, HRSA, HAB

Ms. Dempsey is the Director of Policy and Data at HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau, she is the former director of the HIV and Sexual Health Center at Altarum Institute bringing 23 years of experience in HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, sexual health and addictions program management, organizational leadership, expert facilitation, training, technical assistance (TA), strategic planning, policy development, and system changes. She has experience on the ground level with providing HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programming services, and co-occurring health conditions such as addictions.

In 2009, Ms. Dempsey was appointed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) health secretary to serve as a Special Government Employee for the CDC/NASARA Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention and Treatment. She was recently reappointed by Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to serve as co-chair and liaison to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS for these groups. She serves as co-chair for the Sexual Health Workgroup, the Viral Hepatitis Workgroup, and the HIV Disclosure Workgroup.

Ms. Dempsey’s experience ranges from leading a community-based organization (CBO) providing psychosocial support services for young people living with HIV/AIDS to working for the Health Resources and Services Administration’s HIV/AIDS Bureau as a Public Health Analyst, to leading a national nonprofit organization providing training and TA to more than 100 CBOs annually on HIV testing, linkages to care and linkages with the health care system.

At Altarum, Ms. Dempsey served as project director for the Action Plan for the Prevention, Care, and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis Project to the Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy. She led the assistance to HHS in implementing monitoring and promoting public awareness about the newly released Action Plan and federal cross-agency workgroup, communications activities, and expert consultations.

Issues related to prevention, counseling, testing and relevant linkages to care, for vulnerable populations of young people, people of color, MSM, and women have been at the forefront of Ms. Dempsey’s work. She is dedicated to conveying and providing expert services and trainings and is skilled at facilitating collaborative, multidisciplinary partnerships. She has been living with HIV since her diagnosis of age 22 and is a person in long-term recovery, having dedicated her career to moving public awareness about the newly released Action Plan and federal cross-agency workgroup, communications activities, and expert consultations.

Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track

Track Overview

This track includes sessions that encompass particular disparities such as HIV/STD/Hepatitis/HPV and other health disparities along with the underlying implications of implementing public health programs within these genres. Presentations can include subjects ranging from health education, prevention, treatment, access to care, and MSM linkage to care models, surveillance, epidemiology, and/or research.

Session 1 – Incorporating the Lived Experience: Recognition, Re-Engagement, and Retention

Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio D

Research has shown that “Peers” are influential in facilitating knowledge transfer and supporting clients in health navigation. Programs are now developed by and with MSM of color, as opposed to previous efforts that designed programming for and around the community. During this session, national leaders will discuss the importance of incorporating the voices and experiences of MSM of color and how doing so impacts programming.

MSM TRACK: Session 1 - Incorporating the Lived Experience: Recognition, Re-engagement, and Retention

SYNC POINTS

• Identify the assets and challenges that MSM of color may face daily
• Explain how MSM of color engagement is impacted when “peers” are embedded within programs
• Discuss strategies utilized to increase client retention and adherence

Speakers

Derick Wilson, Manager of Training and Special Initiatives, AIDS Activities Coordinating Office, City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Derick is a native of Long Island, New York, has lived in the City of Philadelphia since 1987, when he left home to attend the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Penn, he made the conscious decision to make a career in the area of non-profit management and program coordination.

Derick started working with the Philadelphia Department of Health’s AIDS Activities Coordinating Office in 1996 as a Program Analyst and is currently the Manager of Training and Special Initiatives. Beyond his time working with AACO, he has been working in HIV prevention and care services for over twenty years. Derick is currently a student at Drexel University where he will graduate in June 2017 with his Master’s in Health Administration.

He has presented multiple times at various national conferences and meetings. Topics of specialty have included faith-based approaches to HIV care and prevention, professionalization of the prevention workforce, staff navigation into PrEP, prevention for Black and Latino men who have sex with men, HIV epidemiology, improving delivery of services, impact of HIV on the African-American community, deflecting and preventing family violence, and elucidating safer sex.

He is the proud father of three sons, Will Scott, James Wilson, and Xavier Wilson, and the proud god-father of two, Stephan Freeman, & Marquis Freeman.
Darwin V. Thompson, Executive Director, NAESM, Inc.

Darwin Thompson currently serves as the Executive Director for NAESM, Inc. a national non-profit specializing in health disparities for marginalized populations. He currently is the youngest Executive Director leading a National HIV non-profit. He is a proud graduate of Morehouse College with a degree in Sociology and is a graduate of the Satcher Community Health Leadership Institute. Mr. Thompson specializes in issues related to HIV prevention with populations who are disproportionately affected by HIV. In his current role Mr. Thompson oversees the organization’s community-based programs, provides financial oversight, manages logistics on grant applications, designs innovative programs, evaluates programs, and serves as the Conference Director for NAESM’s annual leadership conference. Mr. Thompson is trained in several CDC behavioral interventions including Mpowerment, dUP, Couples HIV Counseling and Testing, and Many Men Many Voices (3MV). Before his current role at NAESM, Mr. Thompson worked for DC Public Schools and managed corporate partnerships for a nonprofit specializing in housing and healthcare for homeless populations. When Mr. Thompson is not working he spends his time refereeing both high school and college basketball where he officiates in seven college conferences including the SIAC and Peach Belt conferences.

Gustavo Morales, Deputy Director, Latino Commission on AIDS

Gustavo Morales is a skillful Sexual Health Counselor/Facilitator currently servicing the community of New York City as the Director of Access to Care and Services Department of the Latino Commission on AIDS. He is a member of the “High Impact Prevention” Workgroup of the NYC HIV Planning Group. Most recently he presented on the 2016 Creating Change Conference and at the 2012 U.S. Conference on AIDS a Social Marketing strategy developed on Puerto Rico to enhance outreach efforts and access young MSM to get tested. He comes with 14 years’ experience on the HIV field including volunteer, counseling, multiple DEBI facilitator and HIV tester roles.

Christopher Roby, PhDc, President/CEO, Mississippi Health Alliance, LLC

Christopher Roby, a native of Shelby, Mississippi is currently the Director of Grants and Programs at G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center, Inc. He also serves as the President/CEO of Mississippi Health Alliance, LLC., in Byram, MS. He is a highly motivated professional with public health and behavioral science experience in the areas of research and evaluation, public health management, leadership and grant development. Mr. Roby has 13 years of professional administrative experience; exceptional knowledge of scientific practices, and capacity building assistance. He has been a community activist for the LGBTQ community, while lending support to individuals from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

Mr. Roby has managed 15 prevention interventions projects involving smoking cessation, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, breast/ovarian/prostate cancer, and HIV/STIs. Currently, Mr. Roby is a PhD candidate at Jackson State University in the department of Public Policy and Administration where his research is focused on HIV Health Care Policy.

Jordan White, PhDc, Desmond M. Tutu Fellow of Public Health and Human Rights, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health

Mr. White is a third year PhD student and the Inaugural Desmond M. Tutu Fellow of Public Health and Human Rights at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Mr. White is also the Baltimore HIV Collaborative Coordinator of the Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research where he oversees partnerships between community-based organizations, the Baltimore City Health Department and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to increase the number of people living with or at high risk for HIV to be engaged in care. He research focuses on improving the sexual health of African American and Latino adolescent young adult males. Prior to joining Johns Hopkins, Mr. White served as an ORISE Research Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of HIV/AIDS from 2009-2012, where he worked to develop to first federally funded, national health communication campaigns for Black MSM and Latino MSM respectively. Mr. White has over a decade of experience working with young men and drug involved couples in the context of implementation science and epidemiological research.
Dr. Mena is a clinician-researcher and public health advocate with expertise in the prevention and clinical management of sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and STD/HIV prevention research. He is founding chair of the department of population health science at the University of Mississippi Medical Center John D. Bower School of Population Health and Professor of Medicine in the division of Infectious Diseases, Direct the Center for HIV/AIDS Research, Education & Policy at the Myrlie Evers-Williams Institute for Elimination of Health Disparities, and serves as the STD Medical Director for the State of Mississippi. He is also the Medical Director of the Crossroads Clinic (Jackson’s public HIV/STD clinic) and Open Arms Healthcare Center (a Community Based Clinic with a focus on the health needs of LGBTQ populations). In recognition to his work developing a model program of culturally-competent HIV prevention and care for Black men who have sex with men which is being replicated in other areas of the country he was awarded the 2016 Achievement Award by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). He is board certified in infectious diseases. Dr. Mena’s work has been featured in medical and public health journals such as Clinical Infectious Diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Journal of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, and American Journal of Public Health among others. He is a research fellow with the Rural Center for STD/HIV Prevention (Indiana University). Dr. Mena’s interests include the understanding dynamics of HIV transmission in racial/ethnic, gender and sexual minorities as well as the development and provision of culturally competent quality health services to these populations.

Travis Gayles, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Officer, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and Administration, DC Department of Health

Dr. Travis Gayles is the Chief Medical Officer for the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis Administration, and Division Chief for STD- TB Control for the District of Columbia Department of Health. Prior to joining the DOH, Dr. Gayles served as the Director of HIV Testing and Prevention for the Division of Adolescent Medicine, Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago/Northwestern. During his time at Lurie, he served as the primary care provider for HIV adolescents and young adults, as well as the Chicago House Social Service Agency’s Home for HIV+ transgender women. He completed his BA (Public Policy Studies) from Duke University, PhD (Community Health) and MD from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and completed post-doctoral training in epidemiology at the National Cancer Institute. He completed his residency in Pediatrics and a National Institutes of Health supported fellowship in Academic Pediatrics with a focus in adolescent medicine, researching the influence of interpersonal violence on sexual risk taking, particularly in sexual minority youth, and the impact of social disconnection (e.g. unemployed and not in school) on sexual behavior of adolescents and young adults.

In addition to his clinical and research efforts, Dr. Gayles has been a faculty member of the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine and Institute of Public Health, and the DePaul University College of Health Sciences. He is a board member of the National Coalition of STD Directors.

Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track: Session 3 – Maximizing Social and Behavioral Health Services to Achieve Health Equity

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MSM of color face social health and overall wellness challenges requiring holistic approaches with a special focus on behavioral health issues. The ability to provide appropriate care and integrate social and behavioral services into routine clinical care visits ensures client care continuity and facilitates health equity.

SYNC POINTS

- Define services provider competencies necessary address the holistic HIV prevention, care, behavioral health and social service needs of MSM-communities of color
- Identify preferred training and resources necessary to transformation a system of care in communities to address the needs of MSM of color
- List community partners necessary to identify and engage in a care system to address SDH in service delivery
Session 3 – Maximizing Social and Behavioral Health Services to Achieve Health Equity

Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track:

Stacy W. Smallwood, PhD, MPH, Georgia Southern University, Assistant Professor Department of Community Health Behavior and Education, Jann-Ping Hu College of Public Health

Dr. Stacey W. Smallwood is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Behavior and Education of the Jann-Ping Hu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University. Prior to joining the faculty of Georgia Southern, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the I. DeQuincey Newman Institute for Peace and Social Justice in the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina. His research focuses include HIV and health equity and policy. His research interests include HIV prevention, sexual health, LGBT health, and community engagement and organizing within marginalized communities. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Exercise Science from Wake Forest University and a Master of Public Health and PhD in Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior from the University of South Carolina’s Arnold School of Public Health.

DeMarc Hickson, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Jackson State University; Chief Operating Officer, My Brother’s Keeper, Inc. and Open Arms Healthcare Clinic

Dr. DeMarc Hickson serves as Chief Operating Officer at My Brother’s Keeper, Inc. (MBK)/Open Arms Healthcare Center and the Senior Research Scientist in the Center for Research, Evaluation and Environmental & Policy Change. He also has a secondary affiliation as Associate Professor of Biostatistics (tenure track) in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the newly established School of Public Health at Jackson State University. Formerly trained as a Biostatistician, Dr. Hickson’s work includes community-based advocacy and environmental, policy, systems change, and other structural interventions that are effectively informed by a comprehensive program of health disparities and health equity research into the salient lifecycle, psychosocial and neighborhood factors that impact HIV/AIDS as well as cardiovascular disease, and its related risk factors among racial and sexual minorities in the Deep American South.

He currently serves as principal investigator (PI) of several federal and foundational funded research studies and environmental and policy change initiatives that aim to understand the underlying determinants of health, improve the local food systems, and create a culture of health and wellness in the state of Mississippi. For example, he serves as PI of the CDC-funded Ecological Study of Sexual Behavior and HIV risks among African American Men Who Have Sex With Men in the Southeastern US (Theolo Study), the largest population-based cohort study of African American gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men in the Deep South to date. He also serves as PI or co-investigator on three other innovative research studies that target African American MSM and affected communities in the Deep South to understand the novel neighborhood and structural factors that contribute to the high rates of HIV and other risks in this at significant risk population.

DeMarc has published over 75 scientific manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, including the American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Epidemiology, AIDS Care, and AIDS & Behavior, and serves on several boards, including the Mississippi Food Policy Council where he serves as Chair Emeritus. Finally, Dr. Hickson has assisted in the implementation of over 15 HIV prevention, care and treatment initiatives for African American MSM (e.g., Many Men Many Voices, Healthy Relationships, first PrEP clinic in Mississippi). He currently serves as principal investigator (PI) of several federal and foundational funded research studies and environmental and policy change initiatives that aim to understand the underlying determinants of health, improve the local food systems, and create a culture of health and wellness in the state of Mississippi. For example, he serves as PI of the CDC-funded Ecological Study of Sexual Behavior and HIV risks among African American Men Who Have Sex With Men in the Southeastern US (Theolo Study), the largest population-based cohort study of African American gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men in the Deep South to date. He also serves as PI or co-investigator on three other innovative research studies that target African American MSM and affected communities in the Deep South to understand the novel neighborhood and structural factors that contribute to the high rates of HIV and other risks in this at significant risk population.

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HCV Track

Track Overview
SYNC 2017’s HCV Health track will examine prevention, care and treatment, and advocacy strategies to improve patient health outcomes along the HCV care continuum. SYNC’s HCV Health track brings together national experts to discuss their innovative approaches to screening in primary care and behavioral health settings, integration of health services to better serve people living with HCV, and policy efforts that improve access to cure therapy. The three track sessions are designed to strengthen synchronization of efforts in government and public health to eliminate hepatitis C in the U.S.

HCV TRACK

SYNC POINTS
• Improve knowledge and comprehension of current national and local efforts to improve patient access to HCV cure therapy;
• Examine innovative approaches to integrating HCV prevention, care, and treatment in primary care, HIV care, and behavioral health settings;
• Increase readiness to create new partnerships to implement a synchronized approach along the HCV care continuum in their community.

HCV Track

Session 1 - Clinicians, Payers and Advocates SYNCoing Implementation of HCV Cure Therapy
Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio A

Participants at this session will hear from national experts in HCV clinical treatment, HCV treatment access, as well as HCV patients in order to better understand the HCV treatment landscape in the U.S. Panelists will highlight key challenges and lessons learned in ensuring broad treatment access for all people living with HCV.

HCV TRACK:
Session 1 - Clinicians, Payers and Advocates SYNCoing Implementation of HCV Cure Therapy

SYNC POINTS
• Review current national-level advocacy efforts and findings to improve HCV treatment access;
• Understand key challenges and opportunities for HCV cure therapy from patient and provider perspectives; and,
• Discuss challenges and successes to increasing payer coverage of HCV treatment for all patients.
Jose Bordon, MD, Section of Infectious Diseases, Providence Hospital, Ph.D., AAHIVS

Dr. Jose Bordon is a board-certified infectious disease specialist focusing on treatment of individuals with HIV infections. He offers patients high-quality care in a professional and compassionate manner. Dr. Bordon earned his degree in medicine from National University of Cordoba Medical School of Argentina and completed his residency in internal medicine at George Washington University Medical Center/Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C. He completed his infectious diseases fellowship at the University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore, MD. Among his notable affiliations, Dr. Bordon is on the Editorial Board of Case Reports in Pulmonology and a Journal Reviewer for numerous journals, including Clinical Infectious Diseases. His areas of interest include HIV infections, viral Hepatitis, and Hepatitis C. "My desire is to help educate HIV-infected patients on the most current available treatments. Working together hand-in-hand with the patient, we can maximize a high-quality, functional lifestyle.”

Carmel Shachar, JD, MPH, Clinical Instructor on Law in the Health Law and Policy Clinic Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation, Harvard University

Ms. Shachar joined the Harvard Law School Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation in September 2014. Carmel leads the Center’s Affordable Care Act Implementation, access to care, and Supreme Court projects. Prior to joining the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation, Carmel was an associate in the health care group of Ropes & Gray LLP. She focused her practice in regulatory and compliance work, including advising client on topics such as data privacy and security, implementation of health care reform, and public payer billing and reimbursement.

Carmel earned her J.D., cum laude, in 2010 from Harvard Law School and her M.P.H. in 2010 from the Harvard School of Public Health. She clerked for Judge Jacques L. Wiener, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from 2010-2011. Carmel is a licensed member of the bars of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Elizabeth Paukstis, MA, JD, National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

Ms. Paukstis is Public Policy Director at the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable. Before joining NVHR, she worked at the ACLU National Prison Project to improve access to medical care for inmates. Elizabeth earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, her M.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and her B.A. from New York University.

HCV Track: Session 2 - Hepatitis C Integration Innovations in Primary Care, Behavioral Health, and LGBT Health

Monday, April 24, 2017, 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM, Studio A

This panel session will examine examples of HCV integration in a variety of health settings, including primary care, behavioral health, and non-clinical settings. Participants will better understand the challenges and successes of HCV prevention, care, and treatment integration and innovative programming being accomplished across the US.

SYNC POINTS
- Review lessons learned and best practices from projects to increase routine HCV screening and linkage to care in FQHC settings
- Examine the need to integrate addiction and substance use counseling with HCV prevention, care, and treatment efforts
- Understand challenges associated with hard-to-reach, hard-to-treat populations and where integration opportunities can increase treatment success; and
- Discuss advocacy efforts to improve funding and training for HCV screening and linkage-to-care in non-clinical settings.
Jill Wolf, LCSW, Deputy Director, Caring Ambassadors Program

Jill is a licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 15 years of experience working with diverse populations including substance users, the incarcerated, sex workers, survivors of sexual trauma, and individuals living with chronic health conditions. Jill currently serves as the Hepatitis C Program Director for the Caring Ambassadors Program, a national nonprofit organization working to improve the lives of patients and communities by empowering and educating them to be advocates for their own health. Just prior to the Caring Ambassadors Program, Jill served as the Assistant Clinical Director of the Health & Wellness Management Department of TriMarkets Center, a comprehensive addiction treatment facility located in Chicago’s west loop. Jill maintains a private psychotherapy practice where she specializes in treating survivors of sexual trauma and mood disorders.

Catelyn Coyle, Public Health Project Coordinator, National Nurse-Led Consortium at Public Health Management Corporation

Catelyn developed the model that integrated HCV and HIV testing and linkage to care in a large health network in Philadelphia, PA, and oversaw the project for 3 ½ years. While working at National Nurse-Led Care Consortium, she also helped facilitate capacity building for primary care providers to treat HCV on-site at a health center serving an entirely homeless patient population. She has a BA and MEd from University of Virginia, and an MPH from Thomas Jefferson University. Catelyn is currently in her first year of a doctoral program at Johns Hopkins University with a focus on infectious disease epidemiology, and in particular HCV research.

Andrew Reynolds, Hepatitis C Education Manager, Project Inform

Andrew is the Hepatitis C Education Manager at Project Inform; he has over 20 years of HCV, HIV, and STD awareness, prevention and treatment experience, delivered in a wide variety of settings from street outreach to clinical settings to jobs and prisons. In addition to facilitating several HCV support groups and delivering educational forums, Andrew provides one-on-one HCV education in person, on the telephone via the Hapi-4-Hep phoneline and on a variety of social media settings. He is the author of the Positively Aware “Annual Hepatitis C Drug Guide,” and sits on the AASLD/IDSA HCV Guidance Panel. Andrew writes and lectures extensively on sexual transmission of HCV and HIV risk among MSM, including developing the Hepatitis C Screening Toolkit for HIV Providers, Hepatitis C Screening Toolkit for PWID, and the patient education booklet entitled Sexual Transmission of Hepatitis C: Tips for Gay Men.

Ivonne Fuller Cameron, NRPP, MPA, PMR, Chief Executive Officer, Hepatitis Foundation International

Ms. Cameron is the CEO of the Hepatitis Foundation International (HFI) (2013 to Present). The HFI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1994 to eradicate chronic hepatitis for 550 million people globally. HFI is also dedicated to increasing and promoting health and wellness, and reducing the incidence of preventable liver-related chronic diseases and lifestyles that negatively impact the liver. Some of these diseases include: obesity, diabetes, hepatitis, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular disease and fatty liver cancer.

During her career, Ms. Cameron has also held positions as the founder of Think Outside The Box LLC, providing strategic global health, business development and consulting services domestically and internationally; she has worked to implement health system process improvement in Great Britain and Dubai (2010-2013); Ms. Cameron was also the Co-Founder and Board Chair for the Third Millennium Health COOP of DC, a health insurance company headquartered in Washington, DC (2011-2013). As an entrepreneur, Ms. Cameron has launched eleven viable companies across different industries.

She has served as an Assistant Professor in the Allied Health Sciences Department of Howard University (2010-2012). With considerable experience in domestic and public policy, she was chosen as a Fellow with the Harvard University Policy Institute for the Third Millennium Health COOP of DC, a health insurance company headquartered in Washington, DC (2011-2013). As an entrepreneur, Ms. Cameron has launched eleven viable companies across different industries.

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David J. Martin, Ph.D., ABPP, Consultant

Dr. Martin is an independent consultant with expertise in behavioral health and health psychology specifically in the care of people at risk for and who have HIV. His background includes research, clinical treatment and training in HIV prevention, mental health service provision, and integration of behavioral health and medical treatment.

He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1983, and completed a clinical internship and postdoctoral fellowship at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He remained at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (serving as psychologist, Director HIV Mental Health Service, Chief Psychologist and Director of Training) and on faculty at the Gerfen School of Medicine at UCLA (Clinical Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor) until 2013. From 2013 through 2016 Dr. Martin was Senior Director, Office on AIDS at the American Psychological Association. He is board certified in clinical health psychology, and is experienced in clinical supervision and mental health service provision.

Dr. Martin’s HIV/AIDS-related activities include membership in the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health AIDS Advisory Committee, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Commission on AIDS/HIV, the California Department of Health Services HIV Comprehensive Care Working Group. He has been a reviewer for HIV-related proposals for Orange and Los Angeles Counties in California, and for HSRA and the CDC.
HCV Track

Session 3 - Implementing a Synchronized Approach along the HCV Care Continuum

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio A

In order to implement a synchronized approach to end the HCV epidemic, advocates, government, and public health must come together to discuss successes and challenges of policy, strategy, and partnerships. Participants at this session will hear from multi-disciplinary experts that are working to improve health outcomes across the HCV Care Continuum.

SYNC POINTS

• Review the national HCV Care Continuum and how goals of the National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan can further the continuum;
• Highlight innovative programs and their lessons learned from federal agencies to improve quality of care and treatment for people infected with HCV; and,
• Discuss state- and local-level efforts to further HCV testing, linkage to care, and treatment access and utilization by leveraging existing programs and broadening interdisciplinary partnerships.

Speakers

Corinna Dan, RN, MPH, Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy, Department of Health and Human Services

Ms. Dan is the Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor in the Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy (OHAIDP) at the US Department of Health and Human Services where she works to implement the National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan and support coordination of viral hepatitis activities across federal agencies and the community. Corinna has 15 years of experience developing and implementing viral hepatitis public health programs and policies. Prior to joining OHAIDP, Corinna served as Hepatitis B Policy Fellow at the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO). In this role, Corinna worked with community leaders and policy makers to promote improved prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of viral hepatitis in Asian American communities across the United States. Corinna received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Rush University in Chicago and Masters in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Clover L. Barnes, RN, BSN, MBA, Division Chief, CARE Services, D.C. Department of Health

Ms. Barnes is the Division Chief of the Care, Housing and Support Services Division at HAHSTA, the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis Administration at the DC Department of Health. She has held this position for 2 years. Ms. Barnes is a registered nurse and has an MBA with a concentration in healthcare administration. Ms. Barnes’ previous roles were on the provider side, serving in a variety of roles, including Nurse Manager, Clinic Manager and Chief Operating Officer at a large Federally Qualified Health Center in Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Nicholas Parr, MPH, Senior Program Analyst for HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Mr. Parr is Senior Program Analyst for HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis at NACCHO, where he works to develop and implement HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis-related projects, including those focused on building local health department capacity to address Hepatitis C, improving health outcomes along the HIV care and prevention continuum for minority populations, and expanding PrEP access. He serves as a subject matter expert in HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis, including health department programming and systems of care, and is a member of the HIV Prevention Action Coalition of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership. Nicholas has a Masters of Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, where he focused on health systems management: Infectious disease prevention, treatment access, and surveillance; demographic trends in the development of viral resistance; and on the intersection of risk behavior, decision-making, and the social determinants of health. Prior to coming to NACCHO and Washington, D.C., he worked at an FQHC in New Orleans, coordinating HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis-related programming, was a university-level instructor teaching a self-authored course that examines social and environmental factors in risk behavior decision making, and administrated extensive trainings and technical assistance on HIV and hepatitis C prevention counseling, risk appraisal and reduction, and other health and wellness topics at state and local levels.

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HCV TRACK: Session 3 - Implementing a Synchronized Approach along the HCV Care Continuum

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LGBT Health Track

Track Overview

LGBT individuals experience numerous health disparities, particularly in the areas of behavioral health and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). This track will educate audience members about health disparities and best practices for engaging LGBT individuals in behavioral health services and STD prevention and treatment. The track will discuss gender identity data collection, transgender cultural competence, and best practices for engaging transgender individuals in care.
LGBT Health Track

Session 1 - Implementing Culturally Competent, Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health Services for LGBT Individuals: Youth Services to Provider Training

Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio F

LGBT individuals experience disparities in accessing behavioral health services and in behavioral health outcomes. This session educates audience members about behavioral health disparities and best practices for engaging LGBT individuals in behavioral health services. The workshop is designed to increase participant knowledge and skills in cultural competent, trauma-informed care for LGBT individuals, including LGBT youth.

LGBT HEALTH TRACK: Session 1 - Implementing Culturally Competent, Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health Services for LGBT Individuals: Youth Services to Provider Training

SYNC POINTS

- Discuss how behavioral health services for LGBT individuals need to be grounded in affirmative and inclusive approaches to care
- Identify 3 strategies to improve trauma-informed services for LGBT individuals in their practice
- Describe behavioral health disparities impacting LGBT individuals

Karen Johnson, MSW, LCSW, Director of Trauma-Informed Services, National Council for Behavioral Health

Karen is the Director of Trauma-Informed Services at the National Council for Behavioral Health, provides consultation, training and technical assistance to organizations, systems and communities to heighten awareness of the impact and prevalence of trauma and to promote the principles and practices of trauma-informed care. Karen’s work prior to the National Council includes over 15 years of clinical and administrative experience in child welfare and community-based mental health. In the early 1990’s, prior to her work in behavioral health, Karen worked in the professional theater in Chicago and Milwaukee, and was profoundly impacted by those early years of the AIDS epidemic. She is passionate about advancing the provision of trauma-informed, quality services to people living with HIV.

Liz Leen, MSW, LCYSW, Director of Clinical Operations, Alder Health Services

Ms. Leen is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the Director of Clinical Operations at Alder Health Services. Ms. Leen specializes in LGBTQ health, individuals infected and affected with HIV/AIDS and individuals who have been traditionally marginalized by the healthcare system. Ms. Leen earned a Master’s degree in Social Work from Shippensburg University, and her work is based out of Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

David Belman, MD, Medical Director, American University Student Health Center*

Dr. Belman is a board-certified adolescent medicine specialist. Within the field of adolescent medicine, he further specializes in Adolescent LGBT issues. He has been a solicited lecturer on this topic both locally in Washington, DC, as well as at various universities, hospitals and conferences nationally. He is chair of the LGBTQ Adolescent Health Committee at the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine and he is the lead author on its position statement “Recommendations for Promoting the Health and Well-Being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Adolescents: A Position Paper of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.”

Paul Warran, LSW, Deputy Executive Director and Director, Training Institute, NDRI-USA, Inc.

Mr. Warran is the Deputy Executive Director & Director of the Training Institute for the NDRI-USA Inc. and the Training Director for the Northeast & Caribbean Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NeC-ATTC). During his over 26 year career in public health education he has provided technical assistance and developed and facilitated curricula on a wide range of topics. Prior he was the Clinical Coordinator of Group Services for people living with HIV/AIDS. He obtained his MSW, specializing in health education he has provided technical assistance and developed and facilitated curricula on a wide range of topics.

Antonio Ruberto, Jr., MS, LCSW-R, CASAC, Senior Director of Behavioral Health, The Center

Antonio Ruberto, a licensed clinical social worker and CASAC, joined The Center in 2011 and is the Senior Director of Behavioral Health. In this role, Antonio oversees youth and adult substance use treatment, recovery support including the new youth clubhouse, youth substance use prevention, youth leadership and engagement programming, HIV prevention and testing, as well as adult mental health services. Antonio previously served as Director of Center Recovery, the only LGBT-specific, OASAS-licensed outpatient substance use treatment program in New York. He has previously served as the Co-Chairperson to the Manhattan Borough Council on Chemical Dependency, part of the New York City Federation for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services, and was a member of the NYC DOHMH Quality Improvement Advisory Board. Antonio has also provided workshops and trainings to the ASAP Conference, the NASM Addiction Institute Conference, the New York Criminal Justice & Treatment Conference and The Gay Men’s Health Summit in Washington, D.C. In addition, he maintains a private practice in Manhattan and has been a contracted trainer for the CASAC program at Outreach Training Institute. He received his Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Art History from NYU and his Master’s degree from Columbia University.
LGBT Health Track

Session 2 - Delivering Transgender Health: From Legal and Political Considerations to Care Optimization

Monday, April 24, 2017, 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM, Studio F

Transgender individuals face numerous barriers to care, ranging from lower rates of insurance, stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings, and lack of healthcare provider training in transgender cultural competence. This workshop will discuss gender identity data collection, transgender cultural competence, and best practices for engaging transgender individuals in care. The workshop will also educate participants about legal protections for transgender individuals.

Daniele Castro, MA, MFT, Project Director, Center of Excellence for Transgender Health

Ms. Castro is a heartfelt and passionate transgender community advocate who seeks to create positive change through her work. She co-founded multiple trans serving organizations and coalitions including Trans Advocates for Justice and Accountability (TAJA’s) Coalition and hopes others to promote a society devoid of transfobia. She is currently Project Director of Community Based Research for the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health (COE) at the University of California, San Francisco, and an international capacity building assistance provider for various organizations delivering HIV prevention and care as well as behavioral health services. Her academic setting is published in the Prosser Handbook of Community Mental Health Practice, and most recently Danielle was awarded the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies International Women’s Day Award for all of her work to advance health care for trans people throughout the country and abroad.

In 2013 Danielle became one of a handful of trans women of color psychotherapy interns in the country. She practiced at the founding community advisory board of the COE.

Samuel "Chris" Haffer, PhD, Director of Data and Policy Analytics, Office of Minority Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Dr. Haffer is currently Director of the Data and Policy Analytics Group in the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. From 2011 until 2013 Haffer was Program Director and Senior Technical Advisor in the CMS Office of Information Products & Data Analytics where he led the Medicare Claims Data Public Use File Program – creating free claims-based public use files. From 1997 – 2011 Haffer served as Director of the National Medicare Health Outcomes Survey Program – for which he received a National Institutes of Health Award of Merit in 2012. Chris is a Baltimore native and attended Archbishop Curley High School, Loyola College (BA, Sociology), and UMBC (MPS, Ph.D., Public Policy) where he also served as an adjunct associate professor of public policy. He is an active member of The National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals, and was recently appointed to a three year term on the American Statistical Association’s Committee on Gay & Lesbian Concerns in Statistics. Chris is also the founder and inaugural chair of CMS PRIDE, the agency’s first employee resource group for sexual and gender minorities.
Kim Powell is a Family Nurse Practitioner with Denver Health’s HIV Primary Care Clinic and has been with Denver Health for 7 years, with 19 prior years of nursing experience in various settings. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, Kim is passionate about helping and empowering her community and working to dismantle intersectional health and social inequities directed toward the People Living with HIV/AIDS and the trans community, along with educating providers and staff about how to better serve people affected by structural oppression.

After attending the Transgender Health Summit at University of California, San Francisco in 2015, Kim began creating change throughout Denver Health to promote awareness and improve patient experience. Kim has given more than 25 talks throughout Denver Health and other community organizations, and has had the privilege in helping educate others to promote LGBT inclusivity and infusing a culture change at Denver Health. Kim has been the recipient of the Dr. Philip S. Mahler Adult Medicine Award for Excellence and Quality for 2015-2016, in addition to APP Educator of the Year by the Denver Health Medical Staff Executive Committee in 2016 for her efforts and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community.

Kim is involved in other advocacy and education efforts such as surveys to identify affirming providers, participating in the collaborative process in establishing covered services for transgender people with Colorado Medicaid, co-authoring a cross-sex hormone informed consent and Clinical Care Guidelines for Denver Health, and championing other efforts such as the TRANSforming Health Care summit at Denver Health, Project Homeless Connect, Project CURE, and Aid for AIDS.

Kim continues to deliver education and consultation services around LGBTQ+ health and hopes to continue to educate others in large-scale events such as SYNChronicity to promote an inclusive environment for all.

Elizabeth J. Kvach, MD, Family Medicine Doctor, Denver Health

Dr. Kvach is a full-time family physician with Denver Health (Denver’s county safety-net health system), and an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado-Denver’s Family Medicine Residency Program. She earned a B.A. in Women’s and Gender Studies from the University of Oklahoma and an M.D. from Yale School of Medicine. She completed her family medicine residency training at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she was trained to provide comprehensive primary care for transgender patients. Since joining Denver Health in 2014 she has been actively engaged in co-leading efforts to improve access and quality of care in the system for transgender patients.

Sara Bresee, MPH, CHES, Health Communications Specialist, CDC

Ms. Bresee is a Health Communications Specialist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where she has worked since 2014. She serves as the campaign manager for the Start Talking, Stop HIV campaign and is the lead for the Act Against AIDS Transgender Initiative for Transgender Women. Ms. Bresee holds a Masters of Public Health from Emory University with a concentration in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education and is a Certified Health Education Specialist. Her programmatic interests focus on public health education and message dissemination among vulnerable populations.

Kevin Ard, MD, MPH, Instructor in Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Kevin Ard earned his MD from Washington University in St. Louis and his MPH from Harvard School of Public Health. He completed the Doris and Howard Hoff Residency in Global Health Equity and Internal Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital as well as the fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Brigham and Women’s and Massachusetts General Hospitals. Dr. Ard also served as a chief medical resident at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He is the recipient of the Edward H. Kass award for clinical excellence from the Massachusetts Infectious Disease Society and the Soma Wess award for excellence in teaching from Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Currently, he is a faculty member in the Division of Infectious Diseases of Massachusetts General Hospital and an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ard has written and lectured widely on LGBT health disparities, intimate partner violence in LGBTQ relationships, and HIV prevention. His current interests include LGBT health education, the intersection of clinical medicine and public health, and the care of patients with HIV and hepatitis C.

LGBT HEALTH TRACK:

Session 3 - Improving Sexual Health: Engaging MSM and Transgender Communities in STD Prevention and Treatment

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio F

This session will discuss recent STD rates data and best practices for engaging men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender individuals in STD prevention and treatment services. The workshop is designed to increase participant knowledge of the latest evidence-based practices related to STD prevention and treatment and LGBT cultural competency.

SYNC POINTS

• Identify 3 best practices that they can incorporate into their STD prevention and treatment services for and engagement with LGBT individuals
• Discuss current STD rates among men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender communities
• Explain the importance of cultural competency on LGBT health outcomes
Systems Health Track

Session 1 – Leading HIV Organizations to Fiscal Strength and Sustainability

Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio E

This session will provide strategies for building the fiscal strength and sustainability of HIV organizations and community based organizations. The session will consider the changing healthcare landscape in discussing strategic visioning, risk management assessments, program sustainability mapping, and transitioning from grant funded programming to fee for service models.

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John Winnett, President and Chief WOW! Officer, WOW! Impact Strategies

John is a Social Impact Sector expert. His trademark is helping nonprofits, corporations, foundations, and boards of directors across North America achieve outstanding results in highly competitive environments.

As President & Chief WOW! Officer of WOW! Impact Strategies, John is known for creating controlled chaos throughout the nonprofit sector with his thought provoking, and sometimes controversial, views on how nonprofits should think, act, and govern like successful companies.

As an industry leader in both the nonprofit and political sectors, he empowers organizations across North America to achieve greater impact, push the limits of innovation, and drive aggressive growth strategies.

John serves as a close advisor to numerous nonprofit and corporate executives throughout the United States and Canada. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Dining Out For Life International, an umbrella organization that helps raise more than $4 million dollars annually to support the missions of over 60 HIV/AIDS service organizations across North America. John currently resides in Washington, D.C. with his son, Jackson – a 4 year old Boston Terrier.

Naomi Seiler, JD, Associate Research Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, George Washington University

Ms. Seiler is an Associate Research Professor, Department of Health Policy at George Washington University. Professor Seiler’s research centers on implementation of the Affordable Care Act, focusing on the intersection of health reform and public health. She worked for nearly eight years as Counsel to Rep. Henry Waxman, helping develop public health legislation, including the prevention and wellness provisions of the House health reform bill. She also served as lead House staffer on the reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act and staffed hearings and legislative markups on federal mental health and substance abuse programs, health disparities, and other public health topics. Prior to the Hill, Professor Seiler was a Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics and Health Policy at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; she received her undergraduate degree at Harvard and her law degree at Yale.

Charles “Chuck” J. John, MS, MCRT, MHA, MBA, PhD

Dr. John has more than 15 years of experience in the healthcare and public health industries - with Deloitte & Touche, University of Illinois - Chicago, Argonne National Laboratory, the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota, and Sanofi National Laboratories.

Dr. John is the President of JG Solutions, LLC. He has academic training and teaching experience in health policy and administration, healthcare financing, and emergency response and continuity planning. He has worked directly on the development of programs, training, and curriculum related to public health services, public health preparedness and response. He has performed strategic planning, operations, and financial consulting for hospital, health systems, and academic medical centers. Financial due diligence and litigation support consulting services: healthcare compliance related diagnostic reviews/take assessments and operations improvement services for integrated healthcare delivery systems; and strategic, development, consolidation, and reorganization of primary care physician practices.
This session will discuss the opportunities, challenges, and management strategies of 340B pharmacy programs and program income. As Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients and subrecipients generate increasing amounts of program income from 340B pharmacy programs, managing, budgeting, and allocating program income becomes a critical component of RWHP compliance and organizational sustainability. This session will cover strategies for maximizing program income, allocating and forecasting program income, and remaining compliant with 340B and RWHP standards.

Sync Points:
- Develop strategies to budget and project program income generated from 340B pharmacy programs
- Review case studies of RWHP recipients and subrecipients that have expanded services through effective management of program income

**Systems Health Track:**
**Session 2 – 340B Pharmacy Programs: Budgeting, Tracking, and Maintaining Program Income**

Monday, April 24, 2017, 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM, Studio E

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### Speakers

**Jana Collins, MS, Research Protocol Manager-HIV Programs, Bluegrass Care Clinic, University of Kentucky**

Jana Collins currently serves as the Research Protocol Manager for HIV Programs at the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (SWAP) funded Bluegrass Care Clinic (BCC) at the University of Kentucky, where she has worked in various capacities since 2002. For the past 11 years, she has served as the Program Coordinator/Financial Manager for the RWHP Part C and D programs at the BCC, as well as the Financial Manager for the BCC’s RWHP Part B and AIDS Education Training Center subcontracts.

Jana has presented on various topics nationally including: Budget Development, Data Collection and Management, Sliding Fee Scales and Cap on Charges, Program Income, and Managing Multiple Funding Streams. In addition, she has served as a Fiscal, Administrative, and Technical Assistance consultant for HRSA, participating in diagnostic site visits for Ryan White grantees since 2008. Jana has a Master’s degree from the University of Kentucky Department of Family Studies, with a focus on Family Financial Management and Consumer Issues.

**Kimberly Snyder, Director of Case Management and Support Services, Alder Health Services**

Kimberly Snyder is the Director of Case Management and Support Services at Alder Health. Ms. Snyder earned her bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in psychology from Penn State Harrisburg in 2011. She started as a case manager at Alder Health in 2012 and became Director of Case Management in 2014. Ms. Snyder specializes in individuals infected and affected with HIV/AIDS and individuals who are traditionally marginalized by the health care system. Ms. Snyder has helped to expand the 340B program at Alder Health from just case management patients to those on PEP through the HIV/STD clinic.

**Fungisai Nota, PhD, MPH, CCEP, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Nota Consulting Group, LLC**

Dr. Nota is currently the founder and CEO of Solvency Health Pharmacy—a 340B retail and mail order national pharmacy. At Solvency he is responsible for setting the strategic vision, articulating the finance and compliance structure, as well as business development. Dr. Nota is also the founder and CEO of Nota Consulting Group—a international consulting firm with special focus on the 340B drug discount program, organizational compliance, financial sustainability and overall management consulting services. He also serves as a HRSA fiscal and administrative consultant/auditor. His past experience includes several director level positions in AIDS Service Organizations, Senior Research Fellow at Pennsylvania Department of Health, and as professor of Business and Economics of several colleges and universities. Dr. Nota holds Bachelor’s degrees in Finance, Management and Economics, Master of Science in Economics, a Master’s in Public Health, and a PhD in Applied Economics. In addition, he is Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP).
Systems Health Track

Session 3 – Keeping Your Fiscal House in Order: Complying with Federal Grants Requirements

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio E

This session will focus on the importance of complying with standards for federal grants and implementation of HRSA/HAB fiscal monitoring standards. The session will feature a RWHAP recipient case study to illustrate common challenges of implementing fiscal monitoring standards, especially regarding time and effort reporting, and will present a model practice in responding to HRSA/HAB site visit findings and implementing a corrective action plan.

SYNC POINTS

• Review and assess federal grants requirements to as they apply to RWHAP recipients and subrecipients
• Examine case studies of RWHAP recipients that have adjusted program activities to meet HRSA/HAB compliant standards

Paul H. Calabrese, Senior Manager, Rubino and Company

Mr. Calabrese is the Senior Manager of Rubino & Company. Mr. Calabrese has worked in the government procurement contract arena with the Defense Contract Audit Agency and (3) government contractors. He has worked with Rubino & Company in the consulting group for 20 years serving both the federal contracts and grants communities. With respect to Federal grants, he has developed policies and procedures that are in compliance with the new Uniform Guidance, performed financial sub-recipient monitoring for several Past Through Entities’ sub-grantees, and prepared over (100) indirect cost rate proposals for nonprofits where all resulted in a successful negotiated indirect cost rate. Mr. Calabrese teaches at various venues such as National Grants Management Association, the Greater Washington Society of CPAs, Maryland Association of CPAs and other state societies.

Tammi Kozuch, BS, RN, ACRN (HIV/AIDS Certified Registered Nurse), HIV/AIDS Services Program Manager, Holyoke Health Center

Ms. Kozuch has been working as a Registered Nurse in the field of Substance Abuse and HIV for the last 6 years. She is currently the Program Manager of HIV/AIDS services, OBAT (Office Based Addiction Treatment with Buprenorphine), and Sexually Transmitted Infection Counseling and Testing at Holyoke Health Center in Western Massachusetts. Holyoke Health is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center serving a largely Spanish-speaking population in an urban area of Western Massachusetts.

Ann Poole, Director of Development and Public Health Programs, Holyoke Health Center

Ann has worked in the nonprofit health care sector for over 14 years. Starting her career as a sexual health educator in a family planning clinic in Western Massachusetts, her breadth of experience encompasses direct care service, including performing Counseling and Testing services, as well as high level programmatic design, implementation, evaluation, advocacy, and fiscal analysis. Currently Ann is the Director of Development & Public Health Programs at the Holyoke Health Center, a Federally Qualified Community Health Center located in Holyoke, MA. She is the Ryan White Part C Project Director and oversees all aspects of the program which comprises Ryan White Early Intervention Services for the entire western part of the state.
Black Women's Health Track

This track includes sessions that encompass historical, institutional, societal, and political factors that impact the health and wellbeing of Black women and girls within the context of HIV. Session presenters engage in meaningful conversation and communicate the importance of past and present views of sex and sexuality, give rise to new narratives of an emerging opioid epidemic, and often ignored in this cohort of the population and share strategies for engagement and implementation of a novel PrEP campaign leading to practical prevention and care modalities.

Session 1 – SEX TALK: Investigating the Sexual Development and Sexual Attitudes of Black Women and Girls

Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Potomac 1, Residence Inn

This interactive workshop will encourage audience participation after a brief historical overview of the sexuality of Black women and girls within the context of HIV. Specifically, the workshop will consider the myths, misconceptions, and stereotypes surrounding sexuality, examine ways we learn about sex and how sex and sexuality is interpreted through behavior focusing on key discussion questions and personal stories collected from earlier research interviews.

BLACK WOMEN’S HEALTH TRACK: Session 1 - SEX TALK: Investigating the Sexual Development and Sexual Attitudes of Black Women and Girls

SYNC POINTS

- Examine the stereotypes surrounding Black women’s sexuality
While the opioid epidemic is being addressed at many different levels, much needs to be done to address the unique needs of and its impact on Black women and girls with and at risk of HIV. This workshop will explore what is presently being done to combat the opioid epidemic and examines factors that affect Black women’s path to opioid use, misuse and abuse, including biological and social influences, past experiences, geography, and demographic characteristics as well as discuss the need for engagement with service providers, policymakers and others at the federal, state and local level to ensure equal access to safe and appropriate drug treatment and services.

SYNC POINTS
- Identify the intersection between the opioid epidemic and Black women with and at risk for HIV
Black Women’s Health Track

Session 3 - “Let’s Talk About PrEP”: An Innovative Approach to Educating Black women about PrEP

Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Potomac 1, Residence Inn

This workshop will highlight the innovative campaign launched by the Black Women’s Health Imperative to increase awareness of PrEP among Black women. “Let’s Talk About PrEP” engages women in meaningful conversations about their sexual health and risk for HIV and empowers them to take charge of their sexual health while educating Black women and girls about PrEP through the use of print, digital and new media platforms.

BLACK WOMEN’S HEALTH TRACK:
Session 2 - “Let’s Talk About PrEP”: An Innovative Approach to Educating Black women about PrEP

SYNC POINTS

- Discuss how PrEP impacts the sexual health of Black women.

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TRUVADA is a prescription medicine that can be used for PrEP to help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection when used together with safer sex practices. This use is only for adults who are at high risk of getting HIV-1 through sex. This includes HIV-negative men who have sex with men and women at high risk of getting infected with HIV-1 through sex, and male-female sex partners when one partner has HIV-1 infection and the other does not.

Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to prevent getting HIV-1. Always practice safer sex and use condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids. Never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids on them.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA for PrEP?

Before taking TRUVADA for PrEP to reduce your risk of getting HIV-1 infection:

- You must be HIV-negative. You must get tested to make sure that you do not already have HIV-1 infection. Do not take TRUVADA for PrEP to reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 unless you are confirmed to be HIV-negative.

- Many HIV-1 tests can miss HIV-1 infection in a person who has recently become infected. If you have flu-like symptoms, you could have recently become infected with HIV-1. Tell your healthcare provider if you had a flu-like illness within the last month before starting TRUVADA for PrEP or at any time while taking TRUVADA for PrEP. Symptoms of new HIV-1 infection include tiredness, fever, joint pain, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, dark urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, and/or stomach-area pain.

While taking TRUVADA for PrEP to reduce your risk of getting HIV-1 infection:


- You must stay HIV-negative to keep taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

- To further help reduce your risk of getting HIV-1:
  - Know your HIV-1 status and the HIV-1 status of your partners.
  - Get tested for HIV-1 at least every 6 months or as when your healthcare provider tells you.
  - Get tested for other sexually transmitted infections. Other infections make it easier for HIV-1 to infect you.
  - Get information and support to help reduce risky sexual behavior.
  - Have fewer sex partners.
  - Do not miss any doses of TRUVADA. Missing doses may increase your risk of getting HIV-1 infection.

- If you think you were exposed to HIV-1, tell your healthcare provider right away.

- If you do become HIV-1 positive, you need more medicine than TRUVADA alone to treat HIV-1. TRUVADA by itself is not a complete treatment for HIV-1. If you have HIV-1 and take only TRUVADA, your HIV-1 may become harder to treat over time.

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TRUVADA can cause serious side effects:

- Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis), which is a serious medical emergency. Symptoms of lactic acidosis include weakness or being more tired than usual, unusual muscle pain, being short of breath or fast breathing, nausea, vomiting, stomach-area pain, cold or blue hands and feet, feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or fast or abnormal heartbeats.

- Serious liver problems. Your liver may become large and tender, and you may develop fat in your liver. Symptoms of liver problems include skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark or "tea-colored" urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer nausea, and/or stomach-area pain.

- You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking TRUVADA for a long time. In some cases, these serious conditions have led to death. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of these conditions.

- Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection. If you also have HBV and take TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may become worse. If you stop taking TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may be worse. If you stop taking TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may become worse. If you stop taking TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may become worse.

- Do not take TRUVADA for PrEP if you already have HIV-1 infection or if you do not know your HIV-1 status. If you are HIV-1 positive, you need to take other medicines with TRUVADA to treat HIV-1. TRUVADA by itself is not a complete treatment for HIV-1. If you have HIV-1 and take only TRUVADA, your HIV-1 may become harder to treat over time.

- Do not take TRUVADA for PrEP if you also take lamivudine (Epivir-HBV) or adefovir (HEPSERA).

What are the other possible side effects of TRUVADA for PrEP?

Serious side effects of TRUVADA may also include:

- Kidney problems, including kidney failure. Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to check your kidneys before and during treatment with TRUVADA for PrEP. If you develop kidney problems, your healthcare provider may tell you to stop taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

- Bone problems, including bone pain or bone getting soft or may lead to fractures. Your healthcare provider may do tests to check your bones.

- Changes in body fat, which can happen in people taking TRUVADA or medicines like TRUVADA.

Common side effects in people taking TRUVADA for PrEP are stomach-area (abdomen) pain, headache, and decreased weight. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

With what should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA for PrEP?

All your health problems. Be sure to tell your healthcare provider if you have or have had any bones, or liver problems, including hepatitis virus infection.

- If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if TRUVADA can harm your unborn baby. If you become pregnant while taking TRUVADA for PrEP, talk to your healthcare provider to decide if you should stop taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

- Pregnancy Registry: A registry collects information about your pregnancy and the health of your baby. There is a pregnancy registry for women who take medicines to prevent HIV-1 during pregnancy. For more information about the registry and how it works, talk to your healthcare provider.

- If you are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed. The baby in TRUVADA can pass to your baby in breast milk. If you become HIV-1 positive, HIV-1 can be passed to the baby in breast milk.

Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection. If you also have HBV and take TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may become worse if you stop taking TRUVADA. Before stopping TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may be worse. After stopping TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may become worse. After stopping TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may become worse. After stopping TRUVADA, your hepatitis B may become worse.

If you take other medicines with TRUVADA for PrEP your healthcare provider may need to check you more often or change your dose. These medicines include leuprolide with sofosbuvir (CABOPLIM) and tenofovir with amantadine and lamivudine (AMG 701).

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.FDA.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Have you heard about TRUVADA for PrEP?™

The once-daily prescription medicine that can help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 when used with safer sex practices.

- TRUVADA for PrEP is only for adults who are at high risk of getting HIV through sex.

- You must be HIV-negative before you start taking TRUVADA for PrEP.

Ask your doctor about your risk of getting HIV-1 infection and if TRUVADA for PrEP may be right for you.

Please see Important Facts about TRUVADA for PrEP including important warnings on the following page.

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IMPORTANT FACTS
This is only a brief summary of important information about taking TRUVADA for PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) to help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection. This does not replace talking to your healthcare provider about your medicine.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF TRUVADA FOR PrEP
TRUVADA can cause serious side effects, including:
• Those in the “Most Important Information About TRUVADA for PrEP” section.
• New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure.
• Bone problems.
• Changes in body fat.
Common side effects in people taking TRUVADA for PrEP include stomach-area pain, headache, and decreased weight. These are not all the possible side effects of TRUVADA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new symptoms while taking TRUVADA for PrEP.
Your healthcare provider will need to do tests to monitor your health before and during treatment with TRUVADA for PrEP.

BEFORE TAKING TRUVADA FOR PrEP
Tell your healthcare provider if you:
• Have or have had any kidney trouble, or liver problems, including hepatitis infection.
• Have any other medical conditions.
• Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
• Are breastfeeding (nursing) or plan to breastfeed. Do not breastfeed if you become HIV-1 positive because of the risk of passing HIV-1 to your baby.
Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take:
• Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist about medicines that should not be taken with TRUVADA for PrEP.

HOW TO TAKE TRUVADA FOR PrEP
• Take 1 tablet once a day, every day, no matter what time of day. Do not skip TRUVADA for PrEP if you forget to take any doses.
• Do not stop taking TRUVADA for PrEP without talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to check your health regularly for several months.
You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you:
• Are female, very overweight, or have been taking TRUVADA for a long time.

GET MORE INFORMATION
• This is only a brief summary of important information about TRUVADA for PrEP to help reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection. Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist to learn more, including how to prevent HIV-1 infection.
• Go to start.truvada.com or call 1-800-GILEAD-S.
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