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# Schedule At A Glance

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Plenary Session

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Session 2 – Addressing the Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity
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Session 3 – Addressing Unique Challenges to HIV Prevention for Transgender Persons: SYNCing Evidence with Practice
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Session 4 – Advances and Interventions to End Epidemics: The New Front Line of HIV, HCV, and STD Prevention and Treatment
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Session 3 – Let’s Talk About Sex: Informing the Primary Health Care Experience
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Session 1 – Conquerors: I Am More Than My Experience- A Trauma Informed Care Perspective
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Session 2 - SYNCing Black Feminism with Public Health
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Session 3 - Can We Talk About Me?: Blueprints for Cultural Competency in Black Women’s Health
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Special SYNC Session

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Special Session – Studio B
SYNC 2018’s inaugural Poster Hall will feature content addressing a variety of HIV, HCV, and LGBT health issues across all 8 tracks. Posters will be displayed throughout the Pre-Function space of the Renaissance Arlington Capitol View Hotel for the entire conference. Poster presenters will be available on Monday, April 23 from 5:30 – 6:00pm (during the SYNC reception) to discuss poster content.

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Integrated Prevention Institute

Making Integrated HIV Prevention and Care a Reality: From Planning to Implementation

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 2:00 - 6:00 PM, Studio B

HIV planning has long been an integral part of ensuring comprehensive delivery of HIV services in communities. New guidance is linking HIV prevention and care planning in a more meaningfully and dynamic way. Health departments and community implementers are faced with syncing HIV services and programs while still bound by fiscal requirements and legislative regulations. At the Integrated Planning Institute, health departments, community planners and service implementers will have the opportunity to sync on a variety of topics from planning to implementation of integrated HIV prevention and care services.

In order to get to zero new infections, we must implement and evaluate comprehensive, integrated HIV strategies to achieve health outcomes. Learn new approaches from federal funders and peers on monitoring integration, discuss approaches for making integration organic, and participate in a stakeholder dialogue on the culture of integration at the SYNC 2018 Integrated Planning Institute!

Session 1: Evaluating Progress to Zero: Monitoring and Improvement Mechanisms to Achieve Health Outcomes

Erica Dunbar, MPH, Health Department Program, Division of HIV/AIDS, CDC
Sonya Hunt-Grey, Chief, Western Branch, Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs for the HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, the United States Department of Health and Human Services
John Sapero, Office Chief, HIV Prevention Program, Arizona Department of Health Services
Jose Luis Guzman, Government Co-Chair, San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council

Session 2: Leveraging Strategy and Practice to Realize an Integrated System of HIV Prevention and Care

June Mayfield, MCHES, Program Coordinator for Prevention Program and Integrated Planning, Division of HIV/AIDS, CDC
Kimberly Scott, MSPH, Program Director, HIV Prevention Services Planner, Virginia Department of Health
Leah Varga, PhD, HIV Services Planner, District of Columbia Department of Health
Ka-leef Moore, MHS, Government Co-Chair, Washington DC Regional Planning Commission on Health and HIV

Stakeholder Dialogue: The Culture of Integration

Marcus Stanley, Manager of Capacity Building, HealthHIV
Kevin Jones, MEd, MPH, Executive Director, UCHAPS
Erica Dunbar, MPH, MPH, BS Program Lead, Health Department and CBO (acting) Initiatives Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP), Prevention Program Branch (PPB)

Erica has been a Public Health Advisor in the CDC/DHAP Prevention Program Branch (PPB) since October 2003. She currently serves as the Program Lead for Health Department Initiatives and Community-based Organizations (CBO) Initiatives (acting) as the programmatic lead on the development and implementation activities for the health department and CBO funding announcements for comprehensive HIV prevention programs. In addition to working on the implementation of funding announcements, Erica has served as the program lead or member of several DHAP and PPB initiatives. Prior to her role as Program Lead, Erica served as a PPB Project Officer for numerous jurisdictions. Erica began her career at CDC in 2000 as a Public Health Prevention Specialist. Erica received a Master of Public Health in Environmental Health Sciences and a Bachelor of Science in Biopsychology and Cognitive Sciences from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Sonya Hunt Gray, Chief, Western Branch, Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs for the HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, the United States Department of Health and Human Services

Sonya Hunt Gray has committed her professional career to public health, particularly in the area of combating the ravages of HIV/AIDS in the lives of communities of color. Her commitment spans 33 years of leadership and stewardship on the state, local and international levels, within community and governmental organizations.

Ms. Gray has worked within the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for 27 years. She is currently Chief, Western Branch, Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs for the HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, the United States Department of Health and Human Services. In 2014, she was a member of the pilot team in the development of the HRSA Roots of Health Inequity Course, for which she now serves as Faculty. She recently completed the HUHRSA Adjunct Faculty Program. She serves as the Senior Leader for the DMHAP Trainings, and is a member of the HAB Learning Council. Sonya is the DMHAP Senior Lead on the CDC/HRSA Integrated Planning Core Team.

Ms. Gray began her work in education, prevention and amelioration of HIV/AIDS in Little Rock, Arkansas under the tutelage of Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, (then, Director of Arkansas’ Department of Health) 15th United States Surgeon General. She served as Principal Advisor to Surgeon General Elders on issues of adolescent health and HIV. Sonya has received numerous awards, including the “Woman of the Year” Award from Zonta International in 2005 for her work in addressing HIV/AIDS among women.

Prior to her current position noted above, Ms. Gray spent several years developing a global HIV/AIDS program for the HIV/AIDS Bureau, DHHS. She was a member of the team that developed the plan for the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). For this, Sonya received the Health Resources and Services Administration Administrator’s Award for Excellence for her role in the development of the HRSA Global HIV/AIDS Program.


Julie Hook, MA, MPH is a Consultant at JSI, with over 15 years of experience in health services research and evaluation, project management, and training/technical assistance. She is currently the project director of the HRSA/HAB funded Integrated HIV/AIDS Planning (IHAP) Technical Assistance Center which provides TA and training to support RWHAP Part A and Part recipients and their planning bodies with the implementation and monitoring of their Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plans. From 2014-2016 she was an activity manager for HRSA/HAB funded Affordable Care Act TA Center to build the capacity of RWHAP recipients and funded providers to enroll their clients in health coverage. In this role she led the development of an online self-assessment tool for RWHAP recipients to use to assess their capacity in enrolling clients and the development of a toolkit designed to help RWHAP recipients use data to document, monitor, and improve enrollment of PLWH in health insurance coverage options. From 2007 to 2009, she was a member of the HRSA Data Technical Assistance Center, which provided data management TA to RWHAP recipients for data management, evaluation, and reporting.

John Sapero, Office Chief, HIV Prevention Program, Arizona Department of Health Services

John Sapero is the Office Chief of the HIV Prevention Program for Arizona Department of Health Services. He leads an awesome team that implement innovative, collaborative initiatives designed to end the HIV epidemic in Arizona. John has a long history of working in the Phoenix HIV community, as an educator, director of two AIDS Walks, and volunteer for several HIV organizations. John currently serves as the Chair of the Phoenix EMA Ryan White Part A Planning Council, and as a member of the City of Phoenix Fast-Track Cities Commission, which oversees the local implementation of the UNAIDS Fast-Track Cities Initiative. On July 21st, John will celebrated 29 years living with HIV, and two and a half years living as a trophy husband.
Speakers

Jose Luis Guzman, Government Co-Chair, San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council

Jose Luis Guzman is one of the current Governmental Co-Chairs for the San Francisco EMA HIV Community Planning Council. He has worked on HIV community planning since 2005 as a community member and for the last 3 years as part of the health department. His experience is working with substance using population, and MSM/Transgender comminutes of color.

June Mayfield, Division of HV/AIDS, CDC

June Mayfield is the Project Coordinator for Prevention Programs and HIV Integrated Planning at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where she leads and coordinates Integrated Planning activities with HRSA, she also co-authored the HIV Planning Guidance and the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan Guidance, including the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need, CY 2017-2020. June serves as a subject matter expert to project officers and planning bodies.

Before working at the CDC, June served as the state of Georgia’s, HIV planning group coordinator and as Louisville’s, Kentucky’s health department government co-chair from 1994–2003. While serving as Louisville’s government co-chair for HIV planning group she also served as the Infectious Disease Coordinator at the health department running the HIV prevention program and sexually transmitted disease clinic.

Kimberly Scott, MSPH, Program Director, HIV Prevention Services Planner, Virginia Department of Health

Ms. Scott is currently the Director of HIV Care Services for the Virginia Department of Health. Prior to working at VDH, she was a Senior Program Officer on the Board on Global Health at the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. She has worked in public health for nearly 30 years with an emphasis on domestic and international services planning, delivery, policy analysis, program evaluation, and health systems strengthening; 25 years has focused mostly on HIV.

Leah Varga, PhD, HIV Services Planner, District of Columbia Department of Health

Leah Varga is the HIV Services Planner, for the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration at the District of Columbia’s Department of Health. She is responsible for developing and implementing plans to increase HIV services in underserved areas and conduct needs assessments to identify gaps and determine funding priorities for services. She has over 20 years of experiences in HIV prevention and treatment research with minority populations serving as a recruiter, field coordinator, data collector, interventionist, and project director on various federal projects. This exposure influenced her interest in the role race/ethnicity, discrimination, socioeconomic status, and structural issues have on health and the experience of health. She earned her PhD at the University of Miami where she specialized in Medical Sociology and Race and Ethnic Relations.
Ka-leef Morse, MHS, Government Co-Chair, Metropolitan Regional

Ka-leef Stanton Morse is an innovative, high performing and energizing administrator with over 15 years of professionally progressive experience. Since launching his career in 2001, Kaleef has collaborated with a wide range of partners to manage change and implement solutions. Kaleef served as the Health & Research Program Manager for the Newark, NJ EMA (Eligible Metropolitan Area) HIV Health Services Planning Council from 2008-2015. There he led efforts that supported the Planning Council’s mission to plan for the development, implementation and continual improvement of the health care and treatment services for People Living with and Affected by HIV in the five New Jersey counties of Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and Warren. Kaleef left Jersey to join the DC Department of Health in July 2015 as a Management Analyst. In January 2016, Kaleef was promoted to Manager of the Planning Council Support Unit and was appointed by DC Mayor Muriel Bowser to serve as Government Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Regional Ryan White Planning Council for the Washington, DC Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). Kaleef earned his Master of Human Services (MHS) degree with a concentration in Administration from The Lincoln University of Pennsylvania in May 2014 and is currently working on a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at the University of the District of Columbia. As a Health and Human Services professional with a plethora of experience, Kaleef brings a mixture of direct service, administrative management, and collaborative expertise coupled with imagination, energy, and a warm spirit.

Marcus Stanley, HealthHIV

Mr. Stanley has dedicated over 15 years to public health. He began his career as a peer health educator and HIV tester/counselor for Georgia Southern University’s Health Education and Promotion Department. Mr. Stanley has spent most of his career working in the field of HIV locally, regionally and nationally. He is currently pursuing his Masters of Public Health (MPH) from Emory University, with a concentration in Prevention Science. Mr. Stanley works for HealthHIV as Capacity Building Assistance Manager, providing technical assistance to local and state health department and community based organizations. He also serves as the HIV Prevention Action Coalition (HPAC) co-chair, a member of the DC HIV Prevention Planning Group (HPPG), and HPPG Integration Committee Co-chair.

Kevin Jones, UCHAPS

Kevin Jones serves as Executive Director of UCHAPS, a national coalition of health department and community members committed to improving public health and reducing HIV infections through collaboration based on key indicators in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. His extensive work in public health encompasses health advocacy, academic and community research, performance measurement and evaluation, and nonprofit executive leadership. For 15 years, he has worked to build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to use data and participatory community engagement and involvement to improve practices and inform strategies. Prior to joining UCHAPS, Kevin served in leadership roles at the D.C. Promise Neighborhood Initiative, Metro TeenAIDS and the University of Pennsylvania’s Perelman School of Medicine. Kevin is from Detroit, Michigan. He is a proud graduate of the University of Michigan and received master’s degrees from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and the University of Pennsylvania.
PrEP Institute

PrEP: Removing Barriers, Driving Solutions, Advancing Innovation

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Studio E

The institute will provide a roadmap for engaging clients currently using and those considering PrEP usage. There will be emphasis on local efforts to locate and engage clients that may benefit from PrEP with tailored messages and interventions; along with national campaigns that have significant impact with various communities. Finally the institute will conclude with an intimate conversation about sex and PrEP.

Session 1: This is NOT a Drill: Now is the Time to Reach Those at Risk
DeMarc Hickson, PhD, MPH, Executive Director, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.
Angel Luis Hernandez, HIV/AIDS Prevention Counselor / Advocate, InterAmerican University
Damon L. Jacobs, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Private Psychotherapy Practice

Session 2: An HIV Prevention Medication: Reducing the Risk of Acquiring HIV-1 Infection in MSM and Transgender Women
Christopher Roberson, MS, AP, RN, BC, AGNP, Institute of Human Virology (IHV), Jacques Initiative Clinic, Evelyn Jordan Center

Session 3: Call to Engagement: Addressing Emotional, Social, Psychological, and Behavioral Well-being in PrEP Adherence
Michael Tyler Ramos, MSW, LCSW, CAADC

Session 4: An Intimate Conversation-Sex Positivity & PrEP
Panel Facilitators: Ken Pettigrew, Terrance Payton and Anthony Fox (DC Department of Health/HAHSTA)
Community Panelists: Tifpane Riley, Rev. E. Taylor Doctor, Pastor Adelphia Johnson, Joseph D. Williams (aka "The Misunderstood Social Worker") and Kahlib Barton
PrEP Institute: PrEP: Removing Barriers, Driving Solutions, Advancing Innovation

Dr. DeMarc Hickson, MPH, DrPH, Executive Director, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.

Dr. DeMarc Hickson currently serves as Executive Director of Us Helping Us, People Into Living Inc. Before on boarding at Us Helping Us in June 2017, he served as Chief Operating Officer at My Brother’s Keeper, Inc & Open Arms Health Care Center. In addition, he served 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. Dr. Hickson’s work includes community-based advocacy and environmental and policy systems changes that are effectively informed by a comprehensive program of health disparities and health equity research into the salient lifecourse, psychosocial and multilevel factors that impact HIV/AIDS, and its risk factors, along with other chronic diseases, among racial and sexual minorities in the Southeastern United States. He currently serves as principal investigator of several federal and foundational funded high-impact prevention programs, research studies and environmental and policy change initiatives that aim to understand the underlying determinants of health, improve the local healthcare systems, and create a culture of health and wellness in the greater Washington, DC area and beyond.

Angel Luis Hernandez, BA, HIV/AIDS Prevention Counselor / Advocate, InterAmerican University

Angel was born and raised in Orocovis, a small rural town located right in the center of the Puerto Rico. He now lives in Arecibo. Angel is number nine of 16 siblings. he has been an active member of his local Community Advisory Board. Since 2010, Angel has been involved as a representative of persons living with HIV and AIDS in various boards and organizations. He believes there is still a need for much more of the most basic education about HIV. Angel is an advocate to empower persons living with HIV and AIDS. As HIV Community Educator/Advocate, he has received scholarships to attend various national and international conferences: USCA; POSITIVE LIVING; International Conference on AIDS; CROI. Angel helps members of the general community understand the science of HIV/AIDS to ensure community concerns are considered, and to serve as a voice for the community and study participants.

Damon L. Jacobs, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Private Psychotherapy Practice

Damon L. Jacobs is a New York-based Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and HIV prevention specialist who focuses his work on health, love, and pleasure. Through his clinical work, Damon has spent two decades helping couples and individuals create joyful and sustainable relationships. He is also the author of the books RATIONAL RELATING and ABSOLUTELY SHOULD-LESS. He is best known for championing the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) through his work on social media, news print, broadcast appearances, including The New York Times, USA Today, MSNBC, NPR, Vice News, and more. He is featured as one of 35 “Leading HIV Activists” by The Advocate Magazine, one of the Top 10 “Influential Voices in HIV/AIDS for 2016” by Healthline Magazine, part of the “HIV Heroes” series through Metrouserce Magazine, and one of the Ten “Most Captivating Voices of 2014” by HIV Equal. He was honored to receive a Commissioner Special Recognition Award for his work through the New York State Department of Health in 2016.

Christopher Roberson, MS, AP RN, BC, AGNP, Institute of Human Virology (IHV), Jacques Initiative Clinic, Evelyn Jordan Center

Christopher is a nurse practitioner in Baltimore, MD. He specializes in adult health nursing and is a certified HIV specialist with the Institute of Human Virology University of Maryland (IHV/MD) Jacques Initiative and Evelyn Jordan Center. He is also a nurse educator with the IHV/MD AIDS Education and Training Center. His patient care focus includes men who have sex with men, persons of color, transgender individuals, and women.

Chris studied nursing at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.
Michael Tyler Ramos, MSW, LCSW, CAADC


Michael utilizes a multi-faceted theoretical approach to treatment that includes psychodynamic, relational and harm reduction as well as motivational interviewing, solution focusing and family systems therapy. Michael is bi-lingual in Spanish, and has worked in both the private and public sector providing mental health services to children, adolescents and adults battling issues surrounding ADHD, ASD and ODD, LGBTQ-based services, public health issues, family and couple counseling, and other mental health illnesses/disorders.

Beginning in 2011, Michael has helped author several articles as well as presented across the United States on topics surrounding LGBTQ-related issues, transmission of and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS, and sociological topics regarding daily life for a LGBTQ person.

PANEL FACILITATOR: Ken Pettigrew (DC Department of Health/HAHSTA)

Kenneth J. Pettigrew: Ken currently works at the District of Columbia Health Department in the HIV, Hepatitis, AIDS, Tuberculosis, and STD Administration (HAHSTA) as the Supervisor/Program Manager for a CDC demonstration project. The goal of the project is to create a system of care for men who have sex with men and transgender persons of color within the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia metropolitan area. Using the whole person health model, this system will address access to HIV treatment/care, behavioral health and other social services. He has been involved in sexual minority health, advocacy, education and public health for over 20 years. Ken is a native of Chicago Illinois; he moved to Washington DC in 1989 in pursuit of professional growth and development. His early work in Washington DC includes management in banking and telecommunications. It was during those early years he developed an understanding of importance of customer needs and customer satisfaction. Ken began working with gay men in the late nineties as a volunteer facilitator for a local gay men’s discussion group. In 2000 Ken accessed services at local a HIV community based organization, Us Helping Us, People Into Living. Shortly after his experience as a client, he immediately began volunteering to assist in a variety of functions, thus tapping into his passion, helping others. In 2005 Ken became Director of Programs, managing programs and services targeting black gay/bisexual men at the very same agency he started at as a client. During his tenure as Director of Programs was responsible for the increases in the number of black gay men and transgender persons who typically would not access programs and services at local community based organizations (hard to reach individuals). In June 2011, Ken left Us Helping Us to become Chief of Program at Metro Teen AIDS, an organization dedicated to serving youth within the District of Columbia. As Chief of Programs, from June 2011 to November 2012, he was responsible for the oversight of all program departments including: Prevention; Clinical Services; Evaluation and School Services. In 2013 he joined the Wanda Alston Foundation where he was responsible creating and maintaining innovative programming for LGBTQ youth who may be at risk for or experience homelessness. As an ongoing consultant for many years, he has provided capacity building and subject expert consultation to such agencies as the American Psychological Association, Stroger Hospital of Cook County-Chicago Il- Department of Psychiatry and ABT and Associates. Ken remains committed to serving the community by sitting within various boards and committees including the local HIV community plan group and HIV Vaccine Trial Network (HVTN) working group. He is a 2005 graduate of CDC’s Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership.
PANEL FACILITATOR: Terrance Payton (DC Department of Health/HAHSTA)

Terrance Payton is currently employed with DC Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA) as a Public Health Services Specialist/Community Liaison for the Improve Measureable Participation and Access to Care and Treatment project (IMPACT DMV). IMPACT DMV is a regional project aiming to establish a system of care for men who have sex with men and transgender persons of color in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Terrance’s journey in HIV prevention began with Friends 4 A Cause and The Ernest M. Bradley Center. Both were organizations working to increase awareness of HIV in the African American community via performance and visual arts integration. His interests in community engagement would continue in working with Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc. as a volunteer community outreach worker. Terrance later joined the staff of Us Helping Us where he served last as the Manager of Prevention Programs. Terrance is also a founder of Project Healthy Living - The ManDate. ManDate is an organization working to create healthier whole-life outcomes for African-American gay and bisexual men and their social and sexual networks.

PANEL FACILITATOR: Anthony Fox (DC Department of Health/HAHSTA)

With over twenty eight years of experience working in the Public Health and Health Care arena, Anthony Fox has worked in many capacities across many sectors of the United States. Currently, he serves as the Division Chief over the Capacity Building, Partnerships, Housing and Community Outreach Division within the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration for the District of Columbia Department of Health. In this role, Fox is responsible for the administration and oversight of all housing, training, partnerships, capacity building and technical assistance activities within the total administration. Most recently, he served as the Deputy Director for the Bureau of Chronic Disease at the Mississippi State Department of Health and was responsible for the administration and oversight of all categorically funded chronic disease specific programs (i.e., cancer, diabetes, arthritis, heart disease and stroke). Anthony Fox is a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC) for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Organizational Management (Crichton College), Master of Science degree in Community Counseling (Jackson State University), and is currently completing the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Counselor Education and Supervision (Walden University). His journey has been replete with efforts to empower, improve, and build up the African-American, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities. He endeavors that our community to be mentally healthy as well as physically healthy.

COMMUNITY PANELIST: Tifpane Riley

Tifphane Walker-Riley, MFT, MEd, PhDc, is a native of Philadelphia and a Clinical Sexologist and Marriage and Family Therapist, and also a doctoral candidate. While relationships in general are interesting to Tifphane, her research interests are norms around gender presentation, sexual identity development, communication in relationships, sexual freedom and the intersections of gender, sexuality and race for LGBTQ people of color. Currently, Tifphane works as an Individual, Couple and Sex therapist at 2 private practices in DC; Achieving Joy private practice in Northeast DC and Keith Miller Counseling in Dupont circle. Prior to moving to the DMV in December 2015, she was also employed as a part-time therapist at The Attic Youth Center for 3 years, which is an agency in Philadelphia that provides a range of supportive services for LGBTQ youth, such as addressing relationship, intimacy or sexual identity issues, improving self-esteem and dealing with lack of family support. Tifphane received her Bachelor’s in Psychology with a minor in African studies from Temple University in 2004, her Masters in Couple and Family Therapy from Drexel University in 2010, Masters of Education from Widener University in 2015 and is currently completing her PhD in Human Sexuality at Widener University, with an expected graduation date of May 2019. Tifphane’s dissertation focuses on heteronormative gender roles norms & gender presentation in Black lesbian couples. As a Sex Therapist, Tifphane plans to use her interest in helping underprivileged and underserved populations to open a private practice for low-income communities of color and LGBTQ individuals, couples and families. Tifphane is a member of the AAMFT (American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy) and the ABSC (Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians). Tifphane has presented at conferences locally and nationally on topics such as Low Sexual Desire in Lesbian Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse and Gender Role Norms in LGBT Relationships. Tifphane has also guest lectured at universities such as George Washington University, Drexel University and LaSalle University on topics such as Working with Same Sex Couples in Therapy and Transgender Sensitivity and Awareness in Schools and the Workplace. For more information Ms. Tifphane Walker-Riley can be reached at Twalkernriley@gmail.com.
COMMUNITY PANELIST: Kahlib Barton

Kahlib Barton is currently serving as a Program Officer with True Colors Fund after completing his tenure with Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc as the PrEP Program Coordinator. Kahlib is also a Public Health capacity building specialist and queer activist who has done work with Gilead Sciences, NMAC, and AIDS Healthcare Foundation. He is a former Co-Chair of the Young Black Gay Men’s Leadership Initiative and a former National Youth Forum member.

In addition to Kahlib’s advocacy efforts, he is a member of the Ballroom Community in the House of Garcon and a passionate thespian who is motivated by ARTivism. Prior to moving to Washington, DC, he worked with youth to create stage plays that were performed in Kinkster Magazine and host of other accolades. In September of 2017, Joseph Williams, aka The Misunderstood Social Worker was sought by Iyanla Vanzant to assist with her “Brunch With Iyanla” event to discuss the topic of Trust and Repairing a Broken Marriage. Joseph has worked with the likes of internet sensation and actress TS Madison, CNN’s Michaela Angela Davis and Jonathan Bodrick of FYI’s Reality Show B.O.R.N to Style. Joseph D. Williams maintains a Live Vlog on Facebook called The Misunderstood Social Worker’s Nightly Reflection where he explores Self Love and healing for all people through Radical forms of Psycho Education and therapeutic exploration. His goal is to heal people One issue at a time.

COMMUNITY PANELIST: Pastor Adelphia Johnson

Pastor Adelphia Johnson comes to SMYAL with over 8 years of program experience in the non-profit arena specifically in the Sexual Reproductive Health and Youth Development fields. Although a native Washingtonian, Adelphia completed her education in Prince George’s County Public Schools and earned her Master of Divinity from The Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. Through partnerships and working with DCPS, DCCPS, recreation centers, faith based institutions and a variety of other CBO’s and non-profits, Adelphia has been able to create, support, provide and implement safe spaces and developmentally appropriate programming to support youth in the DMV. As the Programs Director at SMYAL, Adelphia is committed to providing safe spaces for all LGBTQ youth to celebrate who they are and to walk authentically in their truth. In addition to the community based work Adelphia supports, Adelphia also is ordained through the UCC and serves as the Assistant Pastor of The Community Church of Washington, DC – UCC. Adelphia believes that helping individuals to reconcile their spirituality and sexuality provides opportunities for persons to explore gender identity/expression, sexual orientation and other topics that faith communities shy away from. When not working, Adelphia enjoys traveling, spending time with her children/family/friends, and engaging in new experiences. Pronouns: she/her/hers.

COMMUNITY PANELIST: Joseph D. Williams (aka ‘The Misunderstood Social Worker’)

Joseph D. Williams, MSW, LGSW; AKA, The Misunderstood Social Worker is a licensed Master Level Social Worker in The District of Columbia. Joseph comes with over 16 years of experience in working with adjudicated youth, foster teens, and the LGBTQ Community as well as providing individual and group therapy to adolescents suffering from Oppositional Defiant Disorder, ADHD, Emotional Disturbances, and Bipolar I & II and Depression.

By incorporating traditional, artistic, and out-of-box clinical approaches to treatment, Joseph has been highly sought after by an array of school programs, mental health clinics, and consultant groups for services and clinical consultation. A Poet, A Vlogger, Engaging, Community Connected & Creatively Driven; Joseph’s stance on treatment is to, “heal yourself, one issue at a time. The real work begins with acknowledging your fear, and later confronting it. Furthermore, there is no set way of healing oneself, so all clinical, and artistic methods can be applied.”

Joseph Williams, MSW, LGSW has been awarded by the District of Columbia’s Child And Family Services Agency for his diligence of service for Foster Care Youth as well as the G-List Society Top 100 LGBTQ Influencers of 2015, 2016 & 2017 as well as Featured in Kinkster Magazine and host of other accolades. In September of 2017, Joseph Williams, aka The Misunderstood Social Worker was sought by Iyanla Vanzant to assist with her ‘Brunch With Iyanla’ event to discuss the topic of Trust and Repairing a Broken Marriage. Joseph has worked with the likes of internet sensation and actress TS Madison, CNN’s Michaela Angela Davis and Jonathan Bodrick of FYI’s Reality Show B.O.R.N to Style. Joseph D. Williams maintains a Live Vlog on Facebook called The Misunderstood Social Worker’s Nightly Reflection where he explores Self Love and healing for all people through Radical forms of Psycho Education and therapeutic exploration. His goal is to heal people One issue at a time.
Women's Health Institute
Stratosphere: A Holistic Vision for Women's Health

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Studio C

The women's pre-conference institute will focus on unifying all women through health. This four-hour session will focus on the importance of holistic care for women by delving into topics including reproductive health, mental health and wellbeing as well as empowerment, politics and discrimination. We look forward to bringing all women together to celebrate our commonalities and differences.

Session 1: Unapologetic: Let’s Talk About Sex & Reproductive Health
Kelli Garcia, JD, PhD, Director of Reproductive Justice Initiatives and Senior Counsel, National Women’s Law Center
Charlene Flash, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine

Session 2: The State of Mind: HerCARE
Deborah Levine, LCSW, ACSW, GMH/C, Senior Managing Director, Love Heals Youth Initiatives, ACRIA at GMH/C
Madeline Halpert, Policy and Program Analyst, Mental Health America
Jennifer Ann Bishop, ScD, MPH, Office on Women’s Health

Session 3: Leading Like a Lady, Empower Like a Woman: Investment in Women’s Health
Alisha Stewart, HealthHIV
Valerie Wojciechowicz, Peer Program Manager, CAN Community Health
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Kelli Garcia, JD, PhD, Director of Reproductive Justice Initiatives and Senior Counsel, National Women’s Law Center

Kelli Garcia is Director of Reproductive Justice Initiatives and Senior Counsel. She works on a range of issues to advance reproductive justice and ensure that all people are able to make decisions about their bodies, health, sexuality, and families with dignity and autonomy. Prior to joining the Center, Dr. Garcia was a law fellow at the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, where she worked on scholarship related to global health and human rights and health care reform. Dr. Garcia was also an Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fellow at Yale Law School and previously worked at the Center where she began as a fellow and was promoted to counsel. Dr. Garcia is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Law School. She also holds a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Charlene Flash, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine

Dr. Flash is the Associate Chief Medical Officer for Legacy Community Health, the largest Federally Qualified Health Center in Houston, TX. A highly sought-after national expert on the implementation of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to high-risk heterosexuals and men who have sex with men (MSM) in a real-world setting outside the context of a demonstration project or clinical trial. Dr. Flash served as the Assistant Medical Director of HIV Prevention Services for Harris Health System and provided primary care to a large panel of patients with HIV at Thomas Street Health Center. Dr. Flash complements her administrative and clinical engagement with research on HIV testing, prevention and treatment, health care disparities and implementation science. She maintains a voluntary clinical faculty appointment at Baylor College of Medicine as an Assistant Professor of Medicine. Dr. Flash is a graduate of Yale University and of Rutgers –Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Flash received her master’s in public health from Rutgers School of Public Health. Dr. Flash completed Medicine-Pediatrics residency at Brown University and adult infectious disease fellowship at Harvard - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Deborah Levine, LCSW, ACSW, GMHC, Senior Managing Director, Love Heals Youth Initiatives, ACRIA at GMHC

Deborah A. Levine, LCSW has over 30 years of experience in public policy, health education and community development. She has served as a senior manager for regional and national organizations such as Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc., ACRIA along with serving as the Executive Director of Love Heals, the Alison Gertz Foundation for AIDS Education, Inc. Currently, she serves as the Senior Managing Director of the Love Heals Youth and Family Center at GMHC.

A founding Board Member and National Secretary/Communications Director of the National Black Women’s HIV/AIDS Network, Ms. Levine is the Non-Clinical Co-Chair of the NYC DOHMH’s New York Knows HIV Testing Initiative and is a member of the #beHIV-Sure NYC LGBTQ Steering Committee, the ETE Women’s Recommendation Subcommittee and serves at the current Chair for the NYCDOHMH Women’s Advisory Board #LivingSure.

Ms. Levine earned her Master’s in Clinical Social Work from NYU and completed her post graduate program at Hunter College and Columbia University.
Madeline Halpern, Baylor College of Medicine

Madeline Halpern is MHA’s Policy and Programs Analyst. Madeline manages MHA’s online screening program, which has over 3 million completed screens since 2015, with nearly 75% coming from women. As part of her work on the screening program, she provides data analysis and research for programs such as MHA’s annual State of Mental Health in America and MHA’s workplace wellness report, Mind the Workplace. Madeline attended Rutgers University for her bachelors degree in health and environmental policy, where she conducted research on several public health topics, including maternal prenatal health.

Alisha Stewart, HealthHIV

Alisha Stewart, Director of Finance and Administration for HealthHIV, has over 35 years of combined public and private fiscal management experience. Working collaboratively with the Executive Director and team of Senior Directors, Alisha oversees accounting, budget reporting, auditing coordination, and deliverables for the organization. She is responsible for managing large federal grants and subcontracts, while also providing leadership and guidance on compliance regulations. Her passion includes advocating for community wealth equity opportunities for underserved social groups. Alisha provides training, seminars and workshops on various financial topics, and is initiating structured collaborative programs throughout the mainstream of Community & Economic Wealth Building sectors. She is a licensed Life & Health Insurance Provider and has been awarded the professional designation of Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC®) from the College of Financial Planners.

Valerie Wojciechowicz, Peer Program Manager, CAN Community Health

Valerie has overcome many obstacles in her life including addiction and obesity. These challenges, and living with HIV for 31 years, have made her passionate about making a difference through advocacy and education. She has had the honor of serving on many local, statewide and national Boards and Committees. In addition to providing services as a Peer Navigator, Speaker, Trainer and Fitness Professional, she has been instrumental in designing and implementing Peer Programs in Florida, and manages the Peer Program throughout CAN Community Health’s clinics. She works tirelessly to eliminate stigma, empower and help improve the quality of life for others living with HIV & AIDS. Valerie has a National presence as a speaker and facilitator, but enjoys digging in the dirt and spending time with her fabulous dog, so today her focus is local. She participates in The SMART Ride (165-mile bike ride) each year, committing 100% of the funds raised to HIV and AIDS services and enjoys fitness-related activities in her spare time.

Jennifer Ann Bishop, ScD, MPH, Office on Women’s Health

Jennifer Bishop is the Director of the Division of Strategic Communications in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Women’s Health. Dr. Bishop has over 19 years of experience working in health communication, health policy development, and program evaluation in the federal government and private sector. Dr. Bishop has experience designing and evaluating health promotion materials for the National Cancer Institute and the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Additionally, she served as the multicultural program director for the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, where she oversaw multicultural advertising and outreach, new media initiatives, and a variety of other community and partnership initiatives, including the development of drug abuse prevention messaging targeted to parents.

Dr. Bishop is a graduate of Cornell University and has a masters of public health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Dr. Bishop earned her doctorate of science in health communication and social policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. Her research explores the role of health communication in the production and elimination of health disparities. She is a past member of the Fairfax County Human Services Council and serves as an adjunct faculty member for the advanced academic masters of arts in communications program at the Johns Hopkins University Krieger School of Arts and Sciences.
Plenary Session 1

SYNCing Strategy with Implementation: Healthcare Government Agencies and National Initiatives

Monday, April 23, 2018, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Grand Ballroom

This plenary session will provide a platform to understand the SYNCing between federal agencies and divisions in the development of a coordinate 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 directions/redirections and ultimately program development. It takes significant coordination with the federal healthcare agencies to leverage strategies and resource to achieve and exceed programmatic outcomes across the care continuum.

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SYNC POINTS

- Describe federal agencies’ healthcare priorities and strategies to advance health outcomes in the changing healthcare and political landscape
- Identify priorities for collaboration and coordination between government agencies and national strategies
- Articulate limitations inhibiting coordination among federal agencies
- Discuss how strategies are being implemented and the progress made on achieving the intended outcomes
Jonathan Mermin, MD, MPH (RADM, USPHS), Director, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Mermin is the Director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), and a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service. He oversees the nation’s efforts to prevent HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis. These infections affect millions of Americans and cause tens of thousands of deaths each year. NCHHSTP focuses on high impact prevention strategies that are cost-effective, scalable, and grounded in the latest research. These strategies save lives, save money, reduce health disparities, and protect the health of all Americans.

From 2009-2013, Dr. Mermin directed CDC’s Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, overseeing the agency’s HIV efforts in the United States. He previously served as Director of CDC-Kenya and HHS Public Health Attaché for the U.S. Embassy from 2006-2009, and as Director of CDC-Uganda from 1999-2006. In Uganda, he oversaw implementation of the first antiretroviral treatment program funded by CDC outside of the United States, gaining practical experience for PEPFAR and supporting widespread HIV treatment efforts in developing countries.

Dr. Mermin began his career at CDC in 1995 as an EIS officer with the Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch. He completed an internal medicine residency at San Francisco General Hospital and a preventive medicine residency at CDC and the California Department of Health Services. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Stanford University School of Medicine, and received his MPH from Emory University. He has co-authored more than 200 scientific articles and book chapters. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at Emory University School of Public Health.

Bruce Altman, JD, Director, Division of Policy Innovation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Brian Altman currently serves as both the Director of the Division of Policy Innovation (DPI) and the Acting Director of Legislation at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an operating division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As the DPI Director, Altman helps drive policy innovation in the field of behavioral health and provides policy counsel on major initiatives such as the agency’s budget and strategic priorities. Altman also helps develop appropriate responses to policy inquiries from the Department of Health and Human Services, other federal agencies, the White House and external stakeholders. Altman also helps lead SAMHSA’s efforts related to regulatory affairs, and the intersection of behavioral health with LGBT and aging populations.

Prior to joining SAMHSA, Altman was a senior government relations manager in Drinker Biddle & Reath’s Government Relations & Regulatory Affairs Practice Group. Altman represented a broad range of health care clients, including medical device corporations, professional associations, hospitals, community-based providers, public health advocacy organizations, and social science research entities. He provided clients with strategic counsel on a variety of policy and advocacy issues.

Before joining Drinker Biddle & Reath, Altman was the Director of Public Policy at the Suicide Prevention Action Network USA (SPAN USA), a division of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), where he directed public policy initiatives, initiated and maintained relationships with other national organizations, coalitions and federal elected and appointed officials, and provided advocacy training. Altman also served as the Acting Chief Operating Officer of SPAN USA, providing strategic guidance and operational management during the organization’s transition from an independent nonprofit to a division of AFSP.

Prior to joining SPAN USA, Altman served as legislative representative for the American Counseling Association (ACA), where he advocated on behalf of licensed professional counselors on Capitol Hill and with the administration, and handled issues such as Medicare reimbursement and independent practice authority in TRICARE. Altman also served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Claire V. Eagan, Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and as political action committee manager for the American Forest and Paper Association.

Altman graduated from Duke University, cum laude, with a B.A. in public policy studies and received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.
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 Speakers

Rich Wolitski, PhD, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy, Health and Human Services

Richard Wolitski, PhD, is the Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This office is responsible for developing, coordinating, and supporting the implementation of policies, programs, and activities related to HIV, viral hepatitis, other infectious diseases of public health significance, as well as the safety and availability of blood and tissue products. Dr. Wolitski has worked for three decades as a researcher studying HIV, viral hepatitis, and STD risks and prevention among gay and bisexual men, people who inject drugs, and other populations. He is the author of more than 130 scientific articles, chapters, and reports and has co-edited three books. He earned his PhD in community psychology from Georgia State University and his master’s degree in psychology from California State University, Long Beach.

Laura Cheever, MD, ScM, Associate Administrator, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration

Laura W. Cheever, MD, ScM is the Associate Administrator of the HIV/AIDS Bureau at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). She provides leadership and technical expertise in the administration of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, which serves over half a million people living with HIV domestically, and in HRSA’s global HIV/AIDS program. Prior to holding this position, she served as the national director of HRSA’s Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program AIDS Education and Training Center program. Her experience also included time as a member of Baltimore’s Ryan White Planning Council, leading a program to deliver HIV specialty care throughout rural parts of Maryland, and medical director of a methadone based substance abuse treatment program.

Dr. Cheever is board certified in infectious diseases and continues to see patients. Her primary goals are increasing access to and retention in HIV care, improving patient outcomes, and integrating HIV prevention, Hepatitis C treatment, and substance abuse treatment into HIV primary care. She has trained at Johns Hopkins University, the University of California, San Francisco, and Brown University.

Donna E. Sweet, MD, AAHIVS, MACP

Dr. Sweet is a Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. In 2015, Dr. Sweet was awarded an honorary doctorate from Wichita State University in recognition of her 35 years of service to patients with AIDS/HIV, as well as her contributions to health care as a clinical educator. She is certified as an HIV specialist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine of which she is a past board Chair. In addition to her long time participation on the COLA board, a laboratory accreditation 501C3 entity, she is chair of the national HarborPath board, an organization that assists patients in accessing HIV, Hepatitis and cancer treatment medication as well as some other chronic medications. She is also a member of the National Health HIV Board. She has an HIV program in her clinic with federal Ryan White Parts B, C and D funds where she cares for approximately 1300 patients.

Judith Steinberg, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration

Judith Steinberg is the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). As CMO, Dr. Steinberg steers and oversees the clinical focus and content of the health center program and its policies, along with ensuring the Bureau’s activities are aligned with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ strategic public health priorities. She has had more than 25 years of experience in primary care and infectious disease, including caring for patients and serving as medical director at community health centers in Boston. Dr. Steinberg is also a clinical associate professor of family medicine and community health at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Medical School.

Dr. Steinberg earned her medical degree from the University of Texas, and completed a residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, as well as an infectious disease fellowship at Beth Israel/Brigham and Women’s Hospitals in Boston. She was a fellow in minority health policy and received a master’s degree in public health from Harvard University.
Plenary Session 2

Addressing the Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity

Monday, April 23, 2018, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM, Grand Ballroom

This plenary expands our understanding of how addressing the social determinants of health improves health outcomes in communities. Our conversation will include how social determinants of health interventions in housing, health and education have the potential to address critical behavioral health issues impacting the country. In addition, the conversation will offer strategies that promote health equity.

PLENARY SESSION 2:
Addressing the Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity

SYNC POINTS
• Understand the impact of social determinants of health on the individual and community level
• Discuss how addressing social determinants in health programming and services advances health equity
• Identify national HIV prevention and care programs created to affect optimal community health
Plenary Session 2: Addressing the Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity

Speakers

Eugene McCray, MD, Director of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. McCray is the Director of CDC’s Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) and is responsible for U.S. domestic HIV prevention activities, budget, and policy. More specifically, Dr. McCray oversees program, research, surveillance, and communications activities that will have the greatest effect on reducing HIV incidence and improving health equity.

Dr. McCray began his career at CDC in 1983 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and has since served in various capacities throughout the agency with increasing levels of scientific, programmatic, and management responsibilities. Before joining DHAP in 2014, he served as a Medical Epidemiologist and Chief of the International Research and Programs Branch in the Division of Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination and was the first Director for CDC’s Global AIDS Program from 2000 to 2004.

Dr. McCray completed his clinical training in internal medicine at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and completed an Infectious Diseases Fellowship at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. He has published numerous scholarly articles on public health, concerning TB, HIV and AIDS.

Dr. McCray has been deserving of numerous awards for his scientific and public health contributions – including the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) highest honor award, the PhD Distinguished Service Medal, and the CDC highest honor award, the William C. Watson Medal of Excellence.

William L. Jeffries IV, PhD, MPH, MA, Associate Chief for Science, Capacity Building Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. William L. Jeffries IV currently serves as Associate Chief for Science in the Capacity Building Branch within CDC’s Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. His research focuses on fundamental causes of health problems that disproportionately affect racial/ethnic and sexual minorities. He leads CDC programmatic activities to improve HIV service delivery for these populations and, ultimately, promote health equity. Dr. Jeffries earned his MA in sociology (2006), MPH in social and behavioral sciences (2008), and PhD in sociology (2009) at the University of Florida.

Guillermo Chacon, President of the Latino Commission on AIDS, and founder of the Hispanic Health Network

In March 2016 New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Guillermo as Chair of the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) Community Advisory Board through December 31, 2017.

In October 2014 New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed him to serve on the statewide taskforce to develop HIV/AIDS recommendations for the plan known as “End the AIDS Epidemic” in New York State by 2020. He served on the Advisory Committee (CHAC) on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment for the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) until November 30, 2016. He was also appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo in June 2012 to serve on the New York State AIDS Advisory Council.

Guillermo Chacón played a key role in launching the Latino Religious Leadership Program in New York in 1995. He was also instrumental in the introduction of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in 2003, as well as the first ever National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day in 2012 – both nationwide community mobilizations and public health marketing campaigns to promote HIV and viral Hepatitis awareness, testing, and education in Latino/Hispanic communities.

Guillermo served as Chair of the board of the New York Immigration Coalition; Co-chair of the New York Latino-Jewish Coalition, a project of the American Jewish Committee (AJC); board member of the New York City AIDS Memorial; and as an advisory member of Alianza Americas, Hispanic Federation and AIDSVu.org, among other entities.

Guillermo Chacón was born in El Salvador and is currently living in New York. He has studied education at the National University of El Salvador and attended Fordham University in the Organizational & Leadership Program in July 2017.
Doris Brown, MPH, MD, President, National Medical Associate

Dr. Doris Browne is the 118th President of the National Medical Association (NMA) and the President and CEO, Browne and Associates, Inc. (BAI), a health consulting company, which manages diversified health programs addressing the health status and disparities of national and international populations. BAI provides education, training, disease prevention consultation and a comprehensive worksite wellness programs to its clientele. As President of the NMA, Dr. Browne’s program theme focuses on a Collaborative Approach to Health Equity entitled “The Urgency of Now: Creating a Culture for Health Equity. She tirelessly champions many causes that have significantly contributed to improving the health status of vulnerable population. She has achieved both national and international recognition as an expert educator and speaker. She has been either featured or quoted in many news articles in the Army Times, US Medicine, Ebony, Essence, Washington Post, PBS News Hour, and ePolitico to name a few. She specializes in and is passionate about health issues, especially breast cancer, women’s health, sickle cell, HIV/AIDS, and radiation casualties. Dr. Browne has made numerous briefings before senior executive government, congressional and White House officials. In addition to being a physician executive, medical educator and "hands on" clinical practitioner, Dr. Browne is a prolific writer. She has authored a textbook, co-edited proceedings of consensus conferences, book chapters, and published numerous articles in the medical field. She was also a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Her public health background includes health education programs on substance abuse, sex education, sickle cell disease and community health education programs, including participating in an international disaster preparedness and humanitarian assistance program for 17 West African Nations following the Ebola epidemic of 2015. She retired as a Colonel from the United States Army Medical Corps where she was the Director for Medical Research and Development at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. She also retired from the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute where she managed the breast cancer portfolio in the Division of Cancer Prevention. Dr. Browne is a graduate of Tougaloo College (BS), University of California at Los Angeles (MPH), and Georgetown University (M.D.) and completed an internship, residency, and fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Hematology-Oncology. She is member of Trinity Episcopal Church, numerous professional organizations, Alpha kappa Alpha Sorority, and recipient of plentiful awards. She is the mother of one daughter, Nicole and granddaughter, Payton Arianna.

Jemine Bryon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, Housing of Urban Development

Ms. Jemine A. Bryon was appointed as CPD’s Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Needs in August, 2017. In that position, she oversees administration of the Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) and the HIV/AIDS Housing program. Through SNAPS, $2.250 billion is awarded annually to serve vulnerable individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness through a wide variety of service and housing interventions. The HIV/AIDS Housing program awards over $330 million annually to enable communities to continue efforts to prevent homelessness and provide supportive housing for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Prior to joining CPD, Ms. Bryon served as the General Deputy Assistant Secretary (GDAS) for the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) from May 2014 until August 2017. Before PIH, Ms. Bryon served as Senior Advisor to HUD’s Acting Deputy Secretary between January 2014 to May 2015. Upon joining HUD in August 2009, Ms Bryon was appointed as HUD’s Chief Procurement Officer/Senior Procurement Executive in managing over $2.1 billion in contract actions annually. Ms. Bryon brought 20 years of experience to the Department in the areas of public housing planning, management, development, resident services, and procurement.

Prior her appointment at HUD, Ms. Bryon served as the Deputy Executive Director at the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC). While there she was responsible for the agency’s $300 million budget and 900 employees. In addition she managed the overall operations which included modernization of over 14,000 housing units within public and mixed finance developments, as well as administration of tenant and project based Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers for over 12,000 households.

Before serving as the Deputy Executive Director at HABC, Ms. Bryon served as the Assistant Executive Director, Real Estate Development at the Philadelphia Housing Authority. In this role, she was responsible for the overall management of $700 million in capital and mixed finance affordable housing development to provide rental and homeownership opportunities to 75,000 public housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program residents. Ms. Bryon has also served as the Assistant Commissioner/Agency Chief Contracting Officer, Director of Operations, and Deputy Director at the New York City Department of Housing and Preservation and Development. Ms. Bryon holds a Juris Doctor Degree from Fordham University and a Bachelor of Music from Syracuse University.
While effective interventions for HIV prevention exist, these strategies remain underutilized among individuals who are likely to benefit. For example, knowledge of and access to HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among trans people is low, and transgender individuals who receive PrEP often demonstrate low adherence. In addition, transgender persons may experience widespread discrimination, and thus often fail to seek healthcare and preventive services.

This educational activity is designed to improve the practice of clinicians who routinely see transgender patients relative to the provision of effective HIV prevention services for these individuals. Reasons for the relatively low uptake of PrEP by LGBTQ patients will be explored, and guidance for utilizing HIV prevention services for this population will be provided. Key components of the education will be identifying and addressing barriers to preventive healthcare faced by LGBTQ individuals, and how incorporating principles of trans-competent healthcare into daily practice can lead to improved outcomes. An actual transgender patient will appear on stage during the activity, sharing with the faculty panel and audience her unique experiences in receiving HIV prevention education, as well as the significant stigma, misinformation, and other barriers encountered in the healthcare system.

**PLENARY SESSION 3:**
**Addressing Unique Challenges to HIV Prevention for Transgender Persons: SYNCing Evidence with Practice**

**Monday, April 23, 2018, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM, Grand Ballroom**

**SYNC POINTS**
- Review the reasons for the increased risk of HIV infection among transgender patients
- Describe the unique challenges to the implementation of HIV prevention strategies in LGBTQ individuals
- Implement HIV prevention strategies in appropriate individuals
- Incorporate trans-competent healthcare into routine clinical practice
Richard A. Elion, MD (Chair), Clinical Professor of Medicine, George Washington University School of Medicine, Co-director, HIV/HCV Treatment Research Program, Providence Hospital

Dr. Elion is an Associate Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at George Washington University in Washington, DC, as well as a private practice physician seeing patients with HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, and other sexually transmitted diseases. He is a past Director of Clinical Research at Whitman-Walker Health, also in Washington, DC, 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 (NIH).

Prior to his tenure with Whitman-Walker Health, Dr. Elion served as Co-Director of HIV Services at the Washington Free Clinic, and he has also served in various research and clinical capacities in New York, NY, and Washington, DC. He received his medical degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, and completed his internship and residency at Duke University, Durham, NC. Dr. Elion also holds a master’s degree in counseling and spiritual psychology from the University of Santa Monica in California. In addition to seeing private patients, he currently serves as Medical Director of the Center for Athletic Performance Enhancement in Washington, DC.

Diane Bruessow, MPAS, DFAAPA PA-C, Transgender Medicine Specialist, Health Transitions, LLC

Ms. Bruessow serves on the faculty at the School of Health Sciences, Touro University, NY, and at Arizona School of Health Sciences A.T. Still University in Mesa, AZ. She divides her time among clinical practice, organizational governance, health policy, and academic pursuits.

Ms. Bruessow has authored numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and has been an invited speaker on healthcare-related topics that include workforce, policy, disparities, and leadership. She has held appointed and elected positions on several boards, councils, and commissions. Ms. Bruessow currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. She holds 2 bachelor of science degrees from Long Island University—one in physician assistant (PA) studies and the other in biology, with a minor in chemistry—as well as a master’s degree from the University of Texas.

Asa Radix, MD, MPH, FACP, Senior Director of Research and Education, Clinical Director of Transgender Health, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center

Dr. Radix is the Senior Director of Research and Education at the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center and a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at New York University. Originally from the West Indies, Dr. Radix trained in internal medicine and infectious disease at the University of Connecticut and holds postgraduate degrees in epidemiology and public health. Dr. Radix has over 20 years of experience providing HIV care, primary care, and hormone therapy to transgender and gender-nonbinary people.

Dr. Radix has contributed to multiple national and international guidelines in transgender health and is currently Co-Chair of the World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care version 8 working group. Dr. Radix also serves on the Pan American Health Organization HIV/STI Technical Advisory Committee, the medical advisory board of the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) Center of Excellence in Transgender Health, and the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents.
Plenary Session 4

Advances and Interventions to End Epidemics: The New Front Line of HIV, HCV, and STD Prevention and Treatment

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Grand Ballroom

This plenary discusses the future efforts to address health needs of people disparately impacted by HIV, HCV, and STDs. Decades of research and innovation have yielded new advances in the use of technology, interventions, and biomedical interventions. We have the tools, or soon will have them, to end the HIV epidemic, to eliminate HCV, and to intervene with STDs. Panelists will discuss new interventions to reduce HIV transmissions and the potential of Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) and other interventions to improve lives and reduce stigma, and examine the ethical issues we must consider with potential HIV cure therapies and clinical trials. Similarly, we have the ability to effectively end HCV, yet the cost of treatment remains out of reach for many, HCV testing awareness remains woefully underutilized, and there are challenges funding HCV treatment via publicly funded programs under Medicaid, Medicare, the Veterans’ Affairs Administration, and Justice Systems. Lastly, we will examine STD testing and treatment and how new prevention efforts such as PrEP impact the increase in STD infections. In summary, this plenary session hopes to examine what could be, if we realize the potential to end epidemics.

PLENARY SESSION 4:
Advances and Interventions to End Epidemics: The New Front Line of HIV, HCV, and STD Prevention and Treatment

SYNC POINTS

- Define new advances in clinical and research settings that will impact the future of HIV, HCV, and STD epidemics
- Discuss new and future biomedical interventions to prevent transmission of HIV, HCV, and STDs
- Understand the public policy structural needs and funding mechanisms to realize the end of epidemics
- Assess the risk of participating in clinical trials designed to end epidemics
Karine Dube, DrPH, Cure Clinical Trials Behavioral Specialist, Gillings School of Public Health, UNC

Karine Dubé, DrPH, MPhil (Oxon) is a social scientist and an experienced research program manager. She has close to 15 years of experience in infectious diseases-related work, including Ebola and HIV prevention and cure research.

Karine previously served as a research program manager for the Collaboratory of AIDS Researchers for Eradication (CARE) at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is also the co-founder and co-leader of the CUREiculum (http://www.avac.org/cureiculum), a collaborative program aimed at making HIV cure science accessible to the community and the HIV research field.

Karine has extensive experience working in resource-limited settings and developing clinical research site capacity. She managed a pox-protein prime-boost HIV-1C vaccine cohort development program, two HIV-1C prospective incidence studies and a clinical research site capacity development effort in Maputo, Beira and Chókwè, Mozambique with the United States Military HIV Research Program, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Inc. and FHI 360 (from 2008–2013). Her current research focuses on HIV, infectious diseases and interdisciplinary research on cures and clinical trials.

José M. Zuniga, PhD, MPH, President, 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 and is a review for various peer-reviewed journals; authored thematic chapters for four books; and co-edited three books – “The HIV Pandemic: Local and Global Implications” (Oxford University Press (OUP), 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 (JIAAPAC).

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 health 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). He is a member of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA).

David Johnson, Division of STD Prevention National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention.

Mr. Johnson is the STD Disparities Coordinator in the Division of STD Prevention (DSTD) in the Office of Health Equity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He has over 30 years of public health experience, with a strong background in community engagement working with individuals, groups, and facilities, with particular emphasis on sexual and reproductive health and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) within disenfranchised populations. Mr. Johnson graduated from the University of North Texas in 1981 with a B.A. in biology and chemistry. He joined the CDC in 1983, and since that time he was assigned to many large city, county, and state health departments to investigate and research challenging STI cases and work with diverse communities.

Mr. Johnson has served as a guest lecturer at Morehouse College at the School of Public Health from 1996 - 2012. He has led courses on HIV, TB, STD, and substance abuse. In collaboration with several medical and community experts, Mr. Johnson served as the project manager to develop STI/HIV prevention curricula for college-aged African American men and women, including an STI/HIV curriculum for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) medical school programs. Mr. Johnson is the lead author for a book chapter “What about the Brothers? : The Context of Sexual Health and HIV/STI Prevention Efforts for African American Men, Our Communities Our Sexual Health: Awareness and Prevention for African Americans.”
Stacey Wilking, MPH, Director of Cross Bureau Collaboration, Division of Disease Control, NYC Department of Health, NYC Department of Mental Health and Hygiene

Stacey Wilking, MPH is the Director of Cross Bureau Initiatives for the Division of Disease Control at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In this role she directs initiatives across the divisional disease control programs, including HIV, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, vaccine-preventable diseases, general communicable diseases and the public health laboratory. Stacey received a master’s in public health from New York University and a master’s in science from Tulane University.

David Harvey, Executive Director, National Coalition of STD Directors

David is executive director of the National Coalition of STD Directors, assuming his position in October of 2016.

From 1994-2007, David served as founding executive director of AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families, a national association representing maternal, child and youth HIV care programs from throughout the U.S. Under his leadership, the organization worked to support efforts to eliminate mother to child HIV transmission, recognize the distinct care needs of women and youth, and was a leading national advocacy voice for consumers of services. David also served as president and CEO of ProLiteracy from 2007-2012, where he oversaw program and advocacy efforts for 2,000 community-based members in the U.S. and in 30 countries, working to bring new awareness about the adult literacy crisis. From 2013-2016, David also led LIFT-DC, a local direct service anti-poverty organization. Through his consulting firm, Chandler Harvey Coaching, he has worked with nonprofits and individuals providing interim nonprofit leadership and executive coaching.

David started his career in Congress and the House of Commons in London, experiences that helped him to later organize successful campaigns to influence federal legislation. He has spoken frequently at domestic and international conferences, served on national boards and blue ribbon panels, and in 2012 was appointed by Secretary Clinton to represent ProLiteracy to the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO. He is a graduate of Clark University and Catholic University of America and has authored over 20 peer-reviewed articles and chapters and various other publications.

In addition to being a social worker, David is an Associate Certified Coach (ACC) and board member of the International Coach Federation – Metro DC Charter Chapter, where he co-leads professional development.

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 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 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 HCV 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.

Corinna Dan, RN, MPH, Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Ms. Corinna Dan, RN MPH, 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 16 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 began her work in hepatitis as the Viral Hepatitis Coordinator for the City of Chicago Department of Public Health. 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.
As a divisive legislative system slows advocacy on our priorities, grassroots advocates are taking the stage to drive meaningful change. This plenary will sync social justice movements with healthcare advocacy from a variety of perspectives. A leading consultancy involved in the Affordable Care Act’s development and implementation will analyze the state of health care insurance, followed by perspective from the health centers on the impact on primary care, as well as LGBT and HIV care. The session will feature two former Directors of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) (under both democrat and republican administrations) discussing advocacy during a time when there is not an ONAP nor a functioning President’s Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

PLENARY SESSION 5:
Catalyzing Advocacy and Moving Healthcare Forward

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM, Grand Ballroom

SYNC POINTS

- Describe the approach of grassroots advocacy movements to address social justice
- Apply approaches of current and past social justice movements to current health care advocacy priorities
- Discuss the impact of grassroots advocacy on federal administrative and legislative policies and priorities
- Describe lessons learned from social justice movements
Jeffrey Crowley, MPH, Former Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy (2009-2011)

Jeffrey S. Crowley is an internationally recognized expert on HIV/AIDS and disability policy, having worked at top levels of government, academia, and within advocacy organizations. He currently serves as Distinguished Scholar and Program Director for Infectious Disease Initiatives at the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown Law. From 2009 to 2011, he served as the Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy for President Barack Obama. As the President’s chief HIV/AIDS advisor, Mr. Crowley led the development of the first comprehensive National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States, focused on lowering the number of new HIV infections, increasing access to care, and reducing HIV-related health disparities. This landmark document has been praised for its evidence-based approach by clinicians, researchers, community advocates, faith leaders, and others and it guides all U.S. activities in this critical area. Mr. Crowley staffed the President as he signed the 2009 reauthorization of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

During his tenure at the White House, Mr. Crowley also made major contributions to the development and implementation of the Affordable Care Act, comprehensive health care reform legislation enacted in 2010. His work helped ensure access to private health insurance for people living with HIV/AIDS and other people with disabilities, as well as expanding Medicaid eligibility to millions of low-income people who are currently uninsured. 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. He led the policy formulation process and served as a primary Administration spokesperson on all HIV-related issues. This included working across the Administration to issue consistent guidance permitting the use of Federal funds for syringe services in both domestic and global programs, working with agencies to launch several new initiatives, such as the adoption of a new HIV prevention funding formula for health departments based on living HIV/AIDS cases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and working with the Health Resources and Services Administration to secure and then allocate expanded resources for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). He also commissioned work by the Institute of Medicine to identify core HIV clinical care indicators and develop strategies for maximizing the effectiveness of federal datasets at monitoring the care experience of people living with HIV. Mr. Crowley also worked with the National Security Staff on crosscutting policy issues impacting both domestic and global HIV/AIDS programs and he worked in close partnership with Office on Management and Budget on all HIV budget issues.

Mr. Crowley has dedicated his professional career to advancing approaches and solutions to the nation’s most pressing social policy challenges. From 2000 to 2009, he was a Senior Research Scholar at Georgetown University’s Health Policy Institute and a Senior Scholar at the University’s O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, focusing his work on improving health care for people with disabilities and chronic conditions through improvements to Medicaid and Medicare. He has extensive experience working on such issues 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.

Mr. Crowley is a respected leader among people affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, having served in senior positions at the National Association for People with AIDS from 1994 to 2000. He has worked with domestic and international advocates and policymakers to advance more responsive and humane policies regarding HIV treatment, prevention, and research. He is a prolific author and an outstanding public speaker.


Scott Evertz operates an independent consulting practice providing a variety of private sector companies and nongovernmental organizations with counsel in public policy, international affairs and government relations. He served as Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for Global AIDS Initiatives in the Administration of President George W. Bush. (What do you think: He was the first openly gay individual in history to be appointed to a position in his administration by a Republican President.) Mr. Evertz frequently appears in publications such as the New York Times, the Atlantic, Rolling Stone and the Daily Beast; and he has been a guest lecturer at George Washington and Georgetown Universities. In the 2016 election, he played a leadership role in Together for America, a group of independent and Republican supporters of Secretary Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign.
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**Amanda Pears Kelly, National Advocacy and Civic Engagement Director, National Association of Community Health Centers**

Amanda Pears Kelly is the Director of National Advocacy & Civic Engagement for the National Association of Community Health Centers. In this role Amanda leads the strategy, development, coordination, and management of NACHC’s federal, state and local advocacy campaigns. As National Director, Ms. Kelly also provides technical assistance and consultation to state Primary Care Associations, Health Center Controlled Networks and Health Centers on policy issues and advocacy strategy. Additionally, Amanda spent her first two years on staff with NACHC working concurrently as the Associate Director of State Affairs helping to analyze state, federal and regulatory policy initiatives and crafting model legislation to assist State Primary Care Associations with localized legislative and public policy issues. Having joined NACHC in 2005, Amanda has spent much of the past ten plus years travelling extensively throughout the country to provide policy and advocacy trainings as well as technical assistance and strategic planning to state affiliates, partner organizations and more than 1400 Health Centers nationally.

Prior to joining NACHC, Amanda worked as an associate lobbyist with two of New Hampshire’s most prominent government affairs consulting firms and subsequently established her own consulting firm providing lobbying services to national interests in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Born and raised in Maine, Amanda is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, from which she holds a B.A. in Political Science.

**Kelly Brantley, MPH, Vice President, Avalere**

Kelly Brantley, Vice President, provides strategic analysis and advice to help clients predict and navigate the changing health-care landscape, particularly as it relates to health insurance exchanges and the Medicare program. Her areas of focus include benefit design, prescription drug formularies, essential health benefits, risk adjustment, actuarial value, and overall insurance market regulation.

Prior to joining Avalere, Kelly worked at the Health Assistance Partnership/Families USA, where she analyzed Medicare Part D policy and as a consultant for the ECRI Institute.

Kelly has an MPH in Health Promotion and a Graduate Certificate in Health Policy from the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services and a BS in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Joél J. Morales, Community Partnership Developer for the Orlando United Assistance Center**

Joél J. Morales has dedicated his career to advocating for underserved communities for 10 years. It all dates back to his upbringing in Puerto Rico, before moving to Western Massachusetts as a teenager. After a five year career in the manufacturing industries, Joel reached a pivotal moment in his personal and professional life, where he realized that he wanted to make an impact on his community. From 2008-2011 he ran an outpatient facility for substance abuse and mental health. After a decade in Massachusetts, he opted for a change and moved to Florida, during a 2011 in pursuit of an opportunity that would eventually lead him to work directly with those who were impacted by the Pulse Night Club tragedy.

Joél was a HIV case worker at the time the Pulse shooting and became a frontline responder as the only Spanish-speaker at the GLBT Community Center, a key go-to organization for the media and community in the aftermath of the tragedy. He now works at the Orlando United Assistance Center (a resilience center that emerged following the tragedy) as a Community Partnership Developer, spearheading efforts to support the victim’s families and survivors of the Pulse shooting and other marginalized LGBTQ members of our community, particularly LGBTQ people of color. He was awarded “Distinguished Victim Advocate 2016” by Florida State Attorney’s office. He was also recognized by Governor Rick Scott with the “Florida Governor’s’ Medal of Honor”. He aims to continue his efforts through social justice and advocacy while establishing some normalcy to the City Beautiful.
Preventive Health Track

Track Overview
The Preventive Health Track integrates public health and primary care in delivering preventive services.

Session 1 – The Invisibles: SYNCing HIV Prevention with Community Partnership

Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio C

This session will describe lessons learned in creating an accountable network of health and wellness providers, and community partners serving MSM of color. Interactive presenters will help increase understanding of social factors that affect MSM of color engagement in HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services.

SYNC POINTS
- Describe lessons learned in creating an accountable network of health and wellness providers, and community partners serving MSM of color
- Increase understanding of social factors that affect MSM of color engagement in HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services
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Janet Kitchen, MS, MHC, Executive Director, Positively U Inc.

Janet Kitchen is the founder of Positively U, Inc. Its mission is to provide culturally appropriate and compassionate programming to HIV-positive and high-risk individuals in Polk, Hardee and Highlands Counties and the Tampa Bay area with an emphasis on tailoring activities to meet the specific needs of the individuals.

She currently serves on many state and national advisory boards advocating for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.

She has been featured in numerous local newspapers articles, national magazines, television interviews, and has done public speaking in many settings such as churches, universities, conferences and open forums throughout the country to increase the awareness of HIV and AIDS. Janet is often asked to travel to Washington, D.C. to represent and advocate for the needs of people living with HIV in Florida, as well as representing HIV positive African American women. She was nominated for the 2011 WEGO Health Activist Award and has also been awarded the SHERO Award from the National Minority AIDS Council, 2012. Janet has appeared on BET “Rap It Up” for their community mobilization project tour in St. Lucie County, Florida.

She has developed and implemented peer education, micro enterprise workshops and motivational seminars for people living with HIV throughout the state of Florida.

In July 2012, Janet was the Lead Regional Mobilizer for the State of Florida, where she was instrumental in mobilizing over 400 Florida advocates and people living with HIV/AIDS to participate in the largest gathering for people living with HIV/AIDS; The March on Washington, D.C. at the 2012 International Conference on AIDS. Most recently she was featured as #42 “Most Amazing Person Living with HIV” and in December 2016, POZ magazine, “The POZ 100 celebrating the South”.

Richard Zaldivar, Executive Director, The Wall Las Memoria Project

Richard Zaldivar founded The Wall Las Memorias Project in 1993 and constructed the only publicly funded AIDS Monuments in the nation in 2004. The monument is situated in Lincoln Heights, Los Angeles and serves as an inspiration and a catalyst for social change.

Under his leadership, the organization has developed innovative programs to reach out to Latino and other underserved populations and developed HIV, substance abuse and mental health prevention programs in a holistic and spiritual manner.

A native of Los Angeles, Zaldivar began his career in public service as a field deputy to the legendary Los Angeles City Councilman Art Snyder and later went on to serve the City of Los Angeles for sixteen years. The highlight of his political career was serving on the National Democratic Convention Platform Committee’s Foreign Policy subcommittee.

Local, national, and international institutions have recognized his leadership. He was named one of 100 most influential lesbian or gay persons in 1997 by Out magazine. He has been highlighted as a National Hero on American Latino Television on ABC Television (https://youtu.be/2Dh-rtiebsg ), featured on KTLA’s Heroes at Home in April 2011.

In 2012 he was presented with the “Spirit Award” from the Latino Caucus of the California State Legislature and in 2013 with the “Pride Award” from the LGBT Caucus of the same legislature making him the only person to receive awards from multiple caucuses from the California State Legislature.
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Speakers

Vanessa Jacuinde, MPH, CBA Services Manager, APLA Health

Vanessa Jacuinde has worked in the field of Public Health since 2007 and joined APLA in 2016 as a Linkage to Care Case Manager for HIV positive individuals. Prior to APLA, Vanessa worked for Planned Parenthood of Orange & San Bernardino Counties as a Health Center Manager & Administrator overseeing clinics and ensuring access to sexual & reproductive health services for diverse populations. She is passionate about health education and her experience has further motivated her to continue her work in the field of HIV and in reducing health disparities for communities.

Ms. Jacuinde received her Master’s in Public Health from UCLA with a focus on community health. She currently works as the CBA Services Manager for Shared Action HD and is responsible for overseeing the CBA advisors and coordinating CBA services and activities to Health Departments and other stakeholders.

Miguel Chion, MPH, MD, Associate Director HIV Access & Community-Based Services / Director CBA Programs, APLA Health

Miguel Chion, MD, MPH is currently the Associate Director of Education and Capacity Building for AIDS Project Los Angeles. He oversees two national CBA programs funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This initiative provides trainings and technical assistance to community based HIV/AIDS organizations and health departments nationally. Chion has been working in the HIV/AIDS field for more than 15 years, and is an expert in prevention to diverse high risk communities, having received his MPH in health services from UCLA. In 2004, he began specializing in capacity building in the western region of United States, helping HIV organizations and health departments effectively use technology and information to expand HIV prevention scope and effectiveness.

In 2009, under his leadership he increased the funding for these capacity building programs and launched two national CBA programs entitled Shared Action and Shared Action HD. Chion also received his MD in general practice in Peru, and has worked as a physician in clinical settings. Most notably, Chion worked at the ministry of health in Peru implementing the first national sentinel surveillance program. Beyond his professional work, Chion has supported community coalitions that focus on Latino health. Chion served on the board of directors of ALIANZA Latino caucus, which conducted lectures and professional trainings in Spanish for service providers working in Latino communities. He has also conducted several presentations to people living with AIDS/HIV on different topics related to the epidemic, related diseases such as Hepatitis C and treatment.
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Session 2 – Navigation Works!: Approaches for Ongoing PrEP Engagement

Monday, April 23, 2018, 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM, Studio C

As PrEP uptake continues, there has been a decrease in the ongoing engagement of clients beyond the prescription. This session will discuss existing successes and challenges for navigation of PrEP patients, and identify model practices that improve health outcomes and advance health equity for MSM of color.

SYNC POINTS
- Discuss existing successes and challenges for navigation of PrEP patients
- Identify model practices that improve health outcomes and advance health equity for MSM of color
Preventive Health Track: Session 2 – Navigation Works!: Approaches for Ongoing PrEP Engagement

Michele Dorsainvil, MA, Consultant, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Michèle Dorsainvil served as the Manager for Program Development for the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (BHIV) at the New York City Health Department. As the manager of BHIV’s training program, Michele supported community-based organizations within NYC and across the United States with PrEP implementation, particularly establishing protocol for service delivery and training of non-clinical staff. Prior to this, Michèle managed the Positive Life Workshop, a self-management health education workshop for people living with HIV. Michele has earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from New York University and a master’s degree in health education from Columbia University.

Moya Brown-Lopez, MPH, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Moya Brown-Lopez, Capacity Building Specialist at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, provides capacity building and technical assistance on HIV policy, prevention and care to health departments and community based organizations around the country. Moya brings 15 years of experience in HIV/AIDS direct services, youth development, and harm reduction. Moya received her BS at the University of Maryland, College Park, and her MPH at Columbia University.

Damon Jacobs, MA, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Private Psychotherapy Practice
Damon L. Jacobs is a New York-based Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and HIV prevention specialist who focuses his work on health, love, and pleasure. Through his clinical work, Damon has spent two decades helping couples and individuals create joyful and sustainable relationships. He is also the author of the books RATIONAL RELATING and ABSOLUTELY SHOULD-LESS. He is best known for championing the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) through his work on social media, news print, broadcast appearances, including The New York Times, USA Today, MSNBC, NPR, Vice News, and more. He is featured as one of 35 “Leading HIV Activists” by The Advocate Magazine, one of the Top 10 “Influential Voices in HIV/AIDS for 2016” by Healthline Magazine, part of the “HIV Heroes” series through Metrosource Magazine, and one of the Ten “Most Captivating Voices of 2014” by HIV Equal. He was honored to receive a Commissioner Special Recognition Award for his work through the New York State Department of Health in 2016."
Lena Saleh, PhD MS is the Director of Program Planning in the HIV Prevention Program of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene where she leads the development of programmatic models for culturally competent, data-driven HIV prevention service delivery as well as subsequent tools and resources for program implementation. Following earlier training and work in basic research in the fields of allergy and asthma immunology at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, her focus shifted to health disparities which led her to Oxford University in the UK, where she earned her doctorate in Social Intervention in the public health program and Master of Science in Medical Anthropology.

Jaime Martin, MPH, is a Senior Project Officer on the Prevention Technical Assistance Team within the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH). In this role, she provides data driven technical assistance and capacity building to contracted community-based organizations and clinical agencies to implement value-based, sustainable practice models of high impact HIV prevention via biomedical and behavioral program interventions. She is a graduate of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health where she earned a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology, with a focus in Infectious Disease Epidemiology. Jaime has previously worked in the Bureau of Communicable Disease at NYC DOHMH supporting food-borne disease surveillance and outbreak investigation response, and at the San Francisco Department of Public Health assisting the roll-out of electronic medical record implementation across city-run primary care clinics.
Preventive Health Track

Session 3 – Let’s Talk About Sex: Informing the Primary Health Care Experience

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio C

Integral to the update of PrEP is maximizing the primary health care experience for optimum provider and client engagement. This session will provide a forum to increase sex positivity in the primary health care experience as a way of removing bias and stigma, and describe lessons learned in the integration of sexual health and primary care to decrease new infections.

SYNC POINTS

- Increase sex positivity in the primary health care experience as a way of removing bias and stigma
- Describe lessons learned in the integration of sexual health and primary care to decrease new infections
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Jamal Halley, MA, Director of Programs, Pediatrics, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Jamal Halley, a social/behavioral researcher and advocate for marginalized groups, examines social and psychological determinants that influence health and mental wellness.

A native of suburban Maryland, Jamal has spent over a decade working to improve the lives of adolescents and young adults in Baltimore City. His major focus has been working within the community to ensure that youth have access to health and other supportive services. He currently works with the STAR TRACK Program at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine as the Director of Programs. In this role, Jamal oversees administrative, research and programmatic activities, manages community partnerships, and participates in regional and national capacity building initiatives. In addition, he is responsible for all early identification and linkage-to-care services, outreach programming, patient retention services, and health education initiatives involving high-risk and HIV-infected youths. Jamal’s career has spanned all aspects of HIV community service, most notably through professional roles as a sexual health educator, HIV counselor, outreach worker, and case manager.

Jamal has presented at national conferences on a number of adolescent health topics, including transitioning youth living with HIV from pediatric to adult health care, using technology to retain youth in HIV care, and emerging strategies to engage inner city YMSM and transgender youth of color in sexual health programming. His research interests include sexual identity formation for non-heterosexually identified men, body dysmorphic disorder in urban youth, gender identity formation, and ethnocentricity and its impact on health outcomes. Jamal received a Master of Arts in Psychology as well as a dual Bachelors of Science in Psychology and Sociology with a minor in LGBT Studies from Towson University. He is currently enrolled in the Counseling Psychology doctorate program at Howard University.

Brandon Harrison, Project Manager, Primary Care Development Corporation

Brandon is a Project Manager and Trainer on the Performance Improvement team at PCDC. As Project Manager, Brandon is responsible for providing training and technical assistance to health care organizations across the country. He has served in leadership positions implementing sexual health programs across the country, in communities most impacted by health disparities. Throughout Brandon’s career, he has been diligent in raising awareness to issues such as stigma, HIV/AIDS, LGBTQ issues, violence, sex work and other issues affecting vulnerable communities. Brandon remains a leader, supporter, and role model inspiring others to continue their resilience.
Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track

Track Overview
The MSM of Color Health Track identifies strategies to increase retention and engagement in health services among men who have sex with men of color.

Session 1 – Promising Practices to Advance Health Services for MSM of Color

Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio E

This session will highlight a CDC demonstration project designed to improve health outcomes and advance health equity by addressing social and behavioral factors impacting MSM of color where they live, learn, work, and play. Jurisdictions will share strategies, lessons learned, and promising practices. At the end of this session, participants will increase understanding of social factors that affect MSM of color engagement in HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services; identify promising practices to improve health outcomes and advance health equity by addressing social and behavioral health needs experienced by MSM of color; and describe lessons learned in creating accountable networks of health and wellness providers serving MSM of color.

MSM TRACK:
Session 1 - Promising Practices to Advance Health Services for MSM of Color

SYNC POINTS
- Increase understanding of social factors that affect MSM of color engagement in HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services
- Identify model practices that improve health outcomes and advance health equity for MSM of color
- Describe lessons learned in creating an accountable network of health and wellness providers serving MSM of color
Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track:
Session 1 – Promising Practices to Advance Health Services for MSM of Color

Deidra Jessie-Hill, PrEP Navigator Coordinator, Louisiana Department of Health

Deidra Jessie-Hill, MBA-HCM, serves as the PrEP Program Monitor for the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health STD/HIV program. She currently coordinates the NOLA PrEP demonstration project by overseeing implementation, monitor activities, providing technical assistance and build capacity related to PrEP navigation and provision for five contracted and partnering agencies. Prior to this role, Deidra served as the Clinical Coordinator for the University Medical Center of New Orleans-LSU Health Science Center, where she coordinated the implementation of routine opt-out 4th generation HIV & Hepatitis C testing, and linkage to care in the Emergency Department and Urgent Care Clinic of University Medical Center of New Orleans. Mrs. Hill received her MBA with a concentration in Healthcare from St Leo University and her B.A. from Texas Southern University of Texas.

Tony Christon Walker, Director of Prevention and Community Partnerships, AIDS Alabama

Tony Christon-Walker is the Director of Prevention and Community Partnerships for AIDS Alabama, a non-profit organization which devotes its energy and resources statewide to helping people with HIV/AIDS live healthy, independent lives and works to prevent the spread of HIV.

Tony is a long-time HIV survivor, and since beginning his work in HIV has always focused on advocacy in all its forms. Being very passionate about the plight of people living with HIV/AIDS, he feels that it is everyone’s responsibility to educate themselves and others as much as possible on HIV/AIDS in order to help prevent its spread and start erasing stigma. Fighting HIV is an intersectional fight. In order to eradicate the virus, we have to fight the following: poverty, educational disparities, homophobia, bigotry and racism. All of these play a part in the spread of the virus.

Since beginning work in HIV Education last year, I’ve realized how powerful and important it is to be open about my status. People fear things that they don’t understand and I am using my person story and experiences to combat stigma, fear and overall ignorance wherever it exist. There was a time when being HIV Positive was a death sentence, now the disease isn’t killing people, fear is.

Lena Saleh, PhD, MS, Director of Program Planning, HIV Prevention Program, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Lena Saleh, PhD MS is the Director of Program Planning in the HIV Prevention Program of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene where she leads the development of programmatic models for culturally competent, data-driven HIV prevention service delivery as well as subsequent tools and resources for program implementation. Following earlier training and work in basic research in the fields of allergy and asthma immunology at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, her focus shifted to health disparities which led her to Oxford University in the UK, where she earned her doctorate in Social Intervention in the public health program and Master of Science in Medical Anthropology.

J. Maurice Pearsall, MBA, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA

J. Maurice McCants-Pearsall, MBA, serves as a Project Manager at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health – AIDS Activities Coordinating Office. Mr. Pearsall obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Human Services from Audrey College and a Master of Business Administration from Regents College – University of London. In addition, Mr. Pearsall earned his post-baccalaureate from Howard University School of Law. Currently, Mr. Pearsall is a member of the Public Health Young Leaders Association where he serves on the Executive Board in the capacity of Fund Development Chairman.
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Speakers

Trevis Smith, MS, ALC, Game Changer Project Coordinator, AIDS Alabama

Trevis Smith, a Project Coordinator of Education and Prevention Team for an HIV non-profit organization named AIDS Alabama in Birmingham, AL. AIDS Alabama is an organization that has been a cornerstone for the Southern Region of the United States focusing on infectious disease, community resources and preventive health for our community members. Helping individuals infected with HIV/STI through advocacy and education to help decrease infection is a top priority as a representative of AIDS Alabama. Providing education, safe sex kits and other preventives measures such as PrEP and nPEP is our method of stopping the spread of HIV/STI within our community.

“Being a minority in a community that has an on-going growth of mass infection HIV cases is personal concern to me. This platform has allowed me to positively affect the lives of others by navigation, educating, provided services but most importantly, genuine care of the clients that you serve. In order to understand any issue, you have to be able to listen to your clients or the community members needs before trying to implement what you think is best for them. This has helped me understand my purpose more in my work journey then anything I have studied for and heard before working on the grounds as s foot soldier in the community. As I continue to grow as an health educator, my hope is to also see our community continue to grow knowledgeable of preventive health measures to help decrease and someday stop new HIV infections.”

Kenneth Pettigrew, Program Manager, HAHSTA, DC Department of Health

Kenneth J. Pettigrew: Ken currently works at the District of Columbia Health Department in the HIV, Hepatitis, AIDS, Tuberculosis, and STD Administration (HAHSTA) as the Supervisor/Program Manager for a CDC demonstration project. The goal of the project is to create a system of care for men who have sex with men and transgender persons of color within in the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia metropolitan area. Using the whole person health model, this system will address access to HIV treatment/care, behavioral health and other social services. He has been involved in sexual minority health, advocacy, education and public health for over 20 years. Ken is a native of Chicago Illinois; he moved to Washington DC in 1989 in pursuit of professional growth and development. His early work in Washington DC includes management in banking and telecommunications. It was during those early years he developed an understanding of importance of customer needs and customer satisfaction. Ken began working with gay men in the late nineties as a volunteer facilitator for a local gay men’s discussion group. In 2000 Ken accessed services at local a HIV community based organization, Us Helping Us, People Into Living. Shortly after his experience as a client, he immediately began volunteering to assist in a variety of functions, thus tapping into his passion, helping others. In 2005 Ken became Director of Programs, managing programs and services targeting black gay/bisexual men at the very same agency he started at as a client. During his tenure as Director of Programs was responsible for the increases in the number of black gay men and transgender persons who typically would not access programs and services at local community based organizations (hard to reach individuals). In June 2011, Ken left Us Helping Us to become Chief of Program at Metro Teen AIDS, an organization dedicated to serving youth within the District of Columbia. As Chief of Programs, from June 2011 to November 2012, he was responsible for the oversight of all program departments including: Prevention; Clinical Services; Evaluation and School Services. In 2013 he joined the Wanda Alston Foundation where he was responsible creating and maintaining innovative programming for LGBTQ youth who may be at risk for or experience homelessness. As an ongoing consultant for many years, he has provided capacity building and subject expert consultation to such agencies as the American Psychological Association, Stroger Hospital of Cook County-Chicago Il- Department of Psychiatry and A&T and Associates. Ken remains committed to serving the community by sitting within various boards and committees including the local HIV community plan group and HIV Vaccine Trial Network (HVTN) working group. He is a 2005 graduate of CDC’s Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership.
Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track: Session 1 – Promising Practices to Advance Health Services for MSM of Color

Speakers

Darnell Barrington, Bridges757 Program Coordinator, Virginia Department of Health

Darnell Barrington is currently the 1509 Project Coordinator with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). Darnell comes to VDH from Virginia Commonwealth University where he was a Research Associate for an NIH-funded clinical trial. He also works with Minority Health Consortium (a Richmond-based CBO) as the Program Coordinator for two programs aimed at reducing the new incidence of HIV/STD cases among black same gender loving men in Central Virginia. Darnell has additional experience in community health and HIV prevention work. He holds a Masters of Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is a graduate of Virginia State University.

Chrissy Schlegal, HIV Testing Specialist (Contract Monitor), HIV Prevention

Ms. Schlegel is an HIV Testing Specialist and Contract Monitor that has experience working in both HIV Care and Prevention. She has a diverse background as an Archaeologist, Educator, and Administrator in a variety of services including Cultural and Environmental Sciences as well as non-profits. Ms. Schlegel obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Virginia Commonwealth University and has taken classes toward earning a future graduate degree in Teacher Education. She is a life-long Virginian who appreciates working with people of diverse backgrounds and experiences. When Ms. Schlegel is not helping to make Virginia one of the healthiest states in the nation, she can be found enjoying the outdoors, going on adventures with her son and their dog, or fixing up her historic home in one of the oldest neighborhoods in Richmond, VA.

Dr. Errol Fields, MD, MPH, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Dr. Fields is an Assistant Professor in the Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and is a board-certified pediatrician and adolescent medicine subspecialist. As a physician researcher he has dedicated his career to improving the health and life outcomes of adolescents and emerging adults, with particular attention to vulnerable and marginalized youth, through research, clinical medicine, education and advocacy, affecting change at both the individual and community/population level.

He is especially interested in the treatment and prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in adolescent and young adult populations. His research focuses on using mixed methodologies to understand and reduce racial disparities in HIV among adolescent and young adult Black, gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBM). He is also interested in the provision of evidence-based, culturally competent care of sexual and gender minority youth and is involved in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education and training in this area. Dr. Fields is also a clinician in the Harriet Lane Clinic. He provides primary and subspecialty care in the Center for Adolescent and Young Adult Health and HIV care to youth living with HIV in the Intensive Primary Care Clinic. He is also the co-director of the PEP is for YOUTH program where he provides pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for adolescent and young adults at risk for HIV and the Emerge Clinic for Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Gender and Sexuality where he provides gender health care for transgender youth and young adults.
Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track


Monday, April 23, 2018, 2:15 – 3:45 PM, Studio E

This track session will explore the challenges of meaningful engagement of Men of Color who have sex with men across the HIV prevention and care continuum. We will discuss going “beyond the bars” to explore barriers, challenges, successes, and provide opportunities to connect this communities to serve their needs effectively.

SYNC POINTS
- Identify barriers to PrEP access for men of color and activities to mitigate these barriers
- Articulate messages and promotions that MSM of color respond to
- Discuss efforts to improve PrEP uptake among MSM of color

Speakers

Tony Brown, MPH, Program Coordinator for MSM/LGBTQ+ Initiatives, Joseph H. Neal Wellness Center

Tony Brown is a native of Columbia, South Carolina who is currently a doctoral candidate in the Health Services Policy and Management department at the University of South Carolina (USC). Tony was elected as the 2017-2018 Graduate Student Association (GSA) Treasurer and Chair of the GSA Finance Committee. He also serves on the Health Services Advisory Committee for USC.

Tony works as a program coordinator for Joseph H. Neal Wellness Center overseeing HIV/STI prevention initiatives in Columbia, SC for MSM/LGBTQ+ individuals. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Biology from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina and his Master’s Degree in Public Health from USC. Tony’s research focuses on state and federal HIV policies and healthcare, Truvada (PrEP) uptake, and community social network analysis. He is heavily involved with HIV/STI prevention, advocacy, and research.

Prior to being elected as the Treasurer for GSA, he served as the GSA Community Outreach Secretary from 2016-2017. Tony worked in corporate banking for five years maintaining a mortgage portfolio as well as a credit resolutions portfolio. He is excited to work with other leaders in the community to create an atmosphere of health equity, inclusion, and compassion.

Mario Forte, PrEP Navigator, Chattanooga Cares

Mario Forte is originally from Dublin, Ireland and is a Professional Land Surveyor with a degree in Geo-Surveying Engineering and is owner of a company named Beginning Point Surveys, Inc. in Chattanooga TN. He married his husband Chuck in 2008. He is the current HIV Prevention Chair for the southeast TN planning group and has been a member of the MSM Taskforce for several years. He is well recognized in his community as a former President of Tennessee Valley Pride and has been an LGBT community leader and activist for over 20 years. Mario worked as a volunteer in 2014, educating his community about PrEP, and became an advisor to the Tennessee Department of Health in helping them develop a statewide PrEP program. His PrEP Navigation work led to him developing PrEP educational workshops that have been presented in cities across the United States, and broadcast around the world in webinars. In September 2016, Mario was hired (part time, as he also has a business to run), by Chattanooga Cares, and became a certified PrEP Navigator. Mario is known for his social media outreach methods for HIV and PrEP education, and is known in those circles as “PrEP Daddy”.

Maureen P. Scahill, NP, MS, Nurse Practitioner/Senior Public Health Advisor, University of Rochester, Infectious Diseases Division, Center for Community Practice

Maureen has over 45 years of experience in nursing, over 28 of which has included working with HIV, STD, VH patients (in-/out-patient). She has been an NP for over 27 years, working for the past 23 years in STD/HIV prevention in the URMC Infectious Diseases Division, Department of Medicine, with the Monroe County Department of Public Health HIV/STD Program (clinic, training, administration). My work with CCP includes clinical/didactic training and education (to a variety of students, health/human service professionals), other technical assistance (TA), curriculum design, and clinical/behavioral research. During these past 23 years, She has provided direct patient care in the STD Clinic (including outreach settings), and have been involved in planning and delivery of behavioral, individual, group, and community interventions. She was the Project Coordinator for the HIV Supportive Case Management Program (NYSDOH-funded), and the Coordinator for the NYSDOH STD Center of Excellence (also faculty/content expert for this). She was the Clinical Services Manager for the STD Clinic (including main site and outreach settings, including juvenile and adult criminal justice settings, mobile van projects – all of which she also delivered direct care). During 1995-97, she had a dual appointment with ID (as above) and with the URMC Emergency Department (as NP). Prior to working in ID, I worked in the URMC Emergency Department as an NP in Surgical Nursing Practice in EENT/Plastic Surgery Unit, and in Burn/Plastic Unit (clinical precepting, orientation and continuing education training delivery). She had also worked as a float nurse (medical, surgical, and emergency) at Park Avenue Hospital (now, Park-Ridge Hospital, Unity Health) for one year, from 1973-74.

During the period from 1997 through 2005, she held a per diem position with the URMC Emergency Department (as NP); during the period from 2000-05, she also held a per diem position with the URMC Reproductive Health Program, Department of Family Medicine (as NP).

She has volunteered in a Women’s Shelter (providing general support, but also providing health expertise, and staff/guest trainings), a Soup Kitchen/Shelter (providing general support and clinical care in the Foot Clinic). She also volunteered as a primary care provider at Mercy Outreach Center (providing health care to uninsured patients). These activities started in 1997 and extended until 2017.
Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track

Session 3 – The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth: The Black SGL Man

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio E

This session will focus on the engagement of Black same gender loving (SGL) men across the HIV continuum. It will include an overview of current HIV epidemiology, research, clinical standards of care, effective models of engagement, as well as examples of current advocacy and policy efforts.

SYNC POINTS
- Discuss how racism and homophobia maximize psychosocial issues for black gay and bisexual men
- Identify strategies to promote healthier choices for black gay and bisexual men
Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color Track:  
Session 3 – The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth: The Black SGL Man

Speakers

Leo Moore, MD, MSHPM, Associate Medical Director, Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County

Dr. Moore is the Associate Medical Director/Clinical Prevention Specialist and Chief of Provider Support and Quality Assurance for the Division of HIV and STD programs (DHSP) at Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. In this role, he works to expand access to HIV and STD prevention tools, such as pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis and patient delivered partner therapy. Dr. Moore is a practicing STD physician at North Hollywood Community Health Services clinic. He is a medical graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine, completed primary care internal medicine residency at Yale University School of Medicine, and recently completed his Masters of Science in Health Policy and Management at University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Moore was recently featured on NBC News “PRIDE 30” list in honor of LGBT people making a difference in the community. He was also recently interviewed by HIV Plus magazine for an article entitled “Meet the Doctor Changing How Black Gay/Bisexual Men View PrEP”.

Keith Green, PhDc, University of Chicago

Keith R. Green, MSW is an organizational management and health policy scholar with a specific focus on the role of community-based organizations (CBOs) in the implementation of HIV prevention and treatment services. He is currently an NRSA Health Services Research Program Predoctoral Trainee, doctoral candidate, and adjunct instructor at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. His dissertation research explores how varying Affordable Care Act implementation strategies across the country impact CBO efforts to engage the nation’s most vulnerable populations into Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV.

Keith graduated summa cum laude from Northeastern Illinois University and earned a master’s degree in clinical social work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition to his academic achievements, Keith is an award-winning spoken word artist, HIV/AIDS activist, social justice advocate, and community journalist. He is a founding member of the Chicago Black Gay Men’s Caucus and former associate editor for Positively Aware magazine. He also served as project director for one of the first research studies to explore the acceptability and feasibility of integrating an evidence-based behavioral intervention (Many Men, Many Voices) with PrEP among young gay and bisexual men of color. In addition, he served as director of federal affairs at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, where he advocated for and monitored the implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the ACA, with a specific focus on the implications of these legislative feats for increasing access to treatment and prevention services for marginalized populations.

David Malebranche, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine

Dr. Malebranche is a board certified Internal Medicine physician and expert in Men’s and LGBT health, as well as the prevention and treatment of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). He is currently an Associate Professor of Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and is an experienced qualitative HIV behavioral prevention researcher who has completed several studies on sexual health among Black men of diverse sexualities.

He has published over 40 articles in medical and public health journals such as The Annals of Internal Medicine, The American Journal of Public Health, JAMA, Lancet, Health Affairs, Men and Masculinities, The Archives of Sexual Behavior, and The Journal of the National Medical Association. He is known as a dynamic speaker worldwide and has appeared in documentaries on CNN, ABC News Primetime, TV One, and Black Entertainment Television (BET) for his expertise on HIV in the Black community. Dr. Malebranche also served as a member of the President’s Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) from 2006 – 2008, and as the HIV/AIDS clinical expert on WebMD from 2010 - 2012. He also appears in the video series #AskTheHIVDoc, which promotes education on sexual health topics for same gender-loving men. In 2015, Dr. Malebranche published his first book, a memoir about his father entitled Standing on His Shoulders. He currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia.
HCV Track

Track Overview
The HCV Health Track syncs strategies to facilitate engagement in HCV testing and cure therapy in at-risk communities.

Session 1 - SYNCing HCV Testing, Navigation and Linkage to Care with HIV Programs: Leveraging Opportunities for Service Integration

Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio D

This session will convene a panel of federal, state and local government HIV and HCV stakeholders to discuss strategies and lessons learned in health systems and data integration to enhance HCV prevention, care, and treatment services.

SYNC POINTS
- Describe federal efforts to integrate HIV and HCV programming to enhance HCV testing and linkage to care.
- Discuss lessons learned in health department health systems and data integration, such as HCV data to care initiatives.
- Examine HIV provider education and healthcare workforce barriers for integrating HCV services in HIV care settings.
Speakers

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Sara Woody, MHA, Public Health Analyst, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration

Ms. Woody is a Public Health Analyst in the Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) branch within the HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). In this role, she is responsible for coordinating the SPNS and Office of Training and Capacity Development (OTCD) Division portfolio of projects related to Hepatitis C coinfection. Prior to joining HRSA, Ms. Woody served as a healthcare administrator in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Public Health Service. As a Naval Officer, Ms. Woody supported humanitarian medical operations onboard the hospital ship USNS COMFORT where she earned her Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer (SWMDO) qualification. Achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service, Ms. Woody evaluated the effectiveness and impact of public health programs and supported the H1N1 response while assigned to the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) within HHS. Ms. Woody is a certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and has a Master of Science degree in Health Administration from the University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado.

Alexandra Shirreffs, MPH, HIV/HCV Project Coordinator, Philadelphia Department of Health

Since 2011, Alex has used her collaborative spirit to help move Philadelphia towards ending the epidemics of hepatitis B and C. For six years, she served as the Philadelphia Department of Public Health’s Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator and is now leading a HRSA funded project to improve the hepatitis C care continuum among people living with HIV. Alex applies the same community oriented approach to this project as she did forming the Hepatitis C Allies of Philadelphia coalition. Throughout her work in public health, Alex has realized that improving the health of Philadelphia requires innovation, silo busting, and engagement of the communities we serve. Her passion for social justice was fostered through her studies at Fordham University and the University of Washington’s Master’s in Public Health program and in her service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Cote d’Ivoire.

Amber J Casey, MPH, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Amber Casey is the Deputy Director of the HIV Care & Treatment Program at the New York City Department of Health. She oversees planning and administration of the Ryan White Part A Program and manages strategic planning and special projects including serving as Project Director for the HRSA SPNS - Jurisdictional Approach to Curing Hepatitis C among HIV/HCV Coinfected People of Color grant, known locally as Project SUCCEED. She has an MPH from Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health and a BA in Public Health from the University of Washington.

Paul Harkin, Program Manager, HIV/Hep C Prevention and Harm Reduction Services, GLIDE

Paul Harkin has worked in HIV/Hep C prevention and treatment, and Syringe Access Services, since 1997. He specializes in creating programs that provide culturally appropriate harm reduction services to marginalized populations, particularly serving People Who Use Drugs (PWUD), offering HIV/Hep C Testing, Navigation and Linkage services. He has created programs that focus on engaging high risk individuals into services in a variety of community settings, including streets, Adult Homeless Shelters, homeless encampments, SRO hotels and Navigation Centers. He is a member of San Francisco’s HIV Community Planning Council, serving as the San Francisco Community Member on the Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS).

Paul Harkin has an MA in Cultural Studies from East London University, England. Originally from Scotland, he came to the US in 1997 to do HIV/AIDS prevention volunteer work.
HCV Track

Session 2 - Enhancing Patient-Centered Care Models to Serve Vulnerable Populations at Risk for or Living with HCV

Monday, April 23, 2018, 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM, Studio D

This session will highlight community-based models and systems that support vulnerable populations, such as homeless, injection drug users, and incarcerated persons, who are at risk for or living with HCV.

SYNC POINTS

- Demonstrate need for improved health care models to engage vulnerable populations at risk for and living with HCV.
- Review lessons learned and successes from community-based HCV prevention and care models reaching homeless individuals, injection drug users, and incarcerated persons.
- Describe impact of policy and treatment restrictions on improving access to HCV care and treatment for vulnerable populations.
Candice Givens, Bridge Counselor, HIV/HCV FOCUS Program, University of North Carolina Infectious Diseases

Candice Givens received her Bachelor of Social Work degree from East Carolina University in 2013. She is currently a Master of Social Work student at the same institution, concentrating in Clinical Community Social Work and Substance Abuse Counseling. Candice has had the opportunity to work for several non-profit organizations, and local and state agencies in their efforts to improve health, education, and overall wellbeing for populations served. In her current roles Candice serves as an HIV/ HCV Bridge Counselor; a Clinical Intern for substance abuse addictions, and also as Co-Chair of Durham’s HIV/STI Committee. Candice’s interest include holistic health care, racial equity, and marriage and family therapy.

Marguerite Beiser, NP, Director of HCV Services, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

Maggie Beiser completed her training as an adult nurse practitioner at Columbia University School of Nursing in 2008 and has been an adult nurse practitioner at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program for the past ten years. She provides adult primary care in a federally-qualified health center, serving homeless and marginally-housed adults with a high burden of complex medical illness, comorbid mental health and substance use disorders. She provides specialty care to patients living with HIV infection and has been certified as an HIV Specialist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine since 2010. In 2014 she developed and implemented a primary care-based hepatitis C treatment program and currently administers that program as the Director of HCV Services. To date the BHCHP HCV program has treated over 400 individuals, and participates in HCV treatment advocacy, policy planning and research at local, state and national levels.

Mary Sylla, JD, MPH, Fund Development Director, Centerforce

Mary Sylla, JD, MPH, has 20 years’ experience focused on incarceration and health. She has advocated for prisoners’ rights including access to HIV treatment and prevention, at AIDS Project Los Angeles and the ACLU of Southern California. She worked with Centerforce in 2005, and returned in 2017 to serve as Centerforce’s Fund Development Director, focused on funding and capacity building.

Benjamin Bruso, MSM Prevention Specialist, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

Ben Bruso is a Prevention Specialist with the AIDS Resource Center of WI in Madison, WI, specializing in MSM outreach. As a Prevention Specialist, Ben reaches high risk groups through community education, needle exchange, and gay bar outreach. Ben also assists with PrEP referral, and performs rapid HIV/HCV/STI testing in various outreach settings, including: gay bars, mobile vans, community centers, and treatment centers. Previous to working in the Madison area, Ben worked in rural WI, specializing in IDU Harm Reduction/HIV/HCV prevention outreach.

Elizabeth Paukstis, MA, JD, Public Policy Director, National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

Elizabeth Paukstis, M.A., J.D. 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.
This session will focus on HCV elimination strategies being implemented through national and local policy, program, and health systems transformation, including an update from the HHS on what the elimination plan means for federal efforts.

**SYNC POINTS**

- Review progress of national initiatives, including the National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan, to address the HCV epidemic and achieve elimination.
- Discuss the role of enhanced testing and linkage to care in eliminating viral hepatitis.
- Identify best practices and lessons learned for achieving HCV elimination in health systems such as the US Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Describe policy implications and the need for collaborations among policy and programs to eliminate HCV.
Sonia Canzater, JD, MPH, Associate, Hepatitis C Policy Project, O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law

Sonia Canzater is the Hepatitis Policy Associate at the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University Law Center. She has organized convenings with key thought leaders in viral hepatitis and national health care to analyze legal and policy barriers to treatment for hepatitis C, and has published policy briefs that address the effects of stigma on the efforts to eliminate hepatitis C as a public health threat, and on the need for improved data monitoring and surveillance of hepatitis C in the U.S. Sonia holds a Juris Doctor and Master of Public Health from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Temple University.

Boatemaa Ntiri-Reid, JD, MPH, Chief, Center for Viral Hepatitis, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Health Services Bureau, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration at the Maryland Department of Health. As Center Chief, she leads the Department’s viral hepatitis prevention and control efforts, including two cooperative agreements with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She has extensive experience in HIV and viral hepatitis prevention and care services. Her experience includes providing legal representation to underserved clients, including the provision of legal assistance to individuals living with HIV through partnerships with local medical providers. Ms. Ntiri-Reid holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law, a Master’s in Public Health from Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

Alyssa Kitlas, Manager, Hepatitis, NASTAD

Alyssa Kitlas is a Manager in NASTAD’s Hepatitis program where she is responsible for overseeing CDC’s Networking, Capacity Building, and Training cooperative agreement, including NASTAD’s Hepatitis Testing Partnership and Learning Collaborative and coordination of hepatitis-screening related technical assistance requests. Prior to NASTAD, Alyssa worked as a Program Analyst at the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), an Assistant Shift Manager on the National Sexual Assault Hotline, and an HIV Test Counselor and Health Educator at FQHC in San Diego. She currently serves on the Advisory Committee for Hepatitis B Initiative-DC and previously volunteered for HIPS, a harm reduction organization, and at Whitman Walker Health’s STD clinic. Alyssa received her B.A. in International Studies- Political Science from the University of California, San Diego.

Angela Park, PharmD, CACP, US Department of Veterans Affairs

Dr. Angela Park is a clinical pharmacy specialist and the Pharmacy Process Improvement Program Manager for the Office of Strategic Integration | Veterans Engineering Resource Center at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Park is co-leading the Hepatic Innovation Team National Collaborative, which is focused on utilizing Lean process improvement to improve hepatitis C care from diagnosis through cure and advanced liver disease. Dr. Park received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Park began her career at the VA over 10 years ago in 2007. She is a Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider, has been trained as an advanced facilitator, a coach/mentor, a transformative leader, and is currently pursuing her black belt in Lean Six Sigma.
Rachel Gonzalez, MPH, National Hepatitis C Resource Center, US Department of Veterans Affairs

Rachel Gonzalez works at the beautiful VA in Long Beach, California and is proud to co-lead the Hepatic Innovation Team Collaborative. She is a public health practitioner and has been fortunate to serve many diverse roles in her field. Before she joined the VA, she worked for non-profit organizations, in academic settings and for NGOs, in case management, bench and clinical research and global health systems. Ms. Gonzalez received her Master of Public Health degree from Columbia University, and is has her Green Belt in Lean and in Six Sigma. Rachel looks forward to sharing strong practices and continuing on the path to eliminating Hepatitis C!

Corinna Dan, RN, MPH, Viral Hepatitis Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Ms. Corinna Dan, RN MPH, 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.
LGBT Health Track

Track Overview
The LGBT Health Track syncs diverse stakeholders developing high impact policies and interventions geared to changing social norms, promoting equity, and improving health outcomes among underserved LGBT persons.

Session 1 - Behavioral Healthcare for Transgender Women: What's New?

Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio F

Transgender women are disproportionately affected by viral hepatitis and adverse health conditions. Integrated efforts are needed to reduce the rate of HIV with activities to prevent new viral hepatitis infections, identify hepatitis-infected persons via testing, and improve referrals and linkages to care and treatment. Dr. Edwin Craft will open the workshop with a description of the Minority AIDS Initiative and the SAMHSA/CSAT TCE-HIV discretionary grant program, and demonstrate how these initiatives are addressing the needs noted above.

SYNC POINTS
- Describe specific behavioral health disparities affecting trans individuals
- Identify 3 tactics to increase the utilization of preventative healthcare services by transgender women
- Discuss existing programs which may improve health outcomes for transgender women
Speakers

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Edwin Craft, DrPH, MEd, LCPC, Cross-Cutting Lead for LGBT Affairs, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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 at SAMHSA. He is the CSAT Cross-Cutting Lead in the areas of LGBT behavioral health, methamphetamine, and PrEP/nPEP. Ed 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 to the National HIV-AIDS Strategy Workgroup on PrEP. 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 Interdisciplinary Affairs. Dr. Craft is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, and holds a DrPH in Health Policy and Administration and a MEd in Community Counseling.

Susan Reif, PhD, LCSW, Research Scholar, Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research, Duke University

Dr. Reif is a Research Scholar at the Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research at Duke University with a doctoral degree in Health Policy and Administration. She is a project director for a SAMHSA-funded program evaluating a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program for individuals living with or at high risk for HIV. She was the principal investigator for a NIMH funded R21 study of the feasibility and outcomes of an in-home mental health treatment intervention for individuals with HIV/AIDS and co-principal investigator on a CFAR small grant initiative to use a CBPR process to develop a treatment intervention to test among individuals with HIV and substance use, which is currently being implemented in the SAMHSA-funded study.

Dr. Reif has participated in the design, implementation, and analysis of a dozen other federally funded research projects that addressed HIV risk reduction and HIV care provision. Funding sources for these projects included NIDA, NIMH, and SAMHSA. She has over 30 articles published in peer-reviewed journals and is lead author for 15 of these articles. Through her current and prior research experience and doctoral and post-doctoral training she developed strong qualitative and quantitative research skills, which include focus group and interview facilitation and analysis, survey design, and longitudinal data analysis. In addition, her ten years of experience as a clinical social worker with individuals living with HIV provided her with a unique perspective and skill set to approach HIV-related research.

Shawn Snavley, MDiv, Case Manager, Transwomen Residential and Networked Services, HealthRIGHT 360

Shawn Snavley has worked with the LGBTQIA+ community since he came out as a transman in 2011. He began by advocating for LGBT inclusion in the United Methodist Church through an organization called Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). While Shawn was with RMN he designed and facilitated LGBT 101, Trans 101, and Gender, Sexuality, and Spirituality trainings across the United States as part of the Love Your Neighbor campaign. Shawn came to California to finish his Masters in Divinity at Pacific School of Religion which he completed in 2016. During his time in seminary Shawn served as the Director of Religious Education for a Unitarian Universalist Congregation in the East Bay. During his work with the children, youth, and families of the congregation, Shawn implemented the congregation’s first sexuality education classes for 7th to 9th graders as well as a corresponding class for parents that covered the same material. Shawn developed curriculum for a variety of age groups around gender, sexuality, and mental health. Shawn came to the TRNS project just over a year ago where he became a registered AOD counselor combining his own experience in recovery with his knowledge of transgender needs to provide case management services to this incredible vulnerable population.
Speakers

Queen Victoria Ortega, Trans Associate Manager, St. John’s Well Child & Family Center

Queen Victoria believes in leadership through service and has been in HIV services for over 20 years. Currently she works with The St. John’s Transgender Health Program as the Interventionist and Implements Seeking Safety. She leverages her intersectionality to advise and guide organizations and systems. Queen Victoria has increased the capacity of community members and stakeholders by engaging in advocacy. She has also been a member of The Los Angeles County Prevention Planning Council, and the Los Angeles County Commission as part of the HIV Health Services and the Transgender Service Provider Network. As part of the Building a Healthy Communities Boyle Heights Collaborative, she served as Chair of the Community Engagement Committee for Building Healthy Communities Boyle Heights and supported the effort in creating a health safety net for undocumented residents of Los Angeles.

Beda Gamboa, LCSW, Therapist, St. John’s Well Child & Family Center

Beda Gamboa is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 15 years of experience working with children, adolescents, adults, couples and families. She has worked in inpatient and outpatient, roadside Harm Reduction, military, non-profit, and private settings. Through her work with combat veterans, she became specialized in treating complex combat trauma among military personnel and veterans. She has used the experience and training from working with combat veterans to treat civilian, LGBTQ and refugees who have survived war torn countries, violence, crimes and been historically oppressed through low intensity war. She is passionate about social justice and calls her style of therapy “guerilla social work, by any means necessary.”

Rizi Timane, ACSW, MSW, PhD, Transgender Health Program Manager at St John’s Well Child and Family Center, Los Angeles

Rizi Timane, ACSW, MSW, PhD, is a female to male Transgender specialist educator and pre-licensed psychotherapist. He is currently employed as the Transgender Health Program Manager at St John’s Well Child and Family Center in Los Angeles and his work with the trans community spans the past 11 years. His memoir “An Unspoken compromise” detailing his discovery at 8 years old that he was Trans and his eventual decision to transition in his 30’s, is an amazon best-selling memoir. Rizi is also the founding Director of the Happy Transgender Center established in 2012, through which he provides an annual transgender surgery grant that has fully paid for 7 Transmen and women to have gender confirming surgeries. Rizi is also an actor and singer and his annual surgery grant is entirely funded from sales of his book, movies and music. To learn more about Rizi and his work at www.Rizitimane.com

Dr. Tanya Chase

Tanya Chase, Psy.D., has been working in the field of substance abuse and mental health treatment since 1997 when she started her career in public health. She worked with clients on probation and parole in San Francisco, CA and incarcerated clients at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, CA. In 2006, she began managing an adult outpatient drug free treatment program in Vallejo, CA, which focused on working with clients on parole, probation or had open cases with child welfare services. Dr. Chase is certified in alcohol and drug treatment and has worked in numerous inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs in and around the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2014, she received her doctorate in clinical psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies. She worked as a methadone clinic director from 2014 until 2017, when she became the program manager for the SAMHSA-TCE-HIV Transwomen’s Residential & Networked Services Project within the women’s residential treatment program at HealthRIGHT 360 in San Francisco, CA. Dr. Chase specializes in addiction treatment and behavioral health, the intersection of mental health and substance use disorder treatment with underserved populations.
Across many disciplines, innovations are taking place in LGBT healthcare. In order to enhance trust between patient and provider, many providers are using patient- and family-centered care and cultural competency as methods to effectively communicate and treat LGBT patients. This session will address many of the new practices in academia to treatments from the field that are effectively addressing the unique health needs of the LGBT community.

**SYNC POINTS**
- Discuss existing barriers between the healthcare system and the LGBT community
- Explain the importance of cultural competency on LGBT health outcomes
- Identify 3 best practices for treating LGBT patients
**Speakers**

**LGBT Health Track: Session 2 - Innovative LGBT Health Care: New Paradigms, Programs and Practices**

Amida Castagne, MPH, CHES, Program Manager, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Amida Castagne, MPH, CHES is a Program Manager in the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) where she oversees several federally funded Ryan White Part A programs including harm reduction services and Ending the Epidemic Crystal Methamphetamine harm reduction services. Amida have worked for the NYCDOHMH for five (5) years and has worked in the field of HIV/AIDS for over 12 twelve years. She has experience working in the field of substance use and prior to working at NYCDOHMH worked at a methadone maintenance clinic for eight (8) years.

Garrett Reuscher, Certified Substance Abuse Counselor Trainee (CASAC-T), Clinical Client Navigator of the Recharge program at GMHC

Garrett Reuscher is a Harm Reduction Counselor in the Recharge program at GMHC where his work engages all levels of the program. From harm reduction counseling and health education to outreach and benefit navigation, he utilizes a harm reduction modality to serve clientele of the Re-Charge program in a way that best fits their needs. After graduating from Bard College, Garrett worked at Criminal Justice Policy Foundation and Students for Sensible Drug Policy to help dismantle our outdated and draconian drug laws through congressional lobbying and legalizing marijuana in our nation’s capital. He then began working in mental health and substance use services, where he has remained for over three years. He is a licensed Certified Substance Abuse Counselor Trainee (CASAC-T).

Paige Baker, PsyD, in.power* The Sexual Harm Response Project Program Manager, Howard Brown Health Center

Dr. Baker-Braxton attended Georgetown University receiving undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Gender Studies. She pursued both a MS and Doctorate in multicultural Clinical Psychology from Nova Southeastern. Dr. Baker-Braxton trained as a Psychology Fellow in 1 of 10 national sites specializing in LGBT Mental Health in the VA. With over 8 years’ experience working in the LGBT community, Dr. Baker-Braxton brought her expertise to Howard Brown Health in 2016. She was hired to spearhead the development, implementation, and evaluation of the first LGBTQ specific sexual assault response program in the nation: in.power*. Under Dr. Baker-Braxton’s supervision, in.power*: The Sexual Harm Response Project has served over 195 unique survivors of sexual violence in 2016 and has revolutionized the way sexual assault response teams address sexual violence in the queer community. In addition to her work at Howard Brown Health, Dr. Baker-Braxton is also a practicing Clinical Psychologist with a private practice in Chicago specializing in LGBT Mental Health and trauma.
Kyan Lynch, MD, MA, Senior Public Health Specialist, Center for Community Practice, University of Rochester

Dr. Kyan Lynch works as a TA Provider/Trainer at the Center for Community Practice, University of Rochester. He received his BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Northwestern University. He earned his medical degree and MA in Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics at Stony Brook University. He is currently enrolled in the George Washington LGBT Health Practice and Policy Graduate Certificate Program. Kyan’s previous work at the University of Rochester includes participation in the PEP Academic Detailing Initiative, which was completed in collaboration with the New York State AIDS Institute. In this role, Kyan educated primary care providers throughout New York State about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV.

In addition to his work related to PEP, Kyan is also passionate about LGBTQ health. He educates health care providers regarding LGBTQ health, and serves as a member of the Transcending Gender Binary Violence Prevention and Response Impact Team, based in Albany.
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Session 3 - Advancing LGBT Health Through Progressive Advocacy

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio F

Many states, cities and towns are leading by example to pass inclusive LGBT health laws. From HIV prevention to conversion therapy, states and municipalities are passing policies that promote LGBT health equity. This session will give you practical tools to improve LGBT health in your community.

SYNC POINTS

• Name three important policies at the local/municipal that can improve LGBT health
• Discuss the different tactics states are using to limit conversion therapy for minors
• Identify policies that can improve the health and well-being of LGBT sex workers
Sharita Gruberg, PHD, Vice President, LGBT Research & Communications Project, Center for American Progress

Sharita Gruberg is the associate director of the LGBT Research and Communications Project at American Progress. She comes to American Progress with extensive experience working in immigration advocacy, law, and policy, as well as experience providing direct service to immigration detainees, refugees, and asylum seekers.

Prior to joining American Progress, Sharita worked as a program specialist for the Women’s Refugee Commission. In that capacity she lobbied Congress and administrative agencies for increased protections for migrant populations, particularly women, families, and unaccompanied children. She has also worked as a law clerk for the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration, where she provided support to immigration detainees in removal proceedings, including LGBT asylum seekers, and filed complaints on detention conditions with the Department of Homeland Security. Most recently, she completed a fellowship with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, where she wrote and submitted refugee resettlement requests to safe third countries and liaised with congressional offices on refugee resettlement cases.

Sharita earned her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a public interest law scholar and the writing program director for the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy, and she also received the Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies Certificate from the Institute for the Study of International Migration. She holds a B.A. in political science and women’s studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Sam Brinton, MS, Chief Advocacy Officer, The Trevor Project

Sam is one of the world’s leading advocates for LGBTQ youth. They are the founder and head of the 50 Bill 50 States campaign to end the dangerous and discredited practice of conversion therapy, first in the United States and then around the globe. As a survivor of conversion therapy, Sam has spearheaded efforts to submit legislation and promote public education in the hopes of ending the practice on minors. They have co-chaired the National Center for Lesbian Rights Advisory Committee on conversion therapy and have spoken before the United Nations and Congress. They have been featured in numerous media including a recent New York Times op-ed as well as TIME, MSNBC, The Washington Post, PBS Newshour, Huffington Post, and CTV in Canada.

Their professional training is in nuclear engineering and public policy. Following graduate degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Nuclear Engineering and the Technology Policy Program, Sam served as a policy analyst, fellow and director of government affairs focused on nuclear energy at think tanks and energy organizations. They have authored successful legislation, briefed congressional members as well as President Obama and President Trump on the wonders of nuclear physics. Sam is an avid singer with the Gay Men’s Chorus of Washington, D.C. and can be found running along Rock Creek Park singing at the top of their lungs. Sam’s pronouns are they, them, and theirs.

Guillaume R. Bagal III, MA, MHA, Public Policy Associate, Whitman-Walker Health

Guillaume Bagal and is a Public Policy Associate at Whitman-Walker Health, where he partners with local and national groups to advance LGBTQ rights and HIV care. Prior to joining Whitman-Walker Health, he consulted for various healthcare stakeholders at Avalere Health, and served as Director of Policy at the Center of Global Health and Diplomacy in Washington, DC. He serves as President of the DC-based Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance (GLAA), the nation’s oldest continuously active, gay and lesbian civil rights organization. He holds a master’s degree in Sociology from East Carolina University, and a second master’s in Health Administration and Policy from George Mason University. He was born in Cameroon and grew up in Quebec, Canada and is fluent in French and English.
Systems Health Track

Track Overview
The Systems Health track helps HIV and community organizations strategically plan for organizational and service sustainability as the healthcare landscape continues to change.

Session 1 – Exploring Outcomes-Driven Sustainability Solutions in a Turbulent Healthcare Landscape

Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio A

As investments and funding models shift to prioritize value-oriented, performance-based programs, non-profit organizations must adjust their funding strategies. In response to the “blended value investor” approach, organizations need to ‘blend’ their own missions, activities, and fiscal practices to remain relevant and sustainable. Performance-based payment models are requiring programs to achieve goals and objectives to maintain sustainable funding and continuity of services. The Positive Life Workshop, a performance-based initiative in New York City, demonstrates the challenges and strategies of a program that relied on consistently achieving outcomes to stay on budget.

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SYNC POINTS
- Connect non-profit services with market-based solutions to increase organizational sustainability
- Illustrate non-profit services on a sustainability matrix and derive strategies for sustainability
- Describe challenges and benefits of performance-based reimbursement models for HIV services
Leandro Rodriguez, Director of Programs, Latino Commission on AIDS

Born and raised in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. Dedicated 21 years to LGBT issues and HIV Prevention. Obtained a Sociology BA from the University of Puerto Rico and a master’s in business administration from the University of Phoenix. In his 20 years’ experience in the field, Leandro has developed in areas such as capacity building, grant writing, program design, implementation and evaluation, transformational leadership, organizational coaching, curricula writer and motivational speaker. Leandro’s populations of interest include communities of color and Latinx LGBT communities. Currently Leandro is the Director of Programs for the Latino Commission on AIDS, which include the Oasis LGBTS Wellness Center in NYC and sits as part of the Population Committee on the NYS HIV/AIDS Advisory Board.

Fungisai Nota, PhD, MPH, CCEP, Founder & CEO, Solvency Health | Nota Consulting Group

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- an 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 Organization; Senior Research Fellow at Pennsylvania Department of Health; and as professor of Business and Economics at 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 a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional (CCEP).
Thoughtful data management can enhance care coordination for people living with HIV, help organizations set priorities for service delivery, and improve strategic business planning. This session will discuss strategies for healthcare organizations to leverage data for improved quality management, public relations, and program compliance. The session will include best practices and case studies demonstrating how organizations can use data to target activities and create efficient partnerships with state and local agencies.

**SYNC POINTS**
- Describe the need for enhanced data collection and reporting strategies
- Discuss federal guidance for clinical data reporting for federal grants
- Identify strategies to approach enhanced data management, including best practices and examples from ASOs/CBOs
- Define roles and responsibilities of staff involved in data management and quality improvement activities
- Discuss processes used by state Medicaid agencies to implement a data to care program for people living with HIV
- Describe challenges and successes in the implementation of a data to care program for HIV programs
Speakers

**Ross Hewitt, MD, Associate Medical Director for HIV Services, Metroplus Health**

Dr. Ross G. Hewitt has been involved with the AIDS epidemic since its beginning, when he cared for some of the country’s first AIDS patients while a medical student at Bellevue Hospital in 1981. Since then, he went on to complete training in Internal medicine and Infectious Diseases and became the first Medical Director of the AIDS Designated Center Program at Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, NY, a position he held for 18 years. While there, he was an active clinical researcher, conducting trials that helped usher in the first 15 antiretroviral medications. He moved back to NYC, his hometown, in 2004 and since has worked in Harlem with the HIV programs at Heritage Health Care, North General Hospital and currently, the Institute for Family Health – Family Health Center of Harlem, where he still practices today. He became the Associate Medical Director for HIV Services at MetroPlus Health Plan in June, 2015, where he oversees the quality of care delivered to over 8,700 HIV+ MetroPlus enrollees.

**Michael Hager, MPH, MA, President & CEO, Hager Health, LLC**

Michael Hager is an experienced public health expert and evaluator. He has over 15 years’ experience working within the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program directly and indirectly with all Parts funding. He has focused the last 9 years predominantly on quality improvement and demonstrating impact of funded services in achieving stated aims, but also downstream impacts on HIV health outcomes for RWHAP patients. Michael’s passion for data-driven process has led him to innovate new utilization, cost-effectiveness, health outcomes, and health disparities tools and calculators to help simplify complicated subject areas to improve focus on solutions. Michael has led several national initiatives aimed at improving RWHAP patient health outcomes, including the In+care Campaign, the HIV Cross-Part Care Continuum Collaborative (H4C), and the end+disparities Learning Exchange. All these programs made a measurable difference in both RWHAP provider capacity for clinical quality management and in downstream HIV health outcomes for RWHAP patients. In addition to HIV, Michael focuses on social justice, health equity, and behavioral health as they relate to quality management.
Introducing clinical services to traditional health home and community organizations can strengthen the sustainability of programs to allow providers to expand the reach of their care. A health center in North Carolina demonstrates the successes and challenges for integrating clinical services in a rural setting, providing methods and strategies for partnering and prioritizing to meet the needs of the community. Transitioning to providing direct medical services opens the opportunity for community based organizations to develop new revenue streams, expand service delivery for their patient populations, and increase organizational sustainability. An Oregon ASO exemplifies the opportunities for traditional service provider to expand their mission and remain relevant in the evolving healthcare landscape.

**SYNC POINTS**

- Identify strategies for understanding community needs and agency capabilities
- Describe methods for accessing new funding streams such as fee for service, pay for performance, insurance billing and reimbursement, and 340B programs
- Discuss strategies for introducing partnerships between agencies to address gaps in a jurisdiction’s care continuum
- Identify the touch points along the HIV Care Continuum where substance use disorder screening and care contribute to retention in HIV treatment

**SYSTEMS HEALTH TRACK:**
**Session 3 - Strategies for Integrating and Expanding Clinical Services**

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**Speakers**

**Peter Parisot, Deputy Executive Director, Cascade AIDS Project**

Peter Parisot is Deputy Executive Director at Cascade AIDS Project and it’s LGBTQ+ focused primary care center, Prism Health. A lawyer by training with a background in politics, Peter provides strategic, legal, and policy expertise to the agency. Prior to joining the leadership team at Cascade AIDS Project, Peter was the Director of Economic Development for the City of Portland.

**Tyler TerMeer, Executive Director, Cascade AIDS Project**

Tyler TerMeer is Executive Director of Cascade AIDS Project, the oldest and largest community-based provider of HIV services in Oregon and SW Washington and Prism Health a safe, affirming, and non-judgmental health center where all members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community can obtain the compassionate and culturally effective primary and mental healthcare they need and deserve.

TerMeer graduated from Otterbein University with a BFA in Theatre Design Technology, fully intending a career in theatre management. However, after testing positive for HIV in 2004 and experiencing the support and expertise of a local AIDS service organization, TerMeer turned his efforts toward helping others living with HIV and advocating for strong, effective HIV policy.

Over the next decade, TerMeer translated his passion and skill into impact. Professionally, TerMeer served as Director of the Ohio AIDS Coalition (OAC), Director of Public Policy and Government Relations for AIDS Resource Center Ohio, Director of Men’s and Youth Programs for Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS, and Manager in Prevention at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), where his portfolio included NASTAD’S Gay Men’s, Transgender, Biomedical, Linkage to Care, and Prevention with Positives programs.
Gerlinda Gallegos Somerville, MPH, CHES Chief, Health Systems Branch, Division of Services Improvement/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Gerlinda Gallegos (GG) Somerville is Chief of the Health Systems Branch (HSB) in the Division of Services Improvement (DSI) at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). As a member of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) leadership team, GG impacts national behavioral health policy and strategies related to the three national programs in the HSB: the Targeted Capacity Expansion-HIV (TCE-HIV), Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and the Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment – Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MATPD-DOA). The programs under her direction address the intersection of substance misuse and co-occurring mental health disorders with HIV and hepatitis; integration of SBIRT into primary care for increased access to treatment in generalist and specialists settings for persons at risk for substance misuse or dependence; and expansion of medication assisted treatment service systems and other recovery support services to individuals with opioid use disorders seeking or receiving MAT. Prior to her tenure at SAMHSA, GG served as Deputy Director-at-Large for the CDC Russia/Ukraine and other international country offices; Chief of the Extramural Services Activity responsible for umbrella cooperative agreements with key CDC national partners; founder of the national CDC/Capacity Building Assistance network that delivered joint grantee technical assistance to organizations along the US-Mexico border serving migrant workers and public health advisor in the National Immunization Program. GG has fifteen years of public health experience in the public and private sectors including service as a volunteer on medical missions to Honduras serving as an interpreter for practitioner/patient interactions. GG is a strong advocate for her daughter and other individuals with disabilities.

Andrea Harris, CSAT Team Lead, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Andrea M. Harris has worked in the field of substance abuse and mental health treatment and prevention for over 30 years. Ms. Harris has a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology, is a Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor and a Certified Prevention Professional. She is a program manager with strong leadership and management skills. Ms. Harris is an experienced educator and trainer. She is adjunct faculty with the Office of Education and Training for Addictions Services (CETAS) with the State of Maryland. Ms Harris has developed and implemented a variety of public health programs that address such problems as substance abuse and mental health problems, underage drinking, community awareness and education of substance abuse and mental health problems, intergenerational substance abuse/mental health and violence, offender reentry services, juvenile delinquency, youth mentoring, family unification, youth supervision and discipline, family violence, child victimization, school failure, school drop out, parenting, after school programs, youth behavioral problems, teen pregnancy prevention, HIV prevention immunization tracking and promotion, suicide prevention, fire arm safety and traffic safety. Ms. Harris has worked for the for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention as a Public Health Advisor since 2004. Initially she worked as a Project Officer for the Drug Free Communities Grant Program and for the 20% Prevention Set Aside for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block grant. Synar, Strategic Prevention Framework and Partnerships for Success grant programs. She is also the CSAP liaison to Project LAUNCH. She is currently the Team Lead for HIV Programs in the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Ms Harris serves a member of the following committees: The Financing Integration Team, and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Workgroup.
National Fiscal Health Training

Track Overview
The National Fiscal Health Training at SYNChronicity is designed to build the fiscal management and compliance capacity of Ryan White programs.

Session 1 – Impact of Healthcare Reform on Ryan White Program Implementation

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM, Studio B

Health reform and the changing healthcare landscape continue to impact HIV care delivery, creating increasingly robust accountability standards and fiscal management requirements for Ryan White recipients and subrecipients. This session will address strategies to prepare fiscal systems, promote program compliance, and achieve service delivery goals amidst political and environmental uncertainty.

NATIONAL FISCAL HEALTH TRAINING:
Session 1 - Impact of Healthcare Reform on Ryan White Program Implementation

SYNC POINTS
- Review Ryan White program intent and service requirements
- Discuss the impact of health reform on Ryan White program implementation
- Discuss strategies to adapt to health sector changes and maximize funding opportunities
National Fiscal Health Training: Session 1 – Impact of Healthcare Reform on Ryan White Program Implementation

Speakers

Michael Shankle, MPH, Director of Capacity Building, HealthHIV

Michael Shankle has worked for 22 years in the field of HIV prevention and care with a focus on program management, policy development, organizational and fiscal sustainability, technical assistance delivery, practice improvement methodologies, leadership development, and partnership development and health services research. Michael is the Senior Director of Capacity Building with HealthHIV. Shankle serves as a technical advisor and consultant to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), their recipient/subrecipients, and providers throughout the US. He has extensive expertise in the maximizing organizational alignment and opportunities with federal health care reform requirements and insurance marketplaces.

Shayna Linov, Fiscal Training Specialist, HealthHIV

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National Fiscal Health Training

Session 2 – Understanding and Implementing HHS Uniform Guidance and HRSA/HAB Fiscal Monitoring Standards

Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Studio B

HRSA’s national monitoring standards outline the roles and responsibilities of Ryan White recipients and subrecipients and detail the performance measures for program activities. Understanding the fiscal monitoring standards is a key component in establishing and maintaining compliant program policies, procedures, and activities. This session will provide an overview of the standards Ryan White programs must adhere to and discuss strategies for practical implementation.

SYNC POINTS

- List and define HRSA/HAB fiscal monitoring standards, including managing program income, implementing a schedule of charges, recognizing allowable expenses, and describing administrative requirements
- Describe recipient and subrecipient responsibilities in meeting fiscal standards and performance measures
- Discuss expectations and strategies for preparing for a HRSA/HAB audit
National Fiscal Health Training: Session 2 – Understanding and Implementing HHS Uniform Guidance and HRSA/HAB Fiscal Monitoring Standards

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Knowing the true cost to provide a unit of service can be very useful to Ryan White programs when developing budgets, negotiating reimbursement rates, and planning for services expansion. This session will discuss the purpose of unit cost assessments, review the steps to evaluating resources associated with providing a service, and provide examples of jurisdictions and health centers implementing unit cost development to sustain and expand services.

NATIONAL FISCAL HEALTH TRAINING:
Session 3 - Diversifying Revenue and Developing Unit Cost Rates for Ryan White Service Categories

SYNC POINTS
- Describe the health sector trend toward implementing fee-for-service business models and prioritizing outcomes-based care
- Define unit cost development as it relates to transitioning payment models and Ryan White program implementations
- Define the roles and responsibilities of fiscal, program, clinical, and data management staff in developing unit costs
- Describe potential challenges and areas of consideration for developing unit cost rates for Ryan White and STD services
National Fiscal Health Training: Session 3 – Diversifying Revenue and Developing Unit Cost Rates for Ryan White Service Categories

Speakers

Paul Calabrese, Senior Manager, Rubino & Co
Paul Calabrese is a senior manager at the public accounting firm of Rubino & Company, Chartered, Bethesda, MD. He specializes in Federal grants and US Government Contracting. With respect to Federal grants, Mr. Calabrese trains at the National Grants Management Association annual symposium on a variety of topics relating to the Uniform Guidance for HHS Awards, 45 CFR 75. For Health HIV he presents and trains on Fiscal Monitoring Standards, Payments under Ryan White, and Unit Costing. Mr. Calabrese also supports HealthHIV’s advancements in fiscal management of entities that work to support individuals with HIV/AIDS under the HRSA Ryan White Program.

John Winnett, Founder & Chief Strategy Officer, WOW! Impact Strategies
John D. Winnett is the founder and chief strategy officer of WOW! Impact Strategies, an innovation, change management, and government relations consulting firm that helps transform nonprofits and train boards of directors across the United States. John has over 15 years experience as a senior nonprofit and political executive, including his previous role as the executive vice president and chief staff officer of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Foundation for Philanthropy. He is recognized as a social sector expert in helping organizations achieve greater impact, push the limits of innovation, and drive aggressive growth strategies. John currently lives bi-coastal in Washington, DC and Santa Cruz/San Jose, CA with his "son" Jackson, a 5-year old Boston Terrier. (Fun fact--John is a trained charity and art auctioneer.)
Program income generated from the Ryan White program is designed to enhance and expand service delivery for people living with HIV. Tracking and reporting income generated from patient charges, third party reimbursements, and 340B programs is essential to maintaining program compliance and requires thorough policies and procedures to ensure that income is being properly reinvested in the program. This session will outline strategies for managing program income, including: identifying sources of program income, tracking income earned and expended, budgeting and projecting program income for program sustainability, and identifying client service gaps to effectively spend program income.

NATIONAL FISCAL HEALTH TRAINING:
Session 4 - Strategies for Tracking, Reporting, and Budgeting Program Income to Maximize Service Delivery

SYNC POINTS
- Identify sources of program income
- Review recipients’ and subrecipients’ responsibilities in tracking, monitoring, and spending program income
- Identify allowable and unallowable uses of program income
- Discuss common challenges related to tracking and budgeting program income
- Describe opportunities to maximize program income to expand service delivery and enhance program sustainability
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 (RWHAP) funded, Bluegrass Care Clinic (BCC) at the University of Kentucky, where she has worked in various capacities since 2002. Over the past 13 years, she has served as the Program Coordinator/Financial Manager for the RWHAP Part C and D programs at the BCC, as well as the Financial Manager for the BCC’s RWHAP Part B and AIDS Education Training Center subcontracts. Additionally, Jana has served as a Fiscal, Administrative, and Technical Assistance consultant for HRSA/HAB/DCHAR participating in comprehensive site visits for Ryan White recipients since 2008. Jana has a Master’s degree from the University Of Kentucky Department Of Family Studies, with an emphasis in Family Financial Management and Consumer Issues.

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Black Women's Health Track

The Black Women’s Health Track bolsters programming and interventions addressing health issues among black women.

Session 1 – Conquerors: I Am More Than My Experience - A Trauma Informed Care Perspective

Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Suite 322 (3rd floor)

This session will discuss research and suggest strategic models of care from a trauma informed care perspective.

BLACK WOMEN’S HEALTH TRACK:
Session 1 - Conquerors: I Am More Than My Experience - A Trauma Informed Care Perspective

SYNC POINTS

- Discuss the latest research regarding the impact of trauma on black women
- Identify promising practices for addressing traumatic experiences experienced by black women
Gloria Searson, MSW, Founding Director, Coalition on Positive Health Empowerment

Gloria Searson is a talented entrepreneur, renowned healthcare advocate, community leader, educator and speaker in the area of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C and substance use behavioral modification. Gloria has earned a BA in Political Science from the University of Albany, as well as a Master’s Degree in Social Work from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and she is CASAC-T and a certified Recovery Coach.

With more than 22 years of professional experience, Gloria is considered an expert in the field. HEP Magazine named Gloria one of the Top Ten HCV Advocates of 2014. She has had the opportunity to be the guest/keynote speaker in cities across the country as well as abroad. Her advocacy efforts include sharing her testimony in Washington DC before Congress and at the White House.

Driven by her passion to serve and encourage people in need, Gloria birthed the Coalition On Positive Health Empowerment (COPEhealth.org). As Executive Director and Founder, Gloria leads COPE in its commitment to eliminate Hepatitis C through advocacy, education, patient screening, counseling, and peer support. The focus is to equip clients with knowledge and confidence to become actively involved in their healthcare. COPE’s mission is to promote health and wellness, as well as reduce the incidence of preventable liver and chronic diseases and lifestyles that negatively impact the lives of marginalized communities.

In addition to her public patient advocacy endeavors, Gloria’s professional background includes developing and implementing a peer led chronic disease management model, and substance abuse counseling tool kit designed to assist allied workers with cutting edge information for point of care intervention and outreach.

She has worked as a hospital administrator, community health care provider, a pioneer in disseminating relevant HIV treatment education throughout the country with her jobs at North General Hospital in Harlem, NY; Abbott (Abbvie) Laboratories and NATAP where she organized NATAP’s 1996 Day for Women, a pioneering women-specific HIV treatment forum.

Most recently, Ms. Searson has been appointed to Governor’s Cuomo’s NYS AIDS Advisory Council and named 2017 Grand Marshal for the African American Day Parade.

Gloria Searson is a consummate business woman, devoted to enriching, motivating and helping those in need aspire to greater health and next level living!

Helena Kwakwa, MD, MPH, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Strawberry Mansion Health Center

Dr. Kwakwa is a physician specializing in HIV medicine currently serving as Director of HIV Clinical Services for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

Her particular areas of interest and research include HIV in women, HIV in the Black community, and access to care for the HIV-positive. Recently she has helmed a biomedical HIV prevention initiative using HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis and post-exposure prophylaxis for a diverse community health center population. Having grown up in Ghana, she also has an interest in issues relating to HIV in the developing world, and HIV in the US immigrant population.

Dr. Kwakwa is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College, and Yale University Schools of Medicine and Public Health.
This session will leverage over two decades of funded research and program experience in building capacity and applying core elements of black feminist theory in HIV, aimed at more relevant practices and policies for black women.

SYNC POINTS

- Understand the role of black feminism in building community capacity
- Apply core elements of black feminist theory to HIV prevention efforts
**Speakers**

**Black Women’s Health Track: Session 2 - SYNChing Black Feminism with Public Health**

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**Dr. Quinn Gentry, PhD, MBA, Messages of Empowerment Productions, LLC**

Dr. Quinn Gentry (affectionately known as “Dr. Quinn”) is President and CEO of Messages of Empowerment Productions, LLC (TEAM-MOE) – a public health and management consulting company specializing in organizational effectiveness, women’s health, program evaluation, and community engagement. “Dr. Quinn” began working as a behavioral interventionist at Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health in 1998, and has been researching and advancing black feminism in public health for two decades. She has applied black feminism in public health as a theoretical, interpretive, analytical, and evaluation framework on diverse public health topics, including HIV/AIDS, adolescent health, intimate partner violence, maternal and child health, substance abuse, mental health, reproductive health, and obesity-related health issues. She has authored over 50 publications and presented at top-tier professional conferences in the fields of public and women’s health, HIV/AIDS, and sociology. She wrote, directed, and produced “Divine Intervention”, monologue readings to bring awareness to the intersection of HIV, mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, and homelessness among black women. With funding from the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office on Women’s Health, Administration for Children and Families, and the National Institutes of Health, her research on black feminism has been translated into practice resulting in several community-based interventions. Dr. Quinn completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and holds a Ph.D. degree in Sociology with a concentration in Race and Urban Studies from Georgia State University.

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**Ivy Turnbull, MA, EdM, DLP, Deputy Executive Director, AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Families and Co-Chair, The National Black Women’s HIV/AIDS Network**

As the Deputy Executive Director of the AIDS Alliance, Dr. Turnbull advocates for public policies that benefit women, infants, children, and youth with and affected by HIV on behalf of the 116 HIV care and treatment service programs and their constituents, funded under Part D of the Ryan White Program. Dr. Turnbull implemented initiatives to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission and established family-centered healthcare delivery systems that improve access to medical care, treatment and prevention services for women, infants, children, and youth as the Project Director at a Ryan White Part D funded academic medical facility and then as the Principal Investigator and Associate Director of Ambulatory Care at a municipal hospital facility in New York. She has served as a member of a technical expert panel for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation and the Health Resources and Services Administration’s HIV/AIDS Bureau to explore barriers to care and effective methods to improve HIV care outcomes for women living with HIV across the Ryan White Program and as a subject matter expert for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease HIV Vaccine Research Education Initiative and the HIV Vaccine Trials Network. Dr. Turnbull has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the International Association of Las and Policy and is a founder and Vice-Chair of the National Black Women’s HIV/AIDS Network, the preeminent advocate for Black women and girls living with or affected by HIV/AIDS in the nation. She also serves as the Co-Chair of the Policy Committee of the Region II Health Equity Council of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Health Equity and Accountability Act Community Working Group for the 115th Congress. Most recently, Dr. Turnbull was selected to serve as a member of the VIIV Healthcare Women’s Advisory Board. Dr. Turnbull received her BA degree from Saint Joseph’s College; her MA and EdM degrees from Teachers College Columbia University, and her Doctorate from Northeastern University. She is also a graduate of the UCLA/Johnson and Johnson Health Care Executive Program at UCLA Anderson School of Management.
Black Women's Health Track

Session 3 - Can We Talk About Me?: Blueprints for Cultural Competency in Black Women’s Health

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Suite 322 (3rd floor)

This session will address evidence-informed interventions (including the role of peers in enhancing the HIV care continuum), data requirements to explore the preexisting stigma, perceptions, and unspoken cultural norms that can influence how black women access, understand, and seek care. Clinicians will be able to better tailor interventions to improve health outcomes that address the holistic and mental health concerns that serve as both individual and structural barriers.

SYNC POINTS

- Analyze evidence informed interventions that enhance prevention and care service
- Explore stigma, bias and unspoken cultural norms that influence black women’s access to care
Black Women’s Health Track: Session 3 - Can We Talk About Me?: Blueprints for Cultural Competency in Black Women’s Health

Speakers

Natalie A. Solomon-Brimage, MPH, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration

Natalie is a public health practitioner with over 20 years of experience in planning, evaluating, and conducting public health programs and demonstration projects. She excels at establishing rapport and communicating with teams to ensure high quality content capture and analysis of projects. Her background in behavioral and community health, women’s health in communities of color, and cultural humility and health disparities enables me to ensure health programs are designed to meet objectives and systematically execute agency priorities within stated timelines. I have recently focused on developing solutions for developing culturally appropriate interventions surrounding HIV linkage and retention in diverse healthcare settings.

Rahab Wahome, MPH, AIDS Care Group

Rahab (Mo) Wahome is a Data Manager at the AIDS Care Group, and serves as the Co-Principal Investigator on the Peer Linkage and Retention Program for women of color living with HIV/AIDS. She has a deep interest in the intersection of culture and disease, global health, incarceration and disease outcomes. Having lived in Kenya for 17 years, she delved into HIV and the black immigrant community living in Philadelphia while a student at the Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University. After graduate school, she helped steer the African Health Diaspora Initiative into a fully operation program conducting testing and linkage to care for black immigrants to the city health centers. At the ACG, she is in charge of all data quality and management of various outreach programs and has presented findings extensively at local, national, and international settings including the International AIDS Conferences and the British HIV Association. Additionally, Mo is passionate about African health and development, photography, and travel, and using art as a way to engage the youth in health discussions. She recently directed and was featured in a documentary focusing on healthcare utilization among first generation black immigrants. Ms. Wahome holds a masters degree in Public Health (epidemiology) from Drexel University and undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia.

Allison Byrd, AIDS Care Group

Allison Byrd is a peer specialist at the AIDS Care Group. She has been living with HIV/AIDS for the past 18 years, and has sought to dedicate her career to advocacy, outreach, and empowering men and women on taking charge of their health, and debunking myths about HIV/AIDS transmission and treatment. Ms. Byrd also serves on the board of ACG and Sharon Hill Medical, acting as liaison between the clients served and the management. Additionally, Ms. Byrd is part of the Positive Women Network (PWN) Philadelphia Chapter involved in advocacy for the health and wellbeing of women living with HIV/AIDS. Allison has been featured in the ‘Portraits of Inspiration’ book about women living with HIV/AIDS sharing their stories in their journey since diagnosis. In her spare time, Ms. Byrd loves to spend time with her grandchildren.

Deborah Levine, LCSW, Senior Managing Director, Love Heals Youth Initiatives, GMHC

Deborah A. Levine, LCSW has over 30 years of experience in public policy, health education and community development. She has served as a senior manager for regional and national organizations such as Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc., ACRIA along with serving as the Executive Director of Love Heals, the Alison Gertz Foundation for AIDS Education, Inc. Currently, she serves as the Senior Managing Director of the Love Heals Youth and Family Center at GMHC.

A founding Board Member and National Secretary/Communications Director of the National Black Women’s HIV/AIDS Network, Ms. Levine is the Non-Clinical Co-Chair of the NYC DOHMH’s New York Knows HIV Testing Initiative and is a member of the #beHIVSure NYC LGBTQ Steering Committee, the ETE Women’s Recommendation Subcommittee and serves at the current Chair for the NYCDOHMH Women’s Advisory Board #LivingSure.

Ms. Levine earned her Master’s in Clinical Social Work from NYU and completed her post graduate program at Hunter College and Columbia University.
Generational Track

The Generational Health Track identifies the unique needs of people across generations, especially youth and persons 50 and older.

Session 1 – Testing in the Modern Era

Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Boardroom

This session will examine barriers and facilitators to testing for HIV, HCV, and STIs including the need to routinely test for viral load among people living with HIV to support U=U messaging.

**SYNC POINTS**
- Identify barriers to routine testing for HIV, viral loads, STIs, and HCV
- Understand activities that facilitate routine testing
- Help local communities normalize HIV, HCV, and STI testing as part of an effort to reduce stigma and health disparities.
Diane Tider, MPH, Director, Mount Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine, Director of HIV Prevention

Diane Tider is the Director for Prevention at the Mount Sinai Health System Institute for Advanced Medicine in New York City, where she has worked for over a decade partnering with city, state, federal funders, medical facilities and providers, ancillary staff, community based organizations and most importantly, consumers and the public, to expand knowledge and information about HIV prevention and treatment, and access to care.

Diane believes that understanding one’s body, how it works and the array of health and wellness options available is one of the most elemental human rights we all should have, but that far too often, stigma, shame and silence prevail with regard to sexual health. It is part of Diane’s personal and professional mission to combat those burdens and spread knowledge and awareness in the furtherance of health and well-being.

Diane’s program portfolio includes the 24/7 Free New York City PEP Hotline (844-3-PEPNYC), the first and only direct to consumer HIV Prophylaxis Hotline in NYC, HIV/HCV/STI outreach programs including YASS!, LECHE and M*SHF free clinical care services under SUMMIT, and HIV Care Coordination Medical Case Management.

Diane holds a BA in Women’s Studies (Health) and English from the University of Michigan, and an MPH in Community Health Education from Hunter College of the City University of New York.

Alec Allee-Munoz, LGBT Advocacy Intern, HealthHIV

Alec Allee-Munoz is a graduating senior at The George Washington University studying Biology. He has worked extensively in research labs on campus and has been involved with Dr. Martin’s Genetic Lab, Dr. Manier’s Drosophila Lab, and the PATHS Project. Currently he is interning at Health HIV as LGBT Health Intern. Upon graduation, he has accepted a position at the National Institute of Health on the Quality Control Lab in the Laboratory of Malaria Immunology. In his free time, Alec enjoys playing and teaching piano.

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 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 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 HCV 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.
Generational Track

Session 2 - Resiliency Across Generations

Monday, April 23, 2018, 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM, Boardroom

This session will look at resiliency needed to navigate life through the lenses of LGBT health and living with long-term chronic conditions. It will also examine how we can form intergeneration mentoring and skills transfer.

**GENERATIONAL TRACK:**
**Session 2 - Resiliency Across Generations**

**SYNC POINTS**
- Identify lessons and strategies to prepare for long-term financial and housing stability
- Mitigate the effects of homophobia, stigma, and stress experienced by youth
- Form healthy relationship across generations that benefit both parties

CME/CE provided
Speakers

Generational Track: Session 2 - Resiliency Across Generations

Tez Anderson, Executive Director, Let's Kick ASS, Founder

Tez Anderson is an award-winning HIV long-term survivor activist, writer, and speaker who focuses on Survivors’ and HIV and Aging issues. He’s lived with HIV since 1983.

The founder of Let’s Kick ASS—AIDS Survivor Syndrome, the first and largest group in the world focused on improving the lives of HIV long-term survivors and older adults aging with HIV. Online at https://LetsKickASS.hiv

He was named “Our 75 Most Amazing HIV-Positive People of 2016” by HIV Plus magazine and to POZ Magazine’s POZ 100 2015, as a long-term survivor making a difference in the fight against HIV. He’s been profiled in A and U Magazine, Positively Aware, POZ, Al Jazeera America, and People.

Anderson coined AIDS Survivor Syndrome (ASS) to describe the spectrum of sustained trauma survivorship. It is a psychological state resulting from living through HIV/AIDS pandemic, especially vulnerable are those who became HIV-positive in the 1980s and 1990s when having HIV was considered a terminal diagnosis.

He created HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day in 2014 to shine a spotlight on those living longest with HIV, who had felt forgotten and invisible as they age with HIV. http://hltsad.org.

Let’s Kick ASS is based in San Francisco with chapters in Oregon, Palm Springs, CA, and Austin, TX.

Anderson serves on ACRIA’s Research on Older Adults with HIV 2.0 (ROAH 2.0) Advisory Committee, and the HIV and Aging Working Group recently convened by the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council Group to provide policy guidance to the Mayor’s Office of San Francisco. As well as the CDC Medical Monitoring Project (MMP).

He lives in San Francisco with Mark Ruiz, his husband, and their Labradoodle Riley.

Tariq Shank, Youth and Campus Outreach Intern, Human Rights Campaign

Tariq Shank is a 19 year-old sophomore at Wake Forest University. He is double majoring in Politics and Communication with a minor in Religious Studies. Currently, he is interning with the Human Rights Campaign in the Youth & Campus Engagement department, which focuses on high school and college level LGBTQ advocacy. After graduation, Tariq plans to either attend law school or graduate school for public policy.

Bill Gross, Coordinator, Friendly Visitor Program and SAGEPositive, Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders

Bill Gross is the Coordinator of Special Programs at SAGE, the country’s oldest and largest organization dedicated to improving the lives of LGBT older adults. As head of the SAGEPositive Program, he is in charge of all HIV and sexual wellness programming at the agency including support groups, workshops, social events, and testing days. He also runs SAGE’s Friendly Visitor Program, supervising almost 100 volunteers in ongoing weekly visits to isolated clients. Bill has worked with LGBT non-profit organizations for well over two decades, starting as a volunteer HIV counselor at Philadelphia’s Mazzoni Clinic while he was in college, and later running programs at Gay Men’s Health Crisis and Callen-Lorde Community Health Center. He sits on the New York City HIV Planning Council and is a founding member of the Long-Term Survivor Wellness Coalition, a collaborative of agencies dedicated to improving the lives of the long-term HIV survivor community. When he’s not behind a desk, Bill has also enjoyed a career as a professional actor and singer, graduating from The Juilliard School, and performing at theatres in New York and across the country.
Generational Track

Session 3 - Growing Up, Growing Old - the Clinical Implications of Aging with HIV

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, Boardroom

This session will examine clinical indications for aging with HIV from a medical and mental health perspective.

**GENERATIONAL TRACK:**
Session 3 - Growing Up, Growing Old - the Clinical Implications of Aging with HIV

**SYNC POINTS**
- Describe common co-morbid conditions associated with aging with HIV
- Understand the relationship of treating HIV with other conditions associated with aging
- Understand methods to address mental health and other life stressors
Generational Track: Session 3 - Growing Up, Growing Old - the Clinical Implications of Aging with HIV

Speakers

Jonathan Appelbaum, MD, Chair, Department of Clinical Sciences and Professor of Internal Medicine FSU College of Medicine

Dr. Appelbaum is an internist, geriatrician, and an HIV expert. He is active regionally and nationally with the American Academy HIV Medicine, where he is on the national board of directors and serves as vice-chair. He has served on the national steering committee for the Group on Diversity and Inclusion of the Association of American Medical Colleges. He serves on the board of directors of HealthHIV, a national organization supporting advocacy, education, capacity building and research for individuals, organizations and communities. He has spoken on or been member of panels on topics such as health issues in the older LGBT patient, HIV and Aging and LGBT curriculum in undergraduate medical education. He served as the co-principle 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 at Florida State University College of Medicine (FSUCOM), where he also serves as Chair of the Department of Clinical Sciences. Dr. Appelbaum is on the faculty of the FSU-Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Internal Medicine Residency Program. 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. His interests focus on LGBT health disparities and aging and HIV.

Walter Pittinger-Dunham, MSW, LICSW, Clinical Manager, MBI Health Services, Inc.

Walter “Allen” Pittinger-Dunham is an openly gay Clinical Manager with MBI Health Services, LLC, located in Washington, D.C. He is the Program Director of the “LGBTQ RESPECT” Program which he developed and directs activities for his agency which delivers services to individuals 14+ years of age of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Questioning/Queer (LGBTQ) Community. Additionally, he has created “Safe Space Our Place®” as a separate program for LGBTQ individuals to receive mental health services in the Washington, DC area.

Allen has been “living with and not dying from” HIV for over 17-years. He is a certified HIV Counselor/Tester and has experience working in many diverse populations such as the African-American community, the LGBTQ community, the HIV-Positive community. His previous experiences range from Child Welfare, Non-Profit Organizations, and in the field of Training Development and Facilitation.

Allen currently provides Diagnostic and Assessments along with Therapy services to D.C. residents. He has co-authored grant proposals for the CDC, SAMSHA and Ryan White.

Allen obtained his Masters Degree in Social Work from The Catholic University of America, National School of Social Science and is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Washington, D.C. Allen has also obtained his Master Addiction Counselor Certification, which has allowed him to provide services to those who struggle with addiction issues.

Allen considers himself a “real Washingtonian”, having lived through 4 Presidential inaugurations and 4 Mayors. He makes his home with his husband of 7 years (although they been together for 16) and their “little boy in a dog-suite”, a Japanese Shiba Inu, named “Ouji-Sama” which translates to “Prince Charming.”
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Leo Moore, MD, MSHPM, Associate Medical Director, Division of HIV and STD Programs, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Dr. Moore is the Associate Medical Director/Clinical Prevention Specialist and Chief of Provider Support and Quality Assurance for the Division of HIV and STD programs (DHSP) at Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. In this role, he works to expand access to HIV and STD prevention tools, such as pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis and patient delivered partner therapy. Dr. Moore is a practicing STD physician at North Hollywood Community Health Services clinic. He is a medical graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine, completed primary care internal medicine residency at Yale University School of Medicine, and recently completed his Masters of Science in Health Policy and Management at University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Moore was recently featured on NBC News “PRIDE 30” list in honor of LGBT people making a difference in the community. He was also recently interviewed by HIV Plus magazine for an article entitled “Meet the Doctor Changing How Black Gay/Bisexual Men View PrEP”.

Roberta Laguerre-Frederique, MD, Clinical Director, Dorothy Mann Center for Pediatric and Adolescent HIV, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Roberta currently cares for infants, children and adolescents affected by HIV disease. She works with the Pennsylvania Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Centers and Gilead’s HIV Focus Project in a “Peer-to-Peer” educational initiative, to increase pediatric providers’ awareness of the impact of the HIV epidemic on adolescents, improving provider proficiency at recognizing signs and symptoms of both acute/established HIV infection and sharing best practices in implementing routine HIV testing of patients 13 years or older.

Gregorio Millett, MPH, Vice President and Director, Public Policy, amfAR

Greg is a well-published and nationally recognized epidemiologist/researcher with significant experience working at the highest levels of federal HIV policy development at both the White House and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Prior to joining amfAR in May 2014, Greg served as the HHS/CDC Liaison to the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. He has been credited with changing the underlying assumptions among researchers of observed HIV infection disparities among black men who have sex with men.

From 2009 to 2011, Mr. Millett served as a detailer in the White House Office of National AIDS Policy as a Senior Policy Advisor. In this role, he coordinated the Office’s policy and research activities, including HIV prevention policy and the federal-level inter-agency process to develop the National AIDS Strategy. Gregorio Millett is one of three principal writers of President Obama’s National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

Lena Saleh, PhD, MS, Director of Program Planning, HIV Prevention Program, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Lena Saleh, PhD MS is the Director of Program Planning in the HIV Prevention Program of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene where she leads the development of programmatic models for culturally competent, data-driven HIV prevention service delivery as well as subsequent tools and resources for program implementation. Following earlier training and work in basic research in the fields of allergy and asthma immunology at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, her focus shifted to health disparities which led her to Oxford University in the UK, where she earned her doctorate in Social Intervention in the public health program and Master of Science in Medical Anthropology.
SYN 2018’s inaugural Poster Hall will feature content addressing a variety of HIV, HCV, and LGBT health issues across all 8 tracks.

Posters will be displayed throughout the Pre-Function space of the Renaissance Arlington Capitol View Hotel for the entire conference. Poster presenters will be available on Monday, April 23 from 5:30 – 6:00pm (during the SYNC reception) to discuss poster content.
Poster Presentations

Building Capacity to Address Trauma Among Women Living with HIV in Ryan White Part A Mental Health Programs: The Role of Evidence-Based Interventions and Clinical Supervision
Guadalupe Dominguez Plummer, MPH, CASAC, Program Manager, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, Care and Treatment Program, Quality Management and Technical Assistance Unit, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Providing Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment, HIV and Viral Hepatitis to High-Risk Black/African American Women
Sarah Ndiangui, Public Health Advisor, CSAT, SAMHSA
LT. Dantrell Simmons, Public Health Advisor, Performance Measurements Branch, SAMHSA

The Power of the “P”: Promoting PrEP Use Among Black Women in D.C.
Andrea M. Augustine, MPH, CHES, Public Health Analyst, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and Tuberculosis Administration (HAHSTA), Department of Health (DOH), Government of the District of Columbia

What’s the P? Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Knowledge and Attitudes among Black and Latina Women in Los Angeles County
Danielle Campbell, MPH, Los Angeles Women’s PrEP Network

Do Differences in Male-to-Female Sex Ratios Explain Variability in HIV Diagnosis Rates by State?
Leonard Sowah, MD, Residency Program Faculty, Internal Medicine, University of Maryland Prince George’s County Hospital Center

HIV and STIs Testing and Positivity Trends among Adolescents and Young Adults at Family Planning and School-Based Clinics
Ruth Buzi, LCSW, PhD, Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology Baylor College of Medicine

Wellness Web: A Text Message Linkage & Retention in Care Program for Young Adults
Hillary Vallejo, Project Coordinator, Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation
Allison Johnson, MS, CHES, CHW, CDC, LPC Intern, Director of Outreach

Family Matters: Building a Youth and Family-Centered Support Program for Trans, Gender Expansive, and LGBQQ+ Youth
Jessica Cohen, LGBTQ+ Community Health Specialist, Trillium Health
Cara Freeman, LGBTQ+ Community Health Specialist, Trillium Health

HCV Screening and Linkage Challenges in the Opioid vs. Baby Boomer Population in Alabama
Anthony Lee, Director of Viral HCV and HIV, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Alabama Birmingham

HCV Health, Education and Supportive Services
Roni Marks, Founder and Executive Director, Hepatitis C Mentor and Support Group

Indigenous Hepatitis Forum
Todd Theringer, Board Chairperson, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

HIV Provider Knowledge and Attitudes about Screening and Treating People Living with HIV for Hepatitis C Coinfection
Vivian Towe, PhD, MSc, MA, Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation
Lisa Wagner, MS, MA, Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation

Successful HCV Linkage Requires Expansion of Screening and Education
Melisa Hart, MPH, Educator, RWJ Barnabas Health

Stopping HCV in Its Tracks: Expanding HCV Testing Can Halt the Epidemic
Katie Lashbaugh, MD, Internal Medicine, Jersey City Medical Center

Sexually Acquired HCV Infections Emerging among HIV-Uninfected Men Who Have Sex with Men on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Against HIV
Andrew Reynolds, Hepatitis C Education Manager, Project Inform

Treating Patients with HIV/HCV Coinfection in Northeastern Pennsylvania: Challenges and Lessons Learned
Karen A. McKenna, RN, BSN, CTTS, ID Clinic, The Wright Center for Medical Education
Zaza Varsimashvili, Practice Manager/RW Program Coordinator, The Wright Center for Medical Education

Identifying Shortcomings in National Sexual and Gender Minority Health Research Funding
Caroline Voyles, MS, Department of Community Health & Prevention, Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University

From a Small Semi-Rural Clinic to an Integrated Patient-Centered Medical Home: A Practice Transformative Model
Bill Hoelscher, MS, Executive Director, Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation

Elements Associated with Retention of Puerto Rican Transgender Females in Formal Medical Care
Manuel Cevedo Quinones, MS, Directora Médica Asociada, Centro Ararat, Inc.

Empowering Trans and Gender Diverse Patients in Healthcare Environments
Julie/Julia M. Applegate, MA, Director, Institute for LGBTQ Health Equity, EquitasHealth

Building the Transgender Health Capacity of Health Care Organizations: Findings from the Field
Brandon A. Harrison, Project Manager, Primary Care Development Corporation
PrEP Use Among NYC Home Test Giveaway Participants
Dinesh Rathakrishnan, Health Data Analyst, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Protective Health Effect of Legal Intervention on People Living with HIV (PLWH)
Guillaume R. Bagal III, MA, MHA, Associate Director of Policy, Whitman-Walker Health

Let’s Talk About Sex: An Interactive Workshop for Healthcare Providers and Students
Julia Sisson, Student, Duke University School of Nursing

HIV and Medical Outcomes for Transgender Women Living with HIV
Jamie Reed, Health and Education for Youth (HEY) Case Manager, Washington University/Project ARK

Experiences of Discrimination on Dating Apps among Gay and Bisexual Men in the Men’s Body Project: A Qualitative Study
Justin Kaplan, MPH Candidate, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Challenges and Opportunities in HIV-Related Healthcare Delivery: African American Transwomen and MSM Perspectives
John P. Salerno, MPH, Doctoral Student and Graduate Research Assistant, Prevention Research Center (UMD-PRC), University of Maryland College Park, School of Public Health, Department of Behavioral and Community Health

Transforming Lives: Trauma-Informed Transitional Housing
Veronica Sanders, Director of Clinical Services, AIDS Resource Foundation for Children
Bethsaida Rivera, Substance Abuse Counselor, AIDS Resource Foundation for Children

Utilizing Social Media and Social Network Platforms to Engage YMSM of Color in Prevention, and HIV Care and Treatment Services
Julio Ceaser-Roman, Director of Community, LGBTQ & Support Services, North Jersey Community Research Initiative, Project WOW LGBTQ Center

Social Media and Technology Interventions Targeting HIV-Positive Black and Latino MSM: Implementation and Enrollment Successes and Challenges
Melissa Medich, PhD, MPH, Project Director/Site Liaison, Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center, SPNS Social Media Initiative, Department of Family Medicine, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine

Constructing a Whole-Person System of Care: This is How We Thrive: Improving Measurable Participation and Access to Care and Treatment DMV (IMPACT DMV)
Kate Drezner, MPH, Data Analyst, HAHSTA, DC Department of Health

Art Logic: Explore What You Know
Jeremy Teal, Community Engagement, The Kind Clinic, Texas Health Action

Fade Out HIV-Beauty and Barber Initiative
Franda Thomas, M.Ed, Health Services Manager, Communicable Disease Bureau Chief, City of St. Louis Department of Health

Let’s Talk About PrEP! Implementing PrEP Coordination in a New York City-Based FQHC for the First Time
Bryan Bickford, PrEP Coordinator, COMPASS, Institute for Family Health, Family Health Center of Harlem

Proportion of Adolescents 12-to-17 Years-Old Presenting with Newly Diagnosed HIV: An Urban HIV Program’s 5 Year Experience
Nancy Campbell, MSW, LGSW, Clinical Social Worker, Ryan White Program Coordinator, JHU Pediatrics, Adolescent and Young Adult HIV/AIDS Clinic

Choosing Life: Results of A Data to Care Pilot Program in New York City by a Medicaid Managed Care Organization to Improve HIV Viral Load Suppression
Ross Hewitt, Associate Medical Director, HIV/PIC, Metroplus Health Plan

The Impact of Public Perceptions of People Living with HIV on their Utilization of HIV Care Services
Helena Danielle Green, PhD, LMFT, Research Associate, Institute for Community Research

Examining HIV-Related Attitudes and Behaviors among Haitian Immigrant Women in Florida
Berthline Isma, PhD, MPH, MBA, President/CEO, Impact on the World Through Healthcare, Inc.

Using Dashboards to Identify Progress on Health Disparities
Cheri Levenson, Washington State Department of Health, Quality Improvement Coordinator

Addressing Barriers to Care through the Voices of LGBTQ Youth of Color
Jasmin Choi, MSW, MPH Candidate, Research Assistant, Community Health Sciences, Boston University School of Public Health

Best of Both Worlds: Hepatitis C (HCV) Built on HIV Models
Jose Luis Guzman, HIV/HCV Prevention and Substance Use Program Liaison, San Francisco Department of Public Health
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