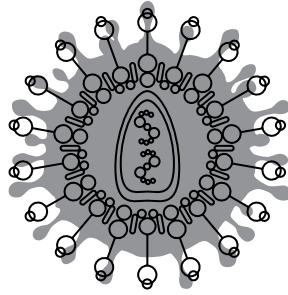


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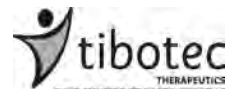
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The HIV Research Catalyst Forum: Treatment, Prevention, Advocacy (Formerly North American Treatment Action Forum—NATAF) is a unique conference focusing on community advocacy in HIV treatment and prevention research. From identifying research priorities to overcoming research barriers, HIV advocates have driven ground-breaking discoveries that have changed the course of this relentless epidemic. But with no cure or preventive vaccines in sight, rising new infection rates, and the continuing death toll, our work is far from over.

The Catalyst Forum aims to revitalize the community response to the domestic and global AIDS epidemic by amplifying the voices of community advocates in HIV treatment and prevention research. This four-day conference will provide a rare opportunity for new advocates to gain knowledge, build capacity, and sharpen skills; for experienced advocates to exchange ideas, craft strategies, and tackle new challenges; and for advocacy networks to recruit new participants and collaborators to strengthen planned or ongoing research advocacy campaigns.

The 2010 Forum was organized by the following people:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration/Information

The Catalyst Forum registration/information table is located on the fifth floor outside Maryland Ballroom D by the atrium. The table will be staffed 15 minutes before each session start time and during session breaks.

Literature Table

There will be two tables next to registration for people to leave educational materials. The tables will remain throughout the meeting. Please be considerate as space is limited.

Ad-Hoc Meeting Rooms

There are a few breakout rooms available for ad-hoc meetings in the evenings. You **MUST** go to the registration table to reserve rooms during the day in order to use them.

Departure Vans to the Airport

Group van pickups will be scheduled for departure to the airport on Friday. If you want to take a van, you **MUST** sign up at the registration table before Friday. You are responsible for the cost of the ride.

Webcasts

To accommodate people who cannot attend the Catalyst Forum, the Wednesday Morning Symposiums and the Thursday afternoon Town Hall will be video recorded and made available on the Catalyst Forum website after the meeting.

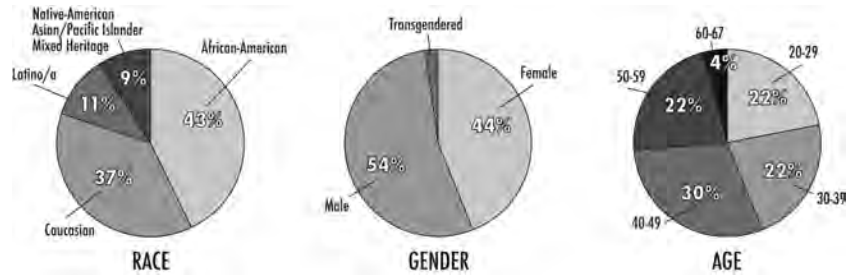
Copy Machine

There will be very limited capacity for making copies at the hotel for last minute presentation handouts or impromptu meeting flyers during the Catalyst Forum. Please go to the registration table for access to the machine. You will be responsible for your own copying and collating.

ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

The Scholarship Committee awarded 170 full scholarships to advocates from around the country. They were selected from over 1,000 applicants. Below is the demographic profile of the scholarship recipients.

BY RACE, GENDER, & AGE



BY U.S. CENSUS REGION



BY STATE



PROGRAM FORMATS

Given the steep learning curves that can be barriers to community participation in research advocacy, the Catalyst Forum is designed to engage participants in a skills development and utilization process, through information gathering, skills building, critical analysis, problem solving, and strategy development. To accomplish these goals, the program consists of several formats:

SYMPOSIUMS

Symposiums are designed as the primary informational presentations at the conference, covering the spectrum of current issues in HIV research in two parallel tracks: Treatment and Prevention. Attendees are encouraged to identify their area(s) of interest, assess their knowledge gaps and skill-set needs, and map out a strategy to make the most out of the rest of the conference.

Goals:

1. To provide a brief overview on the current state of prevention and treatment research
2. To present key research concepts, challenges, and emerging issues
3. To learn from examples of successes and failures from past advocacy efforts
4. To identify future advocacy needs and directions

SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS

21 interactive workshops are offered in 3 different time slots on a wide-range of topics. Attendees will learn knowledge and skills from experienced advocates based on their specialties. Some sessions are designed for advocates new to the topic, which are tagged as BEGINNER LEVEL sessions in the program description.

Goals:

1. To demonstrate the various approaches to HIV research advocacy
2. To illustrate research infrastructure and identify advocacy mechanisms and opportunities
3. To guide critical analysis of research data and trials design

RESEARCH ADVOCACY AFFINITY GROUPS

Identifying research priorities and formulating strategies to address them are essential for research advocacy. This session invites attendees to put their newly learned knowledge and skills to work on a real-world advocacy issue in one of eight affinity groups of their choosing. Affinity group leaders will engage participants in a brainstorming and strategy development process, setting a concrete outcome goal and targets, and designate a mechanism for ongoing collaboration after the Catalyst Forum has ended.

Goals:

1. To encourage critical analysis and develop problem solving skills
2. To set research priorities and formulate advocacy strategies
3. To engage attendees in hands-on working sessions addressing real world research advocacy issues

FULL FORUM SESSIONS

In addition to the Opening and Closing Plenary, the Catalyst Forum has three additional full forum sessions, including a Catalyst Conversation about the future of the research advocacy movement, a Town Hall with invited Obama Administration Officials to discuss the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, and an Advocacy Networks Introduction and Recruitment session for new advocates entering the field.

2010 HIV RESEARCH CATALYST FORUM PROGRAM



TUESDAY, APRIL 20



7:00pm - 9:00pm

OPENING PLENARY DINNER

History and Current Challenges of HIV Prevention and Treatment Research Advocacy

Maryland Ballroom C

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21



9:00am - 10:30am

TREATMENT SYMPOSIUM I

Key Challenges in HIV Treatment Research

Maryland Ballroom C

PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM I

Confronting the Social Drivers of HIV Incidence in the United States

Maryland Ballroom D

10:45am - 12:15pm

TREATMENT SYMPOSIUM II

Emerging Discoveries about Aging and HIV

Maryland Ballroom C

PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM II

Overview of Biomedical Interventions for HIV Prevention

Maryland Ballroom D

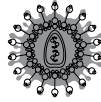
LUNCH

1:15pm - 2:30pm

SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS I

- 1. Women and HIV Prevention Research: Cocktails for Success**
ROOM: Watertable A
- 2. What Is This Telling Me? Reading Journal Articles and Study Protocols**
ROOM: Federal Hill
- 3. Where Does Research Happen & How is it Regulated and Funded?**
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ROOM: Fells Point
- 5. People Who Use Drugs & Research: Putting Harm Reduction into Practice**
ROOM: Watertable B
- 6. Engaging People of Color in Research**
ROOM: Maryland Ballroom D
- 7. Drug Pricing and the Impact on Treatment Access**
ROOM: Kent (6th floor)

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21



2:45pm - 4:00pm

SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS II

1. **Statistics: The Basics**
ROOM: Federal Hill
2. **Understanding Pharmacokinetics & Drug Interactions**
ROOM: Homeland
3. **Your Tax Dollars at Work: Community Participation in DAIDS Funded Clinical Trials**
ROOM: Fells Point
4. **Beyond Behavior: Considerations for HIV Research on Marginal LGBT Communities**
ROOM: Watertable A
5. **ARV-based Prevention**
ROOM: Maryland Ballroom D
6. **Incarceration & HIV**
ROOM: Watertable B
7. **AIDS Drugs Assistance Programs: Utilization, Program Restrictions, and Waiting Lists**
ROOM: Kent (6th floor)

4:15pm - 5:30pm

SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS III

1. **From SMART to START: Understanding Randomized Controlled Trials**
ROOM: Federal Hill
2. **Using Data to Change Policy: HIV and Housing**
ROOM: Homeland
3. **HCV Clinical Trial Design**
ROOM: Watertable A
4. **The Quest Towards a Cure**
ROOM: Maryland Ballroom D
5. **Working with Drug Companies**
ROOM: Watertable B
6. **MSM of Color in Prevention Research**
ROOM: Fells Point
7. **Healthcare Reform and Access to HIV Care and Treatment**
ROOM: Kent (6th floor)

RECEPTION

7:00pm - 9:00pm

BALTIMORE HOST COMMITTEE RECEPTION

The Hippo Nightclub

One West Eager Street (Corner of Charles)
Meet in Hotel Lobby @ 6:45 for shared cabs

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THURSDAY, APRIL 22



9:00am - 12:15pm

RESEARCH ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Affinity Groups Introduction and Breakouts

Maryland Ballroom D

☀ LUNCH ☀

1:15pm - 2:45pm

MOVEMENT CATALYST

A Community Conversation

Maryland Ballroom D

3:00pm - 5:00pm

TOWN HALL

National AIDS Strategy On HIV Research

Maryland Ballroom D

7:00pm - 9:00pm

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING I

Sex in an Epidemic

ROOM: Homeland

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING II

Fight Back, Fight AIDS: 15 Years Of ACT UP

ROOM: Fells Point

FRIDAY, APRIL 23



9:00am - 10:00am

RESEARCH ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Affinity Groups Report Back

Maryland Ballroom D

10:00am - 11:00am

ADVOCACY NETWORKS

Introduction and Recruitment

Maryland Ballroom D

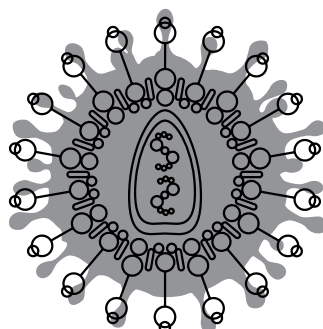
11:00am - Noon

CLOSING PLENARY

Maryland Ballroom D

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 20



Opening Plenary Dinner

History and Current Challenges of HIV Prevention and Treatment Research Advocacy

Tuesday, April 20
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Maryland Ballroom C

Welcome Remarks

Lynda Dee, AIDS Action Baltimore;
Mark McLaurin, Service Employees International Union

History and Evolution of This Meeting

Moisés Agosto-Rosario, International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC)

Community Advocacy in Treatment Research

Tracy Swan, Treatment Action Group (TAG)

Community Advocacy in Prevention Research

Waheeda Shabazz-El, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP)

Conference Navigator

Cathy Olufs, AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC)



SYMPOSIUMS

WEBCAST

Treatment Symposium I

Wednesday, April 21

9:00am - 10:30am

Maryland Ballroom C

Key Challenges in HIV Treatment Research

Nearly 30 years into the HIV epidemic and 15 years since the introduction of HAART (Highly-Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy), HIV treatment has come a long way, and treatment activists have been at the forefront of research from the start. But current treatments don't work for everyone, drug resistance remains a serious problem, long-term toxicities are still being identified, and there is no cure in sight. While activists and researchers have pressed for new treatment approaches by enhancing the immune system to fight off HIV, we still haven't gotten past the early testing phase. Metabolic problems—caused by drug toxicity and long-term HIV infection—are still occurring. This symposium will discuss the challenges in the discovery and development of new drugs; how research can shed light on the most effective treatment strategies; the history, science, research barriers, and advocacy challenges in the quest for immune-based therapies; and new treatments and management strategies for metabolic disorders. Current advocacy efforts and future directions will be highlighted.

Moderator: Cathy Olufs, Center for Health Justice

Beyond HAART: David Evans, AIDS Meds, AIDS Treatment Activist Coalition (ATAC)

Getting Past Go With Immune-Based Therapies: Matt Sharp, Project Inform

Metabolic Issues: Nelson Vergel, Program for Wellness Restoration (PoWeR)



Treatment Symposium II

Wednesday, April 21

10:45am - 12:15pm

Maryland Ballroom C

Emerging Discoveries about Aging and HIV

With the advent of better treatments, the life expectancy of HIV-positive people is getting increasingly close to that of HIV-negative people. But evidence is emerging that HIV infection is associated with an increased risk of developing aging-associated health conditions at a younger age than is normal. Researchers are looking at how the normal aging process and HIV infection both impact the immune system through T-cell senescence (deterioration of the immune system) and chronic inflammation. These mechanisms may contribute to a range of negative health outcomes, such as cognitive impairment, frailty, heart disease, bone and metabolic disorders, liver and kidney dysfunctions, and cancers. This symposium will review current knowledge related to HIV and aging and discuss how researchers are exploring these system-wide problems. This session will also discuss what treatment activists can do to help develop a research agenda addressing this new challenge, and to assure that people with HIV receive effective screening and treatment for these comorbidities.

Moderator: Phill Wilson, Black AIDS Institute (BAI)

Epidemiology of HIV & Aging: Jules Levin, National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project (NATAP)

T-cell Senescence and Inflammation: Richard Jefferys, Treatment Action Group (TAG)

Comorbidities: Brian Risley, AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA)



SYMPOSIUMS

WEBCAST

Prevention Symposium I
Wednesday, April 21
9:00am - 10:30am
Maryland Ballroom D

Confronting the Social Drivers of HIV Incidence in the United States

In recent years, increasing attention has been paid to the social, political, economic, and physical factors that drive HIV vulnerability in the United States and beyond. We are now at a critical juncture for designing HIV prevention efforts that not only address people's individualized risks for HIV infection, but also work to transform the structural environments that compel individuals into decisions promoting daily survival but which may threaten long-term health. In this symposium, we will review the current epidemiology of HIV infection in the U.S., provide an overview of structural interventions with the potential to reduce HIV incidence, and present case studies on incarceration and housing as two core structural drivers of the domestic AIDS epidemic.

Moderator: Lisa Diane White, SisterLove

Current Epidemiology of HIV Transmission: David Munar, AIDS Foundation of Chicago

Overview on Structural Interventions: Jen Hecht, Stop AIDS Project

Case Study: Incarceration & HIV: Laura McTighe, Institute for Community Justice

Case Study: Housing & HIV: David Holtgrave, Johns Hopkins University



Prevention Symposium II
Wednesday, April 21
10:45am - 12:15pm
Maryland Ballroom D

Overview of Biomedical Interventions for HIV Prevention

In addition to addressing the social and behavioral factors that increase vulnerability to HIV, another research approach aims to develop biomedical interventions that can greatly reduce risk of infection. This symposium will provide an overview of biomedical HIV prevention strategies—male circumcision, vaccines, microbicides, and pre-exposure prophylaxis—currently being studied, the basic concepts behind how they might work, and how they might fit into a larger, more comprehensive prevention portfolio. The symposium will also look closer at antiretroviral-based prevention trials currently underway; describe how strategies to enhance testing and linkage to care might reduce community-wide HIV infection rates; review recent vaccine trial outcomes and future outlook; and identify key research challenges and advocacy opportunities in these approaches.

Moderator: Shalini Eddens, Women Organized to Respond To Life Threatening Diseases (WORLD)

Introduction to Biomedical Interventions: Monica Ruiz, George Washington University

ARV-based Prevention: Anna Forbes, Independent Consultant

Treatment-as-Prevention, Test and Treat: A. Toni Young, Community Education Group

Vaccines: Cindra Feuer, AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC)



SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS I

Wednesday, April 21
1:15pm - 2:30pm

1.1: Women and HIV Prevention Research: Cocktails for Success

ROOM: Watertable A

PRESENTERS:

Naina Khanna, Women Organized to Respond To Life Threatening Diseases (WORLD)
Hadiyah Charles, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP)

Despite the devastating impact of HIV in the lives of women of color, there continues to be a relative dearth of attention to women’s needs in prevention research in the United States. There has been little research on confronting the root causes of high incidence among women of color, nor evaluation of which interventions actually reduce the incidence of HIV in women. The historic underinvestment in research to understand the drivers of the HIV epidemic among women has led to a scarcity of acceptable or proven options and interventions to prevent HIV among women. This workshop will explore the context of HIV prevention research among women, emerging trends and key issues, and gaps in knowledge that must be considered to implement a “prevention cocktail” approach for women.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will:

- Build understanding of the current HIV prevention research landscape for women
- Discuss emerging trends and key issues in prevention research and nuances that must be considered to increase applicability to women
- Learn about existing advocacy efforts to improve HIV prevention research for women
- Network with others interested in advocating for improved HIV prevention research for women



BEGINNER LEVEL

1.2: What Is This Telling Me? Reading Journal Articles and Study Protocols

ROOM: Federal Hill

PRESENTER: Bob Munk, New Mexico Infonet

So much news, so little time! We hear about promising treatments and possible cures almost every day. What can we believe? We hear that an important research study is planned. Will it answer our questions? Is it a good study design? When will we know the answer? This session will talk about how to read articles and research protocols. We will identify the key elements, and discuss what the participants think is important in what they are reading. This session should make it easier to decide what to read, and how much to believe.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will be able to identify the most important elements of articles and research study protocols. They will learn how to quickly decide how much importance to place on what they are reading.

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SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS I

Wednesday, April 21
1:15pm - 2:30pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

1.3: Where Does Research Happen & How is it Regulated and Funded? NIH, CDC, USAID, FDA, Industry and Academia – The Researcher Life Cycle

ROOM: Homeland

PRESENTERS: Mark Harrington & Sue Perez, Treatment Action Group (TAG)

This session will go over how research, particularly HIV/AIDS research, is conducted in the United States. We will discuss basic, applied, and operational research (on how HIV causes disease, the immune system, prevention and treatment science, and operational / programmatic implementation research). We will examine the major institutions which support, fund, and regulate research, and the role of key players such as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), US Agency for International Development (USAID), the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and their AIDS-related offices, centers, and institutes; as well as other entities such as drug and biotechnology companies and academic university research systems. We will examine the researcher life cycle from college to graduate school to first grant awards to chairing departments and research networks and consortia, and the influence of past and current funding trends on the future of AIDS research. Opportunities for activist involvement in the research process and research advocacy will be highlighted.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will be able to discuss how biomedical and behavioral research in the United States are funded and the roles of the key institutions such as CDC, FDA, NIH, USAID, industry, and academia. Participants will be able to discuss the evolution of AIDS research and the impact of past and current funding on research outcomes. Participants will be able to discuss how activists can become involved in HIV/AIDS research and research advocacy.



1.4: HIV Pathogenesis: Getting to Grips with Immune Activation & Inflammation

ROOM: Fells Point

PRESENTER: Richard Jefferys, Treatment Action Group (TAG)

The first AIDS case reports in the early 1980s included evidence of over-activation of the immune system in addition to immune deficiency. Since that time it has been found that persistent immune activation caused by HIV gradually erodes immune system resources and is the primary driver of progression to AIDS. More recently the link between persistent immune activation and inflammation has become clearer, as has the link between levels of inflammation and illnesses that are not considered "AIDS-defining." This skills-building session will inform participants about the latest research on how the immune system works and how its normal function is undermined by HIV infection, with a particular focus on the role of immune activation and the parallels with the decline in immunity that occurs in the elderly.



SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS I

Wednesday, April 21

1:15pm - 2:30pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

1.5: People Who Use Drugs & Research: Putting Harm Reduction into Practice

ROOM: Watertable B

PRESENTERS:

Narelle Ellendon, Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC)

Michael Carden, Center for the Study of Hepatitis C, Weill Cornell Medical College

This workshop will examine key HIV-related research needs among people who use drugs. Through interactive discussion, this session will explore ways to formulate research questions from an advocacy perspective and describe how research can be used to inform effective policies and practices.

OBJECTIVES:

- To identify areas of needed HIV-related research that address core issues facing people who use drugs
- To discuss approaches for translating advocacy issues for people who use drugs into research questions
- To describe the importance of meaningful participation of people who use drugs in the research process and ways to secure greater involvement
- To discuss ways to improve the translation of research findings into real world benefits



1.6: Engaging People of Color in Research

ROOM: Maryland Ballroom D

PRESENTERS: Phill Wilson & Christine DeShay, Black AIDS Institute (BAI)

Without a doubt AIDS has both a face and a demographic that has taken shape in the last few years. While no community is immune to the virus, no ethnic or cultural group has been so heavily and disproportionately impacted within the United States by HIV than the African American community. African American deaths due to AIDS are twice the national rate, and rate of transmission within the epidemic continues on a trend - upwards of 2/3 of those who contract HIV are African American. This workshop will address not only the background and dynamic of the HIV epidemic in the context of African American culture and community, but the importance of peer-treatment advocacy and HIV/Science literacy in combating and ultimately ending the devastation in Black America by HIV and AIDS.

OBJECTIVES:

Attendees will learn:

- Cultural and statistical demographics of the epidemic
- Background and impact of AIDS on Black America
- Solutions and community advocacy models

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SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS I

Wednesday, April 21

1:15pm - 2:30pm

1.7: Drug Pricing and the Impact on Treatment Access

ROOM: Kent (6th floor)

PRESENTERS:

Anne Donnelly, Project Inform

Wim Vandavelde, European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG)

Julie Cross, Consultant

What good is treatment research if people who need these life saving discoveries cannot afford them? Since drug development is conducted by the profit-driven pharmaceutical industry with powerful lobbyists, there are no drug price control laws in the United States—the only western industrialized country that does not have one. Drug companies can set prices for new drugs at whatever they think the market will bear, and raise the prices on existing drugs with impunity. HIV advocates have battled throughout the world against the high price of drugs and for access to essential treatment and are among the most sophisticated drug pricing advocates.

Join us to discuss various methods of lowering drug prices in the United States and Europe. We will focus on how drug pricing affects the public programs that most people with HIV depend on in the United States - ADAP, Medicaid and Medicare. We will also discuss how advocates can get involved with drug pricing issues, including negotiating the price of new drugs entering the market, and fighting price increases on existing drugs.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will:

- Learn about different mechanisms of drug pricing controls
- Learn about how drug pricing affects ADAP, Medicaid and Medicare
- Learn how different European countries control the price of drugs and how drug pricing affects access in lower income countries
- Learn how they can get involved with drug pricing issues



SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS II

Wednesday, April 21

2:45pm - 4:00pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

2.1: Statistics: The Basics

ROOM: Federal Hill

PRESENTER: Tim Horn, AIDSmeds.com

What is a p-value? Is there a difference between incidence and prevalence? Are confidence intervals important? Typical terms bandied about by biostatisticians, epidemiologists and clinical trial investigators, they're important for all of us involved in HIV education, advocacy and care to know about. Our ability to understand HIV research and translate it into information that we can act upon—for ourselves, our clients and the larger HIV community—depends on our knowledge of basic statistical concepts.

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completing this interactive workshop, participants will have a basic understanding of statistics and their use in HIV research. Participants will be familiar with some of the statistical terms used by researchers in oral presentations at conferences and meetings and in medical/scientific journal abstracts and articles. The content of this workshop will serve as a foundation for more advanced research-focused sessions at HRCF.



BEGINNER LEVEL

2.2: Understanding Pharmacokinetics & Drug Interactions

ROOM: Homeland

PRESENTERS:

Kimberly Struble, Pharm D, Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Tracy Swan, Treatment Action Group (TAG)

This workshop will provide a basic overview of pharmacokinetics (PK; how the body absorbs, distributes, breaks down and eliminates drugs) and drug-drug interactions (DDIs; changes in the way a drug acts in the body when taken with certain other drugs, herbals, or foods), two important parts of HIV drug development. Lack of information on DDIs can lead to safety and efficacy issues or inappropriate use of HIV medications. When DDIs are not studied (hormonal contraceptives, methadone, proton pump inhibitors), people who use these medications are excluded from trials, or required to change these medications until studies are done.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will be able to use what they have learned to identify community priorities for timing of drug-drug interaction studies during the drug development process, and advocate for PK and DDI studies.

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SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS II

Wednesday, April 21
2:45pm - 4:00pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

2.3: Your Tax Dollars at Work: Community Participation in DAIDS Funded HIV Clinical Trials

ROOM: Fells Point

PRESENTERS:

Claire Rappoport, Community Liaison, INSIGHT Clinical trials network
Dwight Peavy, Executive Director, Newark EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council
Hamilton Richardson, Protocol Working Group Member (HVTN)
Rona Siskind, M.H.S., Office of Scientific Communications and Information

This Workshop will provide attendees with a good understanding of how community interfaces with the Division of AIDS (DAIDS) clinical trials research program, the largest federally funded HIV clinical research program in the United States. The speakers will address issues such as the value of community in research and the various ways in which community can volunteer, from trial participation to helping to design research protocols. Speakers will discuss specific skill sets (i.e. knowledge about research and/or science) that they have developed and how they have developed them; and their experiences speaking from their personal life of dealing with HIV issues to becoming an HIV activist.

OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the power of activism in the history of the formation of NIAID-DAIDS funded research
- Generally understand what DAIDS is and who/what makes up their funded HIV research networks and, what are the DAIDS research priorities
- Learn what it means to be a community participant in DAIDS funded HIV research and Community Partners



2.4: Beyond Behavior: Considerations for HIV Research on Marginal LGBT Communities

ROOM: Watertable A

PRESENTERS:

Kenyon Farrow, Queers for Economic Justice
Raquel Sapién, Trans Latina Coalition / National Transgender Planning Group

Most research on gay, bisexual men and transgender women only focuses on behavioral risks of acquiring HIV. But very little research considers how the differences of race, economic status, region, or gender identity/presentation of gay, bisexual men and transgender women impacts accessibility of supportive services, or efficacy of the burgeoning “test and treat” model for marginalized LGBT populations. This workshop will give participants new tools with which to consider the lives of marginalized LGBT people, and present new approaches for research on gay, bisexual men and transgender women to improve outcomes of HIV prevention, treatment and advocacy efforts.



SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS II

Wednesday, April 21

2:45pm - 4:00pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

2.5: ARV-based Prevention

ROOM: Maryland Ballroom D

PRESENTERS:

Cindra Feuer, AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC)
Marc-André LeBlanc, Global Campaign for Microbicides

ARV-based prevention is an experimental approach that uses antiretroviral (ARV) medications to reduce the risk of HIV infection in HIV-negative people. We will provide training on the basics of ARV-based prevention, aimed at advocates who don't have a scientific background. Through this workshop, participants will learn about PEP, PrEP, microbicides, prevention of vertical transmission (mother to child), and treatment-as-prevention, how these approaches fit into broader HIV prevention efforts, the current state of research and implementation, and how to become involved in advocacy.

OBJECTIVES:

Workshop participants will learn about the latest global ARV-based prevention research efforts, practice talking about it to the communities in which they live and work, and learn how to adapt existing materials and answer difficult questions.



2.6: Incarceration & HIV

ROOM: Watertable B

PRESENTERS:

Laura McTighe, Institute for Community Justice
Cathy Olufs, Center for Health Justice

This year, one in seven people with HIV will pass through a correction facility, making incarceration one of the leading structural drivers of the domestic AIDS epidemic. In this skills-building session, we will explore the intersection of HIV and incarceration, and the role of community-based treatment advocates in addressing the root causes of incarceration-related HIV vulnerability. Particular attention will be paid to issues surrounding access to care for people who are currently incarcerated, reentry challenges people face upon leaving prison, and the community-level impacts of mass incarceration.

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify the social implications of incarceration and HIV
- Explore effective model programs for HIV prevention and treatment tailored to jails, prisons, reentry and incarceration prevention
- Examine challenges in delivering services inside of correctional settings
- Name strategies for developing partnerships with correctional entities to implement programs
- Discuss avenues for community-lead program evaluation that can support research advocacy efforts
- Frame research questions to explore and challenge the role of incarceration in driving the domestic AIDS epidemic

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21



SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS II

Wednesday, April 21

2:45pm - 4:00pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

2.7: AIDS Drugs Assistance Programs: Utilization, Program Restrictions, and Waiting Lists

ROOM: Kent (6th floor)

PRESENTERS:

Ryan Clary & Michael Friedman, Project Inform

Ann Lefert, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) pays for lifesaving treatment for low-income uninsured and underinsured HIV+ people around the country. ADAP is in a financial crisis and many state programs are unable to provide HIV drugs to everyone who needs them, leading to waiting lists and other restrictions. Learn more about this crucial program, the data used to determine funding requests, how it fits in with new health care legislation, and how you and your personal story can make a difference.

OBJECTIVES:

- Understand what ADAP is and whom it serves
- Understand the current ADAP crisis, including program restrictions and waiting lists
- Understand what is needed to alleviate the ADAP crisis and the data collection/analysis process that determines the ADAP funding need number
- Receive information about current advocacy activities/campaigns to save America's ADAPs
- Learn how to convey a personal message to elected officials asking for emergency ADAP funding to alleviate the crisis



SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS III

Wednesday, April 21

4:15pm - 5:30pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

3.1: From SMART to START: Understanding Randomized Controlled Trials

ROOM: Federal Hill

PRESENTER: Paul Dalton, AIDS Treatment Activist Coalition (ATAC)

Randomized Controlled Clinical Trials (RCTs) are the gold standard for health and medical research. This workshop will use two such trials—SMART (Strategies for Management of Anti-Retroviral Therapy) and START (Strategic Timing of Anti-Retroviral Treatment)—to illustrate the importance of such trials and the challenges they raise. Topics will include relative vs. absolute risk, clinical vs. surrogate endpoints, randomized vs. cohort studies.

OBJECTIVES:

Attendees should gain a better understanding of the value of RCTs, how they are designed, what kinds of information we learn from them, and how to look critically at both the design of trials and their results.



BEGINNER LEVEL

3.2: Using Data to Change Policy: HIV and Housing

ROOM: Homeland

PRESENTERS:

Sean Barry & James Lister, New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN)

Christine Campbell, Housing Works

Nancy Bernstine, National AIDS Housing Coalition

A growing body of research confirms what we already know – stable housing is the foundation for effective HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care. Advocates around the country are using this research for local and national campaigns to increase support for housing as a core strategy for fighting HIV/AIDS. Research can be used in a number of ways to build public support for HIV/AIDS housing, including documenting the scale of a problem, explaining how it supports prevention and care, and outlining its cost benefits. This workshop will highlight examples of persuasive research and discuss campaign strategies for using research in action.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will learn about:

- Powerful research that can be used to advocate for HIV/AIDS housing
- National opportunities to increase support for HIV/AIDS housing
- Concrete strategies and tactics to build support for HIV/AIDS housing programs in their state and local communities
- Examples of successful campaigns to win more and better housing for people living with HIV/AIDS



SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS III

Wednesday, April 21

4:15pm - 5:30pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

3.3: HCV Clinical Trial Design

ROOM: Watertable A

PRESENTERS:

Tracy Swan, Treatment Action Group (TAG)

Michael Carden, Center for the Study of Hepatitis C, Weill Cornell Medical College

At least 25% of all HIV-positive people in the United States are coinfecting with hepatitis C virus (HCV). Many new HCV drugs are being studied. This workshop will describe the epidemiology of HCV and HIV/HCV in the US; provide a basic overview of HCV natural history in mono and coinfecting people; and discuss the current standard of care for HCV: how well does it work? What are side effects? And discuss the future of HCV treatment.

OBJECTIVES:

Workshop participants will gain a greater understanding of HCV and HIV/HCV coinfection, with particular emphasis on drug development and the importance of community participation in the design of HCV clinical trials through this interactive discussion.



4.4: The Quest Towards a Cure

ROOM: Maryland Ballroom D

PRESENTERS:

Matt Sharp, Project Inform

Tim Horn, AIDSMeds.com

As the HIV epidemic enters its fourth decade, we're no closer to a cure for the virus than we were in the 1980s—or are we? Research over the past 30 years helps explain why HIV is a particularly challenging virus to cure, while also yielding promising directions to explore. In this workshop, we'll discuss some of myths that have shrouded cure-based research, along with the real possibilities on the horizon, including efforts to eradicate the virus (e.g., "sterilizing cures") or to train the immune system to keep HIV replication in check without the need for ongoing treatment (e.g., "functional cures").

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completing this interactive workshop, participants will be able to discuss the major biological obstacles to HIV eradication and a number of scientific efforts under way to overcome them. Participants will also be better prepared to educate clients about the potential for both sterilizing or functional cures and to participate in advocacy efforts to advance research exploring these approaches.

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SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS III

Wednesday, April 21

4:15pm - 5:30pm

3.5: Working with Drug Companies

ROOM: Watertable B

PRESENTERS:

Lynda Dee, AIDS Action Baltimore

David Evans, AIDSmeds.com

No matter how they spin it, the pharmaceutical industry develops drugs to make money. Nevertheless, activists in HIV disease have developed a unique relationship with drug companies. This workshop will cover how drug companies actually work: how they develop and market their products; how companies view and try to influence the community; how they price products, and how activists work with—and sometimes protest against—companies to further the interests of people with HIV.



3.6: MSM of Color in Prevention Research

ROOM: Fells Point

PRESENTERS:

Kaijson Noilmar, Legacy Project

Matthew Rose, The National Coalition for LGBT Health

In several U.S. urban areas, the HIV prevalence among men who have sex with men is as high as 30% — as compared with a general-population prevalence of 7.8% in Kenya and 16.9% in South Africa. HIV prevention studies in the U.S. are being conducted to examine the interaction of race and ethnicity and sexual risk taking behaviors among gay men and other men who have sex with men. This workshop will take a look at some of the efforts among Black and Latino men. Participants will also learn how efforts to seek additional input from trial populations has led to formation of groups both in and out of trials who could bring particular attention to MSM research needs.

OBJECTIVES:

- Participants will build skills in understanding when and how to impact an intervention, including recruitment, uptake of the intervention components, satisfaction with intervention components, and instruments designed to look at changes in behaviors.
- Participants will also have additional information on the key influencers in trial design and how elements of cultural competence can be incorporated without delaying trial start up through utilization of ancillary studies.
- Participants will also be made aware of existing Black and Latino research groups and academic opportunities to share in moving research agendas forward. This session will highlight some individual efforts and HIV prevention questions being pursued. It will also provide individuals with an opportunity to network with others who may be pursuing HIV prevention research in academic or community settings.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21



SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS III

Wednesday, April 21

4:15pm - 5:30pm

BEGINNER LEVEL

3.7: Healthcare Reform and Access to HIV Care and Treatment

ROOM: Kent (6th floor)

PRESENTERS:

Anne Donnelly, Project Inform

Julie Cross, Consultant

Andrea Weddle, HIV Medicine Association

While Ryan White funding plays a critical role in providing access to HIV care and treatment in the U.S., funding for the program has failed to keep pace with the demand for care. As a result, we face a real crisis in HIV care if the public and private health care systems do not play a much greater role in providing access to quality HIV care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S. This workshop will discuss the recently passed health care reform legislation, the important provisions for people with HIV/AIDS, and the next steps for advocates at the federal and state level to ensure meaningful coverage is available through private insurers, Medicaid and Medicare.

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will:

- Learn about the elements of health reform that are most relevant to people with HIV/AIDS
- Increase their knowledge of how they can influence implementation at the national and state level to ensure the reformed system meets the needs of people with HIV
- Learn how state budget cuts are affecting Medicaid programs and how they can engage in the fight to preserve and expand Medicaid
- Learn how they can stay informed throughout the implementation process



EVENING RECEPTION

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AIDS Action Baltimore
 Baltimore Gay & Lesbian Community Center
 Chase Brexton Health Services
 Intergroup Services
 Johns Hopkins AIDS Service
 LIGHT Health & Wellness Comprehensive Services
 Maryland Black Family Alliance
 Sisters Together and Reaching



Invites You to a Welcome Reception

Wednesday, April 21

7:00pm - 9:00pm

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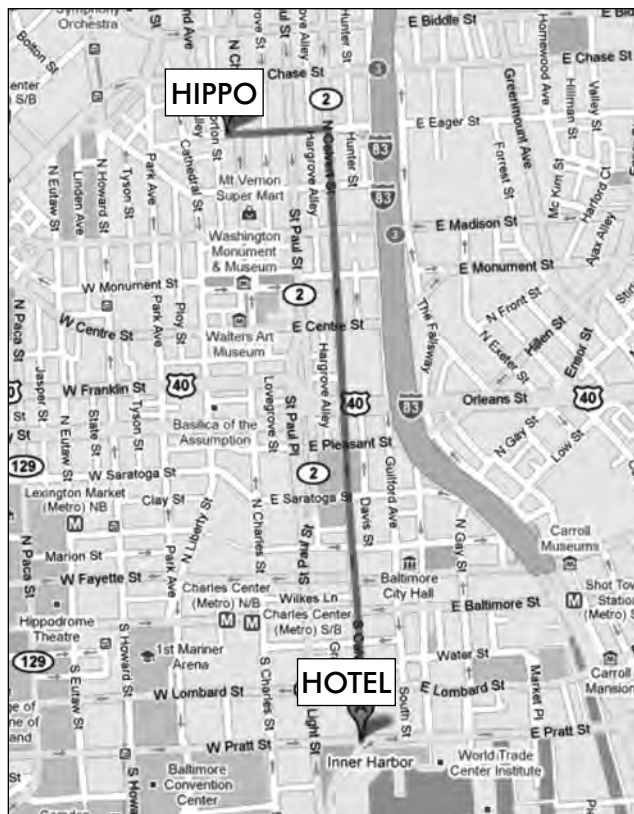
THE HIPPO NIGHTCLUB

One West Eager Street (Corner of N. Charles Street)

The neighborhood has other restaurants and bars

Light fare will be served & reduced-price drinks will be available

Meet 6:45pm in the Hotel Lobby to share cab rides over





RESEARCH ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Thursday, April 22
9:00am - 12:15pm
Maryland Ballroom D

AFFINITY GROUP INTRODUCTIONS

Facilitators: Julie Davids & Walt Senterfitt, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP)

Identifying research priorities and formulating strategies to address them are essential for research advocacy. This session is an opportunity to use your newly learned knowledge and skills on a real-world advocacy issue, in a small affinity group setting. Each affinity group will engage participants in a brainstorming and strategy development process to catalyze ongoing research advocacy campaigns after the Forum.

Group leaders will briefly introduce their issue in front of the entire conference. Attendees should be prepared beforehand by reading the descriptions of the eight affinity groups below, and choose the affinity group you want to work with. Each affinity group will have an opportunity to report back to the entire conference on Friday morning.

OBJECTIVES:

- To encourage critical analysis and develop problem solving skills
- To set research priorities and formulate advocacy strategies
- To engage attendees in hands-on working sessions addressing real world research advocacy issues



AFFINITY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

Group 1: HIV & Aging Group (HAG)

ROOM: Homeland

GROUP LEADERS: Lei Chou, Tracy Swan, Richard Jefferys, Jules Levin, Matt Sharp, Bob Munk

People living with HIV are living longer, with the advent of effective antiretroviral therapy. Soon, more than 50% of all HIV-positive people in the US will be over 50 years of age. Recent studies of HIV-positive people report that they are experiencing an increase in conditions associated with aging, including cardiovascular disease, bone loss, kidney and liver disease, metabolic disorders, cognitive impairment, and non-AIDS-related cancers at a younger age, and at a faster rate than in their HIV-negative counterparts. Researchers think these conditions may be caused by persistent immune dysregulation despite benefits of antiretroviral therapy: viral suppression and increased CD4 cell counts. Long-term toxicities of HIV drugs are also implicated in some cases. Since these conditions span many medical specialties they will require cross-disciplinary research collaborations to address them. This affinity group will establish a research advocacy network to share information about these conditions, find out what research is currently underway, identify barriers that prevent research collaborations, and call attention to this growing challenge to ensure adequate resources are allocated.



RESEARCH ADVOCACY IN ACTION

AFFINITY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

Group 2: Treatment Education & Advocacy

ROOM: Federal Hill

GROUP LEADERS: Cathy Olufs, Louis Spraggins, Laura McTighe

Over the past few years, funding for treatment education programming that serves the HIV community has been cut or completely eliminated. This affinity group will address the need for increased funding and attention to HIV treatment education programs in the United States. Data from a survey commissioned by the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC) will be presented along with a draft sign-on letter to the pharmaceutical industry demanding a re-investment in community-level treatment education across the board. Affinity group members will have an opportunity to discuss the challenges they face on a local level and develop additional strategies to ensure that the art of treatment education is allowed to continue.



Group 3: Engaging Prevention Research Advocacy to Address Social Drivers of the Epidemic in the United States

ROOM: Maryland Ballroom D

GROUP LEADERS: Julie Davids, David Munar

Under the framework of “HIV prevention justice,” This affinity group will focus on how targeted research can be used to frame and answer urgent questions for HIV prevention in under-served communities. Participants will learn how social drivers of the U.S. HIV epidemic—the lack of affordable housing, mass imprisonment, and marginalization of gay/MSM and transgendered persons—influence an individual’s risk for HIV infection, as well as health outcomes for those living with HIV/AIDS. This affinity group will develop a research advocacy campaign around one of these social drivers, and identify policy recommendations to address structural and social justice factors, instead of the current focus on individual risk behaviors.



Group 4: Harnessing the New Media Era

ROOM: Fells Point

GROUP LEADER: Jay Blotcher

While the first years of the epidemic suffered from a virtual mainstream media blackout, the rise of AIDS advocacy and activism changed that equation. From the mid-80s to the mid-90s, leading print media, TV and radio covered the epidemic and major policy reformations occurred. The advent of protease inhibitors in the mid-90s, convinced reporters the epidemic had ended and media interest began to recede. Yet the core problems have not been resolved: HIV transmissions continue, prevention programs remain underfunded, developing countries remain paralyzed and drugs are still not fully accessible nor affordable. How can we harness the media again, to draw new attention to the unresolved crises of the HIV/AIDS pandemic? This group will examine the different media outlets currently operating and how they are covering (or ignoring) the epidemic: specifically mainstream media, community media and the internet. We will focus on the effectiveness of social media to inform and organize. We will identify how best to re-energize your organizations’ communication efforts in order to obtain media coverage for your agenda.



RESEARCH ADVOCACY IN ACTION

AFFINITY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

Group 5: PrEP Preparedness

ROOM: Watertable A

GROUP LEADERS: Cindra Feuer, Deirdre Grant, Jasmine Burnett, Charles Stephens

This year will be a pivotal time for the biomedical HIV prevention field. Clinical trial results are expected to show if oral PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) for HIV prevention is effective. Having an informed and engaged group of national-level stakeholders aware of and prepared for research results is essential to ensure swift and thoughtful rollout of PrEP if the results are positive, or help minimize any misinformation that may emerge if the results are negative. This affinity group will develop a U.S.-based advocacy campaign to ensure that PrEP research results are understood, and if found to be effective, to advocate for more research into remaining scientific questions such as long-term drug toxicity, drug resistance, and dosing strategies for different populations. Challenges to PrEP rollout such as ethics, regular HIV testing, potential increase in risk behavior, increased health disparities and financial coverage will also be discussed.



Group 6: Using ARVs for Both Treatment and Prevention: Whose Needs Come First?

ROOM: Watertable B

GROUP LEADERS: Anna Forbes, Marc-André LeBlanc

By late 2010, we may know if PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) is effective. Nearly all microbicide candidates now in clinical trials are Antiretroviral (ARV)-bases. Ethical questions are raised by using ARVs to prevent HIV transmission at a time when people who needs ARVs to stay alive are on AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) waiting lists. News of PrEP's effectiveness could generate debate among advocates about who is entitled to ARVs and for what purpose. If competing demands emerge, opponents to HIV/AIDS funding may exploit such tensions to discredit advocates and impede our progress. This affinity group will look at the most urgent ARV-related advocacy demands regarding testing, treatment and prevention to see where they overlap, and begin drafting a joint advocacy agenda. The work of identifying issues around which treatment activists, prevention advocates and positive people's networks can make common cause needs to start now.



Group 7: Save America's ADAPs

ROOM: Guilford

GROUP LEADERS: Ryan Clary, Michael Friedman, Ann Lefert

AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) around the country are facing a serious financial crisis and many are unable to provide basic treatment access services to those in need. Chronic underfunding has caused waiting lists and many other treatment access restriction policies to be imposed on ADAPs. This is an issue that needs massive grassroots advocacy in every state, and dedicated advocates nationwide working together so that we will have our advocacy platforms and networks in place and ready to act. This affinity group will invite new advocates to join the existing Save America's ADAPs network, discuss the need for grassroots advocacy to address the ADAP crisis, develop new strategies to raise awareness, and ways to organize your communities back home and be part of a movement.

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RESEARCH ADVOCACY IN ACTION

AFFINITY GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

Group 8: Making Sense of Health Care Reform

ROOM: Kent (6th floor)

GROUP LEADERS: Anne Donnelly, Julie Cross, Andrea Weddle

This group will discuss the recently passed health care reform legislation, the important provisions for people with HIV/AIDS, and the next steps for advocates at the federal and state level. As we move forward with health care reform, our primary goal is to increase access to reliable, comprehensive quality health care for people living with HIV in the U.S. Ryan White funding plays a critical role in providing HIV care and treatment in the U.S. but as the number of people living with HIV grow without commensurate increases in resources, we face a real crisis in care and treatment that threatens access to lifesaving care for the uninsured and underinsured. The health care system must play a greater role in ensuring the needs of people with HIV are met through meaningful coverage by private insurers, Medicaid and Medicare.

We also will address opportunities for HIV advocates to influence the implementation process at the national and state level to ensure the reformed system meets the needs of people with HIV. This group also will take up the impact of state budget cuts on state Medicaid programs and how advocates can engage in the fight to preserve and expand Medicaid. Finally we will identify ways that advocates can remain connected with health care reform information and efforts at the federal and state level.





MOVEMENT CATALYST

Thursday, April 22
1:15pm - 2:45pm
Maryland Ballroom D

MOVEMENT CATALYST: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



Research advocacy is, in its essence an optimistic undertaking, futuristic and forward looking. Occasionally we recognize this emotional investment when a movement leader dies. We remember their body of work, measure their impact on the AIDS epidemic, mourn their loss, and wonder who can take up their unfinished work. Research advocates come from all walks of life, and most do not have formal medical or scientific training. The knowledge required to be an effective advocate is usually self taught, and most are doing this work on top of other full-time jobs. While many have benefited from mentors along the way, the ranks of experienced advocates are dwindling. This session is a community conversation about the future of this movement, and what we as a community can do to support new advocates entering into the field.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To encourage attendees to think of themselves as members of the research advocacy community
2. To identify additional knowledge and skill sets needed by the attendees
3. To develop ongoing mechanisms to support effective research advocates

FACILITATORS: Cathy Olufs, David Evans, Tracy Swan, Louis Spraggins, Kelly McGowan, Laura McTighe, Sean Barry



Thursday, April 22
3:00pm - 5:00pm
Maryland Ballroom D

NATIONAL AIDS STRATEGY TOWN HALL ON HIV RESEARCH



The Obama Administration's National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) is expected in late Spring 2010. This two-hour Town Hall meeting will provide an opportunity for community dialogue with federal officials on the research aspects of the NHAS. The session will start with a brief presentation on the status of NHAS development from The White House's Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) and comments from National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials, followed by questions and comments from the audience. This session is open to the public.

WELCOME:

Heather Hauck, MSW, LICSW, Director, Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

MODERATOR:

Chris Collins, Vice President and Director of Public Policy, amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research

PANELISTS:

James Albino, Senior Program Manager, Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP), The White House

Wendy Wertheimer, Senior Advisor, Office of AIDS Research, National Institutes of Health

Carl W. Dieffenbach, Ph.D., Director of the Division of AIDS (DAIDS) of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health

Dr. Peter Kilmarx, Chief of Epidemiology, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



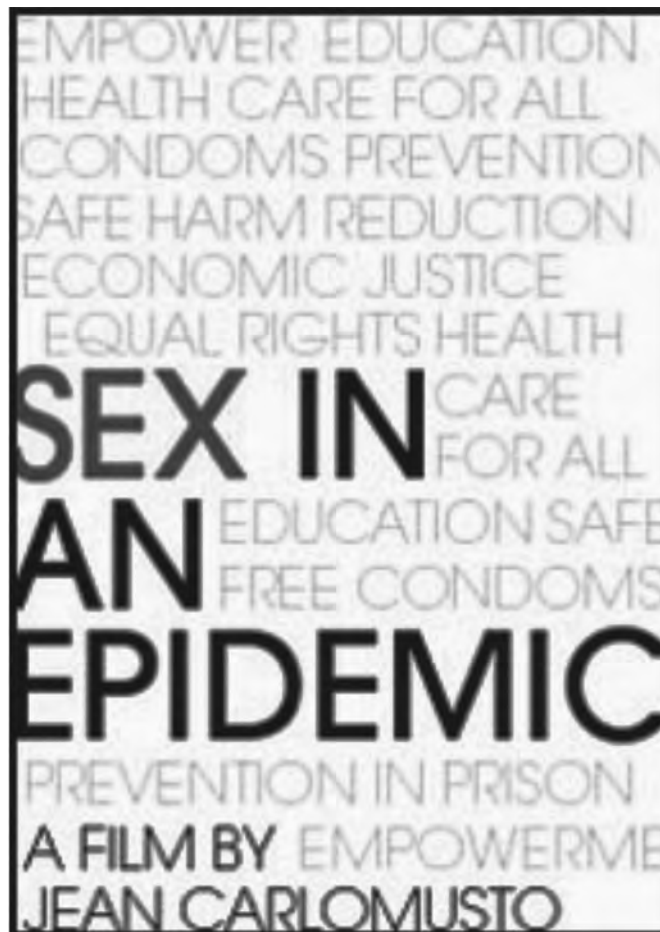
DOCUMENTARY SCREENING I

Thursday, April 22
7:00pm - 9:00pm

SEX IN AN EPIDEMIC

a documentary by Jean Carlomusto, 2010 (70 minutes)

ROOM: Homeland



SEX IN AN EPIDEMIC explores the social and cultural history of HIV/AIDS in the US and its impact on the gay community, linking the emergence of the disease in the early 1980s to contemporary sex education approaches. Including interview footage from frontline gay activists and news reports from the early 80s through the late 2000s, this is a powerful and urgent look into the political controversies surrounding AIDS education. An early narrator explains that he wants people now to know what it was like then — the film succeeds admirably in that regard, reminding us both of the panic surrounding AIDS in its early days as well as our nation's ongoing ambivalence about sex education.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING II

Thursday, April 22
7:00pm - 9:00pm

FIGHT BACK, FIGHT AIDS: 15 YEARS of ACT UP

a documentary by James Wentzy, 2002 (75 minutes)

ROOM: Fells Point



In March 1987, the first AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) event took place on Wall Street. In the 15 years since the protest that shut down the world's financial center, ACT UP has been at the forefront of public awareness. Their demonstrations, die-ins, political funerals, marches, and speeches were key in propelling issues related to HIV/AIDS into major political and international topics. ACT UP member and AIDS video activist James Wentzy has constructed a vivid compilation documentary with *Fight Back, Fight AIDS: 15 Years of ACT UP*. The powerful clips depict the multiple bold events that ACT UP has staged, including: the inspiring first ACT UP action on Wall Street protesting the profiteering of the pharmaceutical companies that made AIDS-related drugs; National Nine Days of Rage, in which more than 50 ACT UP chapters congregated on the New York state capital to protest AIDS policies (or the lack thereof) involving IV drug use, homophobia, people of color, women, prison programs, and children with AIDS; and intense coverage of political funerals of ACT UP and affinity group The Marys, which included carrying an open coffin from Washington Square to the New York Republican Party headquarters on West 43rd Street, as well as an open casket political funeral in front of the White House. With fierce images and speeches, including many poignant ones by film historian and ACT UP pioneer Vito Russo, *Fight Back, Fight AIDS* is a dynamic alternative historical record of the queer political landscape, HIV/AIDS, and AIDS activist video.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22



NETWORKING

Friday, April 23

9:00Am - 11:00Am

Maryland Ballroom D



RESEARCH ADVOCACY IN ACTION: AFFINITY GROUP REPORT BACK

9:00am - 10:00am

FACILITATORS: Julie Davids & Walt Senterfitt

ADVOCACY NETWORKS INTRODUCTION & RECRUITMENT

10:00am - 11:00am

FACILITATORS: Julie Davids & Walt Senterfitt

The HIV research advocacy movement was one of the early adoptors of web-based organizing, and there are numerous advocacy networks working on a variety of treatment and prevention research issues. This session will introduce some of these networks and describe how they collaborate in ongoing projects. Attendees are invited to talk to organizers face to face and sign up with campaigns based on their interests.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To showcase research advocacy groups and their work
2. To increase community participation in ongoing campaigns
3. To establish relationships between experienced and new advocates



CLOSING PLENARY

Friday, April 23

11:00Am - NOON

Maryland Ballroom D



Two highly respected researchers will close the 2010 HIV Research Catalyst Forum and send the attendees home on a high note. Dr. Cargill will speak on the importance of community engagement in HIV research, from influencing which issues are studied and how trials are designed and conducted, to improving clinical outcome by pointing out the positive and negative impact of treatment on the individual and their communities. Dr. Fullilove will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee [SNCC], a lead organization of the American Civil Rights Movement, by talking about the power of community organizing. He will draw parallels between that long-gone era and the challenges facing us now in the domestic AIDS epidemic.

MODERATORS: Lynda Dee, AIDS Action Baltimore; Mark McLaurin, SEIU

THANK YOU REMARKS: Mark Harrington, Treatment Action Group

SPEAKERS:

Victoria A. Cargill, M.D. is the Director of Minority Research and Director of Clinical Studies at the Office of AIDS Research (OAR) in the National Institutes of Health since 1998. In this capacity, Dr. Cargill has focused on the impact of HIV and AIDS on minorities. Her position has allowed her to form professional liaisons with other federal agencies, as well as with community organizations that have similar interests. She earned her M.D. degree from Boston University School of Medicine, completed her medical residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and did two years of community service at the Brookside Park Family Life Center in Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts. Dr. Cargill has a Master of Science degree in clinical epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania. She was a professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University, the first African-American woman at Case Western to obtain that rank. Dr. Cargill founded and served as the Executive Director of Stopping AIDS Is My Mission (SAMM), focusing on AIDS prevention and treatment aimed at young people, reaching more than 80,000 teens in the Cleveland area. She was appointed the acting director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy for the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. Dr. Cargill continues to treat HIV-positive patients in the Washington, D.C. area, where the numbers of HIV and AIDS cases are as high as those in some African countries. Dr. Cargill is the mother of two children.

Robert E. Fullilove, EdD is the Associate Dean for Community and Minority Affairs, Professor of Clinical Sociomedical Sciences, and the co-director of the Community Research Group. Dr. Fullilove has authored numerous articles in the area of minority health. From 1995 to 2001, he served on the Board of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Institute of Medicine (IOM) at the National Academy of Sciences. Since 1996, he has served on five IOM study committees that have produced reports on a variety of topics including substance abuse and addiction, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and damp indoor spaces and health. In 2003 he was designated a National Associate of the National Academies of Science. In 1998 he was appointed to the Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention (ACHSP) at the Centers for Disease Control, and in July, 2000, he became the committee's chair. Finally, in 2004, he was appointed to the National Advisory Council for the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health [NIH]. Dr. Fullilove serves on the editorial boards of the journals *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, and the *Journal of Public Health Policy*. He has twice been awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award at the Mailman School of Public Health, and in May, 2002, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Bank Street College of Education.

PRESENTER BIOS

Moisés Agosto-Rosario is the coordinator for the HIV Collaborative Fund activities in Latin America, West/Central Africa and the Caribbean. A frequent public speaker and writer in both English and Spanish, Mr. Agosto-Rosario has played a crucial role in ensuring that communities of color have equal access to care, treatment, and lifesaving information; has won numerous awards for his work with the HIV community. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Agosto-Rosario served as Director of Research and Treatment Education and Advocacy for the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) in Washington, D.C., and founded the North American AIDS Treatment Action Forum, an important international conference organized annually by NMAC. Prior to joining NMAC, Mr. Agosto-Rosario served as the editor of *SIDA Ahora*, the Spanish publication of the People with AIDS Coalition of New York, and was an active member of ACT UP. Mr. Agosto-Rosario has served on advisory boards for the Health and Human Services National Task Force on AIDS Drug Development; the board of the Forum for Collaborative AIDS Research; and the ACTG Community Constituency Group. At present, he is the co-chair of the Ad Hoc Minority Research Group of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council and is an active member of the AIDS Research Advisory Committee of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. He sits on the Treatment Advisory Board of NMAC and on the New York City Commission on AIDS. Mr. Agosto-Rosario graduated in 1988 from the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, with a B.A. in Literature and Education. He is currently residing in Puerto Rico.

James Albino is the Senior Program Manager in the Office of National AIDS Policy. In this role, he oversees the operations of the office, and is the policy lead on HIV health disparities and a range of other issues. Prior to his position with ONAP, Mr. Albino was the Director of Advocacy at the Hispanic Federation and was responsible for the planning, development, and implementation of the Federation's Federal government advocacy effort including the development of public policy documents and reports. Mr. Albino planned and coordinated the dissemination of policy statements to policy makers and opinion leaders and managed relations with Federal and State elected and appointed officials relevant to the Hispanic community. Before

joining the Hispanic Federation, Mr. Albino was the Associate Director of Government Relations and Public Policy at the National Minority AIDS Council (Washington, D.C.) one of the nation's largest minority based organization focused on HIV/AIDS issues. Mr. Albino has a Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania (Dual major: Economics and Political Science) and Masters Certificate in Project Management from Villanova University. He served as a commissioned officer in the US Navy where he was the Combat Information Center Officer and Navigator.

Sean Barry is the Director of the New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN), a membership organization led by low-income people who are living with HIV/AIDS, former and active drug users, and formerly incarcerated. Prior to NYCAHN, Sean worked as the Director of Prevention Policy at CHAMP, a national field organizer for the Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA), electoral organizer for America Coming Together, and Policy Director for Global Justice in Washington, D.C.

Nancy Bernstine has been the Executive Director of the National AIDS Housing Coalition (NAHC) since October 2003, manages operations of the only national membership housing advocacy and policy organization working to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic by assuring that persons living with HIV/AIDS have quality, affordable and appropriate housing. Previously, Nancy was a member of a Washington, D.C. law firm representing nonprofit housing organizations and housing industry trade associations. She also served as Director of Government Relations for the National Housing Law Project, providing back up services for legal services housing advocates. As Senior Policy Associate at the McAuley Institute, she provided policy analysis on issues impacting community based organizations developing affordable housing. A member of the District of Columbia Bar and the American Bar Association Affordable Housing Forum and a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and the LL.M. program at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Nancy is board secretary of the National Low Income Housing Coalition and is a trustee of the National Housing Conference.

Jay Blotcher has been a community activist for nearly three decades. He was media coordinator for the founding chapters of ACT UP and Queer Nation. He co-founded Public Impact Media Consultants in 1990 with veteran activist Alan Klein to provide media campaigns for progressive organizations representing the LGBT community, the AIDS community, the homeless, women's reproductive rights and animal rights. He has provided media relations for amfAR, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, Housing Works and the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition.

Christine Campbell, Vice President of National Advocacy and Organizing oversees Housing Works' national and global advocacy and organizing activities including Housing Works' support of the Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA), managing the D.C. and Mississippi offices, advocacy participation in the International AIDS Housing Roundtable and International AIDS Conferences. Ms. Campbell has her Masters of Science in Organizational Development from American University and has spent over 22 years operating housing programs, training HIV/AIDS housing providers and advocating for people with special needs. Ms. Campbell serves as a board member of the National AIDS Housing Coalition and served as an adjunct professor at New York University's Wagner School of Public Administration.

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Hadiyah Charles is an advocate and grassroots activist. Ms. Charles has worked closely and extensively with women living with HIV/AIDS, their families, and their communities. Ms. Charles has helped to create and cultivate a new generation of women activists, community organizers, and leaders to affect change

for people living with HIV/AIDS. Ms. Charles has spearheaded a number of important initiatives, including intensive advocacy and media trainings for HIV+ women, community outreach and education workshops on issues relevant to people living with HIV/AIDS, and a robust campaign to bring comprehensive sex education into New York schools. Ms. Charles is committed personally and professionally to fighting the injustices faced by women living with HIV/AIDS. In addition to her professional responsibilities, Ms. Charles is an active member in her Brooklyn community as well as communities in the Bronx and Manhattan. Ms. Charles serves on the Board of Directors of Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project, (CHAMP) and the Advisory Board of the Center for HIV Law and Policy.

Lei Chou is the Hepatitis/HIV Project Coordinator for the Treatment Action Group (TAG). He has been an AIDS activist since 1988. As a member of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) in New York, he helped organize demonstrations to demand housing for homeless people living with AIDS; the first National People of Color AIDS Activist Conference; and co-founded the Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus. Lei was a Founding Board Co-chair of the Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS. He helped organized several grassroots coalitions addressing domestic HIV treatment access, including the Save ADAP committee, the HIV Medicaid/Medicare Workgroup, and the Fair Pricing Coalition. Lei also served as a board member of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition. As the Director of Mobilization for the Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP), he helped organize national mobilization efforts including the Campaign to End AIDS and the Prevention Justice Mobilization, and collaborated with researchers, policy advocates, and community members to organize a series of trainings on HIV prevention research advocacy. Lei joined the Treatment Action Group's Hepatitis/HIV Project in 2008. He works with both domestic and international activists, researchers, pharmaceutical industry representatives, and regulators on new drug development and treatment access for viral hepatitis, with a particular focus on viral hepatitis and HIV co-infection.

Ryan Clary is Director of Public Policy at Project Inform, a national HIV/AIDS organization based in San Francisco. He has worked in Project Inform's public policy and health care advocacy programs for over fourteen years. Ryan advocates at the federal level for programs that provide access to treatment and healthcare for people living with HIV/AIDS, including the Ryan White Program, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and Medicaid. He also advocates on federal, state, and local hepatitis C funding and legislative issues. He represents Project Inform in many coalitions, including the steering committees of the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable, the California Hepatitis Alliance, the Treatment Access Expansion Project (TAEP) and the HIV Health Care Access Working Group.

Chris Collins is Vice President and Director of public policy at amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research. Collins has spent more than 18 years in HIV/AIDS policy and advocacy. Before joining amfAR, he was a consultant on policy and communications for numerous organizations. He is the author of *Improving Outcomes: Blueprint for a National AIDS Plan for the United States*, published by the Open Society Institute in 2007, and he helped organize advocacy for creation of a National HIV/AIDS Strategy. As a consultant with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Collins helped coordinate the Global HIV Prevention Working Group. He oversaw production of the series of *Missing the Target* reports on international AIDS service scale-up produced by the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC). Collins is a co-founder of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC), served as its executive director for two years, and remains on its board. As a consultant to AVAC he has written on pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and other issues. As Appropriations Associate for Rep. Nancy Pelosi (now Speaker) in the late 1990s, Collins developed the first Congressional legislation designed to provide incentives for the development and delivery of vaccines against AIDS, malaria, and TB. Collins is the author of dozens of publications on HIV/AIDS policy. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Julie Cross is a nationally recognized expert in areas related to HIV health and disability benefits. She currently works as an HIV health and disability policy consultant providing policy analysis, technical assistance and training to individuals, community providers and government agencies. Prior to establishing her consulting practice, Julie was the state-wide Public Benefits Consultant to the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS. In this position, Julie provided benefits-related technical assistance and training to AIDS Service Providers throughout California. In addition, she worked closely with state government officials to help shape HIV related policy relating to Medi-Cal, Medicare, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, health care reform initiatives and other insurance programs utilized by persons with HIV/AIDS. Julie possesses over 19 years experience in the area of disability and public health programs.

Paul Dalton is an AIDS activist and educator based in Oakland, CA. Paul began as an AIDS activist in the late 1980s, performing civil disobedience at the ACT UP, Storm the NIH! Demonstration. He has worked as a case manager, treatment educator and scientific writer. He is currently a community member of the DHHS Guidelines Panel as well as a member of the ATAC Drug Development Committee.

Julie Davids is the Co-Director of the Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP), after serving five years as the group's founding Executive Director. She learned the ropes of hell-raising from the leaders of ACT UP Philadelphia in the first-wave HIV/AIDS direct action protest movement, and stuck around for the next 14 years. During that time, she worked on campaigns for needle exchange, health care access, research issues, and the rights of people of all genders, and served as a community advocate in the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG). She helped to start Project TEACH (Treatment Education Activists Combating HIV), which provides activist and leadership training for people living with HIV at Philadelphia FIGHT. She was the first community organizer for Health GAP, an activist group dedicated to eliminating barriers to access to HIV/AIDS treatment around the world. She founded CHAMP in 2003 after a year-long Charles H. Revson fellowship at Columbia University, where she developed an analysis of the history and future

of HIV/AIDS as a social struggle tied to economic, racial and human rights. She is the past co-chair of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership (FAPP) and is on the steering committees of the Caucus for Evidence-Based Prevention and the International Rectal Microbicides Advocates. Currently, she is the board co-chair for the Providence Youth and Student Movement (PrYSM), non-profit Southeast Asian youth-led organization whose vision is end all forms of violence, whether they come from the self, the community, or from institutions and systems. Formerly a musician, knitter and birdwatcher, she now focuses on online Scrabble and playing with her cat.

Lynda Dee is a Baltimore-based attorney who co-founded AIDS Action Baltimore (AAB) in 1986. After the death of her husband from AIDS-related complications, Ms. Dee became an outspoken AIDS activist and has served on many national, state and local boards and committees, including the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition, the Treatment Action Group, Project Inform, the Fair Pricing Coalition, the Executive Committee and the Community Constituency Groups of the AIDS Clinical Trial Group, the NIH's Office of AIDS Research Therapeutics Research Working Group, FDA Antiviral Advisory Panels, the Forum for Collaborative HIV Research, the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program Formulary Advisory Committee, the Johns Hopkins Hospital AIDS Service Community Advisory Board. Ms. Dee has worked with every major HIV drug manufacturer both in drug development and drug pricing. She is also living with HCV and is co-chair of the Maryland Hepatitis Coalition.

Christine De Shay serves currently in an adjunct position of Community Health Promotion for HIV Research, and Capacity Building at both UCLA and Black AIDS Institute. While pursuing her degrees at La Sierra University, she interned with the non-profit, faith-based organization AAIM (Adventist Aids International Ministries) in clinical capacity in South Africa & Lesotho their HIV Behavioral studies for Loma Linda University Public Health Department, as well as having served on the disaster & health relief task force both nationally and international in Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Kenya, Tanzania, Louisiana and Mississippi. Prior to her current position she served at Charles Drew University & OASIS Clinic in the capacity of HIV Testing and Counseling Coordinator.

Carl W. Dieffenbach, Ph.D., is the Director of the Division of AIDS (DAIDS) of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), a component of the National Institutes of Health. Since 2006, Dr. Dieffenbach developed, directed and coordinated DAIDS program activities and served as a senior advisor on HIV/AIDS research opportunities and directions. Dr. Dieffenbach played a key role in restructuring the DAIDS-supported clinical trials research networks, and has actively fostered collaboration and partnerships with other federal agencies, international research organizations, professional societies, foundations, community advocacy groups and industry. From 1994 to 2007, he served as the associate director of the DAIDS Basic Sciences program, which supported key studies on the basic mechanisms of HIV disease, developed new approaches in prevention and therapy, and defined on a population level the long-term consequences of HIV disease in people receiving treatment. Dr. Dieffenbach joined NIAID in 1992 and oversaw studies on pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis using tenofovir and helped advance several novel therapeutic agents into clinical testing. Since joining NIH, Dr. Dieffenbach has served as an adjunct associate professor of pathology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md. Dr. Dieffenbach earned his Ph.D. in biochemistry and biophysics in 1984 from Johns Hopkins University and continued his research career studying host-virus interactions in the Department of Pathology at USUHS.

Anne Donnelly is the Health Care Policy Director at Project Inform. She has acted in this capacity since 2006, before which she was the Public Policy Director at Project Inform for 13 years. She is responsible for ensuring that health care legislation, funding, program policies and reform at the Federal and California state level reflect the needs of people living with HIV. She works to ensure that people with HIV can access affordable, comprehensive and quality HIV care and treatment, with a strong focus on the most vulnerable in the epidemic. She also participates in community organizing efforts, enabling people affected by HIV to have a voice in the policies that affect their lives. In addition she works to educate providers and people with HIV about complex health care systems, how to navigate them and access health care benefits. Prior to joining Project Inform, she worked in a variety of

non-profit and for profit organizations and has volunteered for many years in education reform efforts. Ms. Donnelly has worked in the health policy field for more than 17 years, in the HIV field for more than 20 years and has a Master's degree in Psychology, with a focus in Organizational Behavior.

Shalini Eddens has been working with HIV positive women for over 10 years. She is currently the Director of Education and Training at WORLD where she oversees a host of educational related activities including the Lotus Project, a national women's peer education project. Prior to coming to WORLD, she was the Women's Program Director for Project Inform, a national HIV/AIDS Treatment Information and Advocacy Organization. Shalini holds a Masters in Public Health from Emory University and has worked nationally and internationally.

Narelle Ellendon is the National Syringe Access Expansion Coordinator for Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC) which provides technical assistance and capacity building services to support the establishment of new syringe access programs and the expansion and enhancement of existing programs. Prior to this role Narelle was the HCV director at HRC overseeing the Hepatitis C Harm Reduction Project that worked closely with syringe exchange programs in New York City to provide trainings for staff and participants, advocate for policies and resources and facilitate improved access to hepatitis C related health services. Previously, Narelle worked in Australia as an outreach community health nurse with homeless, drug-using populations and as a registered nurse within correctional facilities.

David Evans has been involved in AIDS activism since he joined ACT UP Golden Gate in San Francisco in 1991. He is a member of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition and is currently senior editor for AIDSmeds.com.

Kenyon Farrow has been working as an organizer, communications strategist, and writer on issues at the intersection of HIV/AIDS, prisons, and homophobia. Kenyon has recently become the Executive Director of Queers for Economic Justice. Prior to becoming ED, Kenyon served as the National Public Education Director, building the visibility of progressive racial

and economic justice issues as they pertain to LG-BTQ community through coalition-building, public education, and media advocacy. Kenyon was also a Policy Institute Fellow with the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Director of Communications for CHAMP, and is currently member of the Executive Committee of Connect 2 Protect NYC, an Adolescent Trials Network funded HIV prevention project dedicated to scaling up structural change prevention work through community mobilization for Black and Latino young MSM. In addition to his political work, he is the co-editor of "Letters From Young Activists: Today's Rebels Speak Out" (Nation Books 2005), the upcoming "A New Queer Agenda" and "Stand Up!: The Politics of Racial Uplift" (South End Press).

Cindra Feuer is the Communications and Policy Advisor at AVAC, an organization advocating for global HIV prevention. She has been an AIDS activist since the early 90s and has published extensively on the AIDS epidemics, both domestic and international.

Anna Forbes is an advocate, organizer, policy analyst, and widely published writer. Anna has worked in HIV/AIDS for the last 25 years. After a decade spent building the organization, she recently left her position as Deputy Director of the Global Campaign for Microbicides to work independently on women's HIV prevention needs, sexual health and human rights. Her current projects are commissioned by the AIDS Research Alliance (Los Angeles), GNP+ (Amsterdam), the International AIDS Society (Geneva), BETA (San Francisco) and NAM (London). Anna serves on the Steering Committee of the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS and is a founding member of International Rectal Microbicides Advocates. Other affiliations include the Universal Access to Female Condoms' International Platform, the Prevention Justice Alliance, the Harm Reduction Coalition, SisterLove and the National Writers Union. She is also engaged in some collaborative projects with members of the Asian Pacific Network of Sex Workers and the Network of Sex Work Projects.

Michael Friedman is the Program Associate at Project Inform. He was a part of the successful effort launched by Project Inform to Save California's AIDS Drug Assistance Program. He also works at the national level on health care reform, ADAP, drug pricing,

issues related to treatment as prevention, and growing PI's grassroots program. Before moving to San Francisco about two years ago, he lived in Thailand doing humanitarian work and research on and in Burma.

Mark Harrington, Executive Director of Treatment Action Group (TAG) in New York, graduated from Lowell High School in San Francisco in 1977, and took his B.A. from Harvard in 1983. In 1986 he moved to New York, joining the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) in 1988. Mark was active on ACT UP's Treatment + Data (T+D) Committee, which led the organization's policy work related to the FDA, the NIH, and pharmaceutical companies. In 1992 Mark cofounded TAG; in 1997 he received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. He is a member of the DHHS Panel on Clinical Practices for Treatment of HIV Infection in Adults & Adolescents, WHO Guidelines for Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV Infection in Resource-Limited Settings writing group, the Stop TB Partnership Global TB/HIV Core Group, the WHO advisory groups for TB and for HIV. He wrote and edited *A Glossary of AIDS Drugs, Treatments & Trials* (1988), *AIDS Drugs Now* (1989), *A National AIDS Research Treatment Agenda* (1989), *A Critique of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG)* (1990), *AIDS Research at the NIH: A Critical Review* (1992); *Rescuing Accelerated Approval: Moving Beyond the Status Quo* (1994); *Problems with Protease Inhibitor Development Plans* (1995); "In memoriam: David Byar as an AIDS activist." *Control Clinical Trials* (1995); *Viral Load in Vancouver* (1996); *Cure: Myth or reality?* (1998); "Hit HIV-1 hard, but only when necessary" *Lancet* (2000, with C. Carpenter); *Exploring the American Response to the Global AIDS Pandemic* (2000); "Hit hard, later...?" *GMHC Treatment Issues* (2001); *What's in the Pipeline* (introductions, 2005, 2006); "Ten Years of HAART." *Research Initiative Treatment Action* (2005); (coauthor) "Promote HIV chemoprophylaxis research, don't prevent it." *Science* (2005); and contributed to several WHO publications on antiretroviral treatment guidelines, TB/HIV policy activities, and diagnosis of smear-negative and extrapulmonary TB in resource limited HIV prevalent settings; and most recently written on community involvement in HIV and TB research.

Jennifer Hecht, MPH is Education Director at STOP AIDS Project. She joined STOP AIDS Project in September 2005. Her primary role is developing the prevention strategy for the agency. She also develops workshops and training curricula and designs program evaluation procedures and behavioral risk assessment surveys. She is particularly interested in how community-based organizations can use structural interventions to address structural factors that lead to HIV transmission. She received her MPH at UC Berkeley School of Public Health, where she studied on a University Fellowship. Hecht has extensive experience working in HIV prevention in community-based settings, including needle exchange and street-based outreach. She has worked as a Research Assistant in the UCSF Division of Adolescent Medicine; as an intern in the New York and Rhode Island Departments of Public Health; as the Outreach Coordinator for AIDS Care Ocean State; and as a Health Educator for Olneyville Community Health Center in Providence, RI. Hecht has presented at several conferences including the American Public Health Association, National HIV Prevention Conference, United States Conference on AIDS.

Dr. David Holtgrave has been Professor and Chair of the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health since August 2005. He also holds joint appointments in the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Holtgrave has worked extensively in the field of HIV prevention since 1991. His research has focused on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a variety of HIV prevention interventions, and the relation of the findings of these studies to HIV prevention policy making. Dr. Holtgrave received his Ph.D. in quantitative psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, and then completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in public health and public policy in the Interdisciplinary Programs in Health at the Harvard University School of Public Health. He has authored or co-authored over 160 professional publications, and has edited *The Handbook of Economic Evaluation for HIV Prevention Programs* (Plenum Press, 1998).

Tim Horn is President and Editor-in-Chief of AIDS-meds.com and Executive Editor at Smart + Strong. He has worked as a writer and editor for a number of other AIDS organizations, including Physicians' Research Network (PRN), the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR), the AIDS Treatment Data Network, and the PWA Health Group. He is also a member of ATAC and was a founding board member of Aid for AIDS. He has been living with HIV since 1993.

Richard Jefferys began working in the HIV/AIDS field in 1993, initially on access to treatment and nutritional supplements for uninsured and under-insured people, before starting to become an immunology geek in 1998 (after reading about the association between certain immune responses and long-term non-progression). Since that time he has worked on following immunology & pathogenesis research and currently coordinates the Michael Palm Basic Science, Vaccines & Prevention Project at Treatment Action Group (TAG).

Naina Khanna is the director of policy and community organizing at Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Disease (WORLD) in Oakland, California. Naina also coordinates the U.S. Positive Women's Network (PWN), a membership body of HIV-positive women, inclusive of transgender women, that advocates for policies and programs at local, state and national levels that reflect the needs of HIV positive women and families. In addition, Naina serves on the Coordinating Committee for the Coalition for a National AIDS Strategy, the Leadership Team for the National Women and AIDS Collective (NWAC), and the interim steering committee for the HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (PJA). She has spoken and presented nationally and internationally about the critical role HIV-positive women and their advocates play in developing policies and programs that will meet women's needs and help end the epidemic overall.

CAPT Peter H. Kilmarx, MD, FACP, FIDSA, is the Chief of the Epidemiology Branch of the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CD.C.). The Branch is responsible for epidemiologic and clinical research to reduce the burden of HIV/AIDS worldwide. Current research includes development of HIV vaccines, microbicides, oral pre-exposure chemoprophylaxis, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and clinical and health

services HIV prevention research. The Branch also conducts the Minority AIDS Research Initiative to build epidemiologic research capacity in affected communities in the United States. Dr. Kilmarx earned his MD degree from Dartmouth and completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Kilmarx joined the CD.C. Epidemic Intelligence Service at the CD.C., and was deployed to lead household surveillance activities in the 1995 Ebola outbreak in Kikwit, Zaire. Dr. Kilmarx and his family moved to Thailand in 1996 where he directed CD.C.'s northern Thailand HIV/STD prevention field station. In 2002, Dr. Kilmarx also directed CD.C.'s Botswana office, where he made critical inroads in HIV testing, behavior change communication, prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission, and HIV/AIDS care and treatment, which contributed to an overall decline in HIV prevalence in Botswana. A Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service and an adjunct professor at Emory University, Dr. Kilmarx is the author or coauthor of more than 80 scientific research articles and book chapters. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Infectious Disease Society of America with board certification in internal medicine and infectious diseases. He travels every year to provide life-saving anti-retroviral treatment to AIDS patients in Botswana or along the Thai-Lao-Burmese border.

Marc-André LeBlanc has worked in the community-based HIV/AIDS movement for over 17 years, including seven years focused on new prevention technologies (NPTs). He was involved in the development of both the Canadian HIV Vaccines Plan and the Canadian Microbicides Action Plan. He has been involved with the Global Campaign for Microbicides (GCM) for five years. He is a co-founder of International Rectal Microbicide Advocates (IRMA) and serves as secretary on their steering committee. He has also done work related to NPTs for the Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD), the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+), the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO) and the Canadian HIV Vaccines Initiative. Marc-André loves movies. He got a film studies degree while working full-time, just for the sheer fun of it. He is now leading advocacy efforts to get ice cream and pop corn recognised as new basic food groups in Canada's Food Guide.

Ann Lefert is Associate Director of the Government Relations Program at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). NASTAD represents the chief HIV/AIDS program administrators who are responsible for managing federally and state-funded HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programs in every state and territory. Ms. Lefert has been with NASTAD since 2002 and is responsible for policy development and advocacy on appropriations and legislation related to HIV/AIDS care and treatment and prevention issues, including health care access. Ms. Lefert is an active participant of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership, the HIV Medicare and Medicaid Work Group, the ADAP Coalition and co-chairs the Ryan White Work Group. Ms. Lefert received her Bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Minnesota and her Master's in Public Policy from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Kelly McGowan joined the housing committee of ACT-UP NYC and became the director of Housing Works' 'gorilla housing program' in 1991. Since then she co-founded the first member-driven HIV prevention organization of street-oriented youth, advocated for and directed a syringe exchange and the first federally-funded HIV prevention program targeting transgender sex workers. This April Kelly is transitioning out of the Interim Executive Director role at CHAMP and will continue working with leaders, organizations, and communities that are committed to co-creating collaborative and inclusive change.

Laura McTighe began work on HIV and prison issues over twelve years ago in the Philadelphia restorative justice and AIDS activist movements, serving as the founding Director of Prison Services for Philadelphia FIGHT and co-creator of TEACH Outside, a treatment education program for people with HIV who are recently released from prison. After joining CHAMP to launch the Project UNSHACKLE network, Laura returned to her Philadelphia home to begin work as a co-investigator for a NIDA-funded research study examining the effectiveness of activism-based education for HIV prevention in and out of jail. In 2009, she founded the Institute for Community Justice, a Philadelphia-based national initiative committed to supporting community-inspired, community-led solutions for healing in a time of mass imprisonment, which she co-directs with her dear friend and colleague, John

Bell. Laura earned her Masters of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, where she studied as a Presidential Scholar, and is completing a manuscript exploring HIV/AIDS, gender justice and economic justice through the stories of Muslim women living with HIV in the United States and South Africa.

David Ernesto Munar is a local and national leader for sound public policy on HIV/AIDS. A person living with HIV, Munar joined the staff of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago in 1991 and is currently the group's Vice President. He serves on the board of directors of the Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative and the AIDS Action Council, where he chairs its Policy Committee. He is active on several federal advisory committees with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. In 2007, Munar worked with other AIDS advocacy leaders to form the Campaign for a National AIDS Strategy, and he remains actively involved with its Coordinating Committee. In 2009, he worked with the Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project and SisterLove to launch the Prevention Justice Alliance, which advocates for cross-disciplinary responses to the social and structural factors amplifying HIV-related health disparities in the U.S. Munar is bicultural, bilingual and a first-generation Colombian-American. He received his B.A. from Northwestern University.

Robert Munk, PhD, has been involved in AIDS activism since 1987, the year he tested positive. He was the first Development Director for The NAMES Project in San Francisco. In 1992, he moved to New Mexico. In 1997 he founded and continues to coordinate the AIDS InfoNet, an Internet-based patient education resource providing HIV treatment information in English, Spanish and several other languages. His main focus is on providing current HIV/AIDS treatment information in non-technical language. He has been a frequent writer and speaker on HIV treatment topics. Dr. Munk was a founding member of the AIDS Treatment Advocates Coalition. He has been part of numerous pharmaceutical company advisory boards, government review panels, and conference planning committees. He is currently a member of the New Mexico Governor's AIDS Policy Commission and the state's Medications Advisory Committee, as well as

the Scientific Committees of the International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection and the International Workshop on Adverse Drug Reactions and Co-morbidities in HIV.

Cathy Elliott-Olufs is an HIV+ activist, treatment educator, and public speaker. In her position as the Education Director at Center for Health Justice in Los Angeles California, Cathy works directly with incarcerated men and women living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS, as well as those recently released from a correctional setting. Outside of her work with the agency, Cathy is active on a variety of local and national AIDS-related coalitions and working groups. Most notably, Cathy is the outgoing President of the Board of Directors of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC) which is a national coalition of AIDS activists that she helped found in 2002, and has previously served in a leadership capacity on several of the organization's committees and working groups. Cathy also serves as an advisor to the pharmaceutical industry around issues of HIV drug development and advocates for access to care and treatment for persons living with the virus. Cathy is a member of the U.S. Positive Women's Network and is a co-founder of www.ThreePozGals.net, a social network for HIV+ heterosexuals in southern California. She has been honored by the City of West Hollywood, Being Alive Los Angeles, SisterLove Inc, and California State Assembly Member Paul Koretz for her community work and volunteerism. Cathy holds a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management from Antioch University Los Angeles.

Dwight Peavy, Executive Director, Newark EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council. Dwight is a member of the INSIGHT CAB. He has volunteered and worked in HIV/AIDS for many years at the local and national level as an advocate. Dwight presently serves on a number of HRSA's Care / Treatment Boards as well as CD.C.'s Prevention Planning bodies.

Sue Perez joined Treatment Action Group (TAG) as Policy Director in October 2007 to head TAG's US & Global Health Policy Project. Her work at TAG involves advocating for responsible US policies and adequate US government funding for effective domestic and global AIDS, TB and viral hepatitis programs, including funding for a robust US research agenda. She currently serves as a community liaison member to the

CD.C. Advisory Council on the Elimination of Tuberculosis, is a member of the Stop TB Partnership Advocacy Advisory Committee and co-chair of the Research Working Group of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership. Sue was a member of the policy panel that developed the WHO Policy on Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities, Congregate Settings and Households (2009). Prior to TAG, Sue worked at RESULTS Educational Fund, a grassroots advocacy organization working to generate the public and political will to end poverty. At REF, she researched USAID spending for tuberculosis, microcredit schemes in India, and developed a campaign to address the harmful impact of IMF policies in developing countries. Sue was part of the team that developed and managed a multi-million dollar, multi-year Gates-funded Advocacy to Control TB Internationally (ACTION) project focused on mobilizing resources from the governments of Canada, Japan, the UK and US as well as the World Bank for TB control efforts. While at REF, she co-authored three reports which led to greater US investment in TB-HIV through the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and increased funding for TB by the World Bank. Sue served as a US Peace Corps community development volunteer in a small northern city in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa in 1996-1998. She has a BA in international relations and environmental policy from Boston University and a Masters in Public Health from the George Washington University.

Claire Rappoport is the Community Liaison, INSIGHT Clinical trials network. Claire has a long history volunteering and working in HIV/AIDS at the local, regional, national and now international levels. She has served on numerous local and national community advisory boards and national guidelines committees. Her interests are in HIV clinical trials, studying the management and treatment of HIV disease and clinical care.

Hamilton Richardson, Protocol Working Group Member (HVTN), is a member of Community Partners and its Executive Committee (CP is the DAIDS cross network Community Advisory Board.) He is also a member of the Baltimore City Commission on AIDS, representing the infected and affected community. Ham is also an active Community Advisory Board member at University of Maryland Institute of Human Virology and Johns Hopkins University for the

HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) and AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG).

Brian Risley is the Program Manager for Treatment Education at AIDS Project Los Angeles. He supervises a staff of experienced bilingual treatment educators and produces the highly regarded “HIV Matters” forums in Los Angeles. He coordinates a quarterly Treatment Education CEU Training, providing treatment and adherence strategy information for medical and mental health providers serving primarily people of color. Besides writing HIV-related articles for various publications, Brian also counsels on access to healthcare, understanding HIV, their labs and treatment options. Brian has been instrumental in forging the official Hep Coalition, a group promoting hepatitis awareness, education, advocacy screening and treatment. Brian serves on the steering committee for P-QUAD, the Los Angeles PEP (Post Exposure Prophylaxis) Pilot Program comprised of two designated PEP clinics that provide free biomedical and behavioral interventions to those who have been exposed to HIV infection. As a National HIV Vaccine Research and Education Initiative partner with NIAID, Brian’s program educates the public on vaccine research and encourages participation in HIV vaccine trials. Honored with the “Outstanding National Prevention Educator” award from TheBody.com, Brian has for the past thirteen years facilitated the longest-running support and education group for those newly diagnosed with HIV in California. He graduated with a M.F.A. from New York University.

Matthew Rose is the Development Assistant for The National Coalition for LGBT Health. He is the Coalition’s Liaison with the Gay Men’s Health Agenda, and handles the majority of the Coalition’s work around HIV/AIDS. Matthew comes from a rather diverse background. He served on the Board of the Oregon Students of Color Coalition, which advocated on behalf of students of Color on issues of access and affordability in higher education. Additionally he has worked as member of the Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team, working to engage the student population on various ways to help address issues of sexual assault and dating violence. He received his financial experience through working in student government. During his time as the Finance Coordinator he helped to create and administrator fiscal policy for student government and the approximately \$12 million student fee

budget. Matthew served as the Governor’s appointee from the University of Oregon, to the Oregon University System’s Tuition Policy Working Group in fall of 2008 to Spring of 2009. During his time on the Committee he helped to create the governing document around tuition policy for the University System. Matthew also works in the field of HIV prevention, working with a team of fellow advocates through Community HIV/Aids Mobilization Project (CHAMP) and Aids Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC) around advocating for HIV prevention research specializing in Vaccine research and community engagement within the field. He also is a member of the Capital Area Vaccine Effort an advisory board that serves both the Vaccine Research Center at NIH and the Rockville Vaccine Assessment Clinic.

Monica S. Ruiz, PhD, MPH, is an Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Prevention and Community Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, and the Director of the HIV Prevention Research Program at the Forum for Collaborative HIV Research. Dr. Ruiz is a behavioral scientist whose career has focused almost exclusively on HIV prevention research. Her current interests include addressing behavioral and policy issues pertaining to the development and implementation of non-vaccine HIV prevention strategies and examining the social and structural factors that impede HIV prevention efforts in vulnerable and disenfranchised populations.

Raquel Sapien is a Latina Transgender AIDS activist who has been living with HIV for the past eighteen years. I have gone from being a homeless heroin addict/prostitute to becoming a public speaker working at a national level. I am a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor, my areas of expertise include Latinos, transgender health, incarcerated HIV + individuals, the homeless and substance abuse. My current role at the moment is of several hats; I sit on the board for the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS North America GNP+ /NA and I am the Vice-President of the Trans-Latin@ Coalition/ National Transgender Planning Group.

Walt Senterfitt is an epidemiologist and specialist in the ethical review and oversight of research for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. He

chairs and administers the Institutional Review Board for the department and is the compliance officer for human subjects protection. Walt holds a PhD in epidemiology from the UCLA School of Public Health, a Master's in Public Health from the University of Massachusetts, a BA in Sociology from Yale University, and an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Montgomery College in Maryland. He was inducted into the public health and nursing academic honor societies as well as Phi Beta Kappa. He is a licensed Registered Nurse with certification in critical care, student health and public health nursing. He has authored or co-authored more than 20 articles in peer-reviewed journals, given more than 50 presentations or posters at scientific meetings and published more than 100 articles in community and other lay press presenting and interpreting scientific research findings for lay audiences. Walt was a Visiting Scientist with the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2000-2003. Earlier, Walt practiced hospital and community health nursing for 15 years, was a health care workers union organizer, a secondary school teacher and administrator, and a community organizer and civil rights worker in the South in the 1960's. Walt has been living with HIV for 23 years and with an AIDS diagnosis for 12 years. He has been an AIDS treatment and prevention activist for 25 years and has particularly focused his work on equity of access to treatment and prevention for all populations and individuals domestically and worldwide and on the interaction of researchers and policy makers with members of the affected and "target" communities.

Waheedah Shabazz-El is a 56-year-old Afr. American Muslim Woman and retired postal diagnosed with AIDS in 2003. Shabazz-El is a Founding and Advisory Member of the US Positive Women's Network. A volunteer Community Organizer/Trainer for Community HIV AIDS Mobilization Project, CHAMP. A member of CHAMP's PRAWG, Shabazz-El was the only community representative named as a protocol team member for the NIH funded study (HPTN064), (ISIS) targeting women at risk in the US and currently Shabazz-El is Chairperson for the Community Advisory Board for Univ. of Penn's Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). She is a core leader of AVAC's Prevention Advocacy Working Group, and Steering Committee Member of the Prevention Justice Alliance A long time member & treasurer of ACT UP Philadelphia where she helped

coordinate the Condom in Philly Jails Campaign in 2006 that resulted in condoms being added to commissary items. Shabazz-El is currently employed by Philadelphia Fight as an HIV Counselor/Tester & Prison Reentry Specialist.

Matt Sharp is a long term survivor of AIDS, diagnosed with HIV in 1988. He is Director of Treatment and Prevention Advocacy at Project Inform in San Francisco and is a member of ATAC, the AIDS Treatment Activist Coalition. He was a member of ACT UP Golden Gate, serving on five local community advisory boards for AIDS clinical research. He also helped coordinate an HIV treatment education certification training program for case managers with the Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center and Project Inform. Later in Chicago he began a position at Test Positive Aware Network. He has also served as a patient representative on the FDA Antiviral Advisory Committee and was a Community Liaison to the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

Rona Siskind, M.H.S. works in the Scientific Communications and Information Branch at the Division of AIDS within the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH. She has been involved in a myriad of communications projects, encompassing, treatment and prevention research, and currently focuses primarily on issues related to HIV vaccines. Rona serves as a liaison to Community Partners, a group of community representatives from each of NIAID's six HIV/AIDS clinical trials research networks, working to strengthen the partnership between DAIDS and the community and improve the role of community within the research organization as a whole.

Kimberly Struble, PharmD received a baccalaureate of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Connecticut and a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She joined FDA in October 1993 and served in positions with Drug Information and the Division of Antiviral Products as a project manager and clinical reviewer. She left FDA in March 2002 to be the Director of US Regulatory Affairs and Director of Global research and development at Tibotec. In this capacity she was in part responsible for the development for two HIV compounds. She rejoined FDA in May 2003 as a clinical reviewer and is now a clinical team leader in the Divi-

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

	Morning		Afternoon		Evening
TUESDAY 4.20			5-7pm Foyer by Maryland Ballroom D Registration		7-9pm Maryland Ballroom C Opening Plenary Dinner History and Current Challenges of HIV Prevention and Treatment Research Advocacy
WEDNESDAY 4.21	9-10:30am Maryland Ballroom C Treatment Symposium I: Key Challenges in HIV Treatment Research	10:45am-12:15pm Maryland Ballroom C Treatment Symposium II: Emerging Discoveries about Aging and HIV	1:15-2:30pm Skills Building Workshops I 2:45pm-4:00pm Skills Building Workshops II 4:15pm-5:30pm Skills Building Workshops III See individual session descriptions for location		7-9pm Baltimore Host Committee Reception @ The Hippo Nightclub One West Eager St.
	9-10:30am Maryland Ballroom D Prevention Symposium I: Confronting the Social Drivers of HIV Incidence in the United States	10:45am-12:15pm Maryland Ballroom D Prevention Symposium II: Overview of Biomedical Interventions for HIV Prevention			
THURSDAY 4.22	9am-12:15pm Maryland Ballroom D Research Advocacy in Action Affinity group introductions and breakouts		1:15-2:45pm Maryland Ballroom D Movement Catalyst A community conversation	3-5pm Maryland Ballroom D National AIDS Strategy Town Hall on HIV Research	7-9pm Homeland Documentary Screening I: Sex in an Epidemic by Jean Carlomusto
					7-9pm Fells Point Documentary Screening II: FIGHT BACK, FIGHT AIDS: 15 YEARS of ACT UP by James Wentzy
FRIDAY 4.23	9-10am Maryland Ballroom D Affinity Groups Report Back 10-11am Advocacy Networks Recruitment	11am - Noon Maryland Ballroom D Closing Plenary			