

Saving the Lives of the Men We Care About: A Community Response to Increase Engagement Along the Care Continuum

Moderator/Presenter/Panelist Bios

HIV Among Black and Hispanic MSM: A Federal Overview

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Dr. Harrison is a Senior Policy Advisor in the US Department of Health and Human Services' Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy (OHAIDP) where he provides leadership and support on a range of programs, policies and activities guided by the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and the HIV Continuum of Care Initiative.

Dr. Harrison's primary responsibility is the management and oversight of the Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative Fund (SMAIF) where he has been working to develop and implement new strategies to increase the access of racial and ethnic minority communities to HIV prevention, care, and treatment services; to address HIV-related health disparities; and to improve health outcomes by improving targeting and priority setting.

Prior to joining OHAIDP, Dr. Harrison worked as a policy analyst in the areas of low-income housing, welfare, and workforce development, and was an Adjunct Professor of Government at Georgetown University. Dr. Harrison holds a M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University and a B.A. in Political Science from Swarthmore College.

Addressing Complex Factors and Social Determinates to Develop Roadmaps for Survival and to Build Resiliency

Amir Dixon



Amir Dixon is an award winning writer, producer, filmmaker and activist and has been named one of the Advocate Magazines 40 under 40. He is the founder of Nu Nation Now Productions that focuses on producing media and print that aims to empower and inspire oppressed and marginalized people. In 2012 he produced the documentary Friend of Essex that tells the stories of young black gay men around the country, which won the Black Pride Heritage award for Film excellence. In 2014 he followed up with These Are Our Children Too that documents

the lives of LGBTQ young people of color as they define family and community both in the traditionally sense and chosen.

Amir is the Program Director for Connected Boston which is a program of the Multicultural AIDS Coalition. Connected Boston's aim are to address health disparities and advance health equity in the lives of Black and Latino gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men in the Greater Boston area to reduce stigma related to sexual orientation, gender expression, and HIV status

Amir Dixon also is the youngest board member of Hispanic Black Gay Coalition. HBGC is a non-profit organization that seeks to inspire and empower Latino, Hispanic, and Black LGBTQ Bostonians to improve their lives through activism, education, community outreach, and counseling.

Riko Boone



Riko Boone is a social service professional with over 15 years of experience working with youth and families. His experience includes providing family support, permanency planning and youth development services to families and youth affected by HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, and he has implemented several sexual health promotion and HIV/AIDS awareness initiatives for young women of color and LGBTQ youth. Riko holds a BA degree in Community Health from Brown University (focus on Maternal and Child Health) and has post-baccalaureate education in Public Health (Sociomedical Sciences) and Social Work (Advanced Clinical Practice in Health and Mental Health) from Columbia University; he is also a Fellow of the American Schools of Public Health/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership*. Riko has training in the Foundations of Family Therapy from the Ackerman Institute for the Family, as well as training in several CDC Effective Behavioral Interventions for HIV prevention

Tabias Wilson



Tabias Wilson has worked a community organizer, blogger, speaker, researcher and activist for the last eight years. His work initially focused on the intersections and compounding effects of race, law and sexuality. However, after seroconverting during his sophomore year at Tufts University, he began to write extensively HIV/AIDS, seronegativity and in-access to life-saving resources and sociopolitical capital for HIV+, queer people of color, particularly men who have sex with men.

In 2012 he was selected as a Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow at UC-Berkeley where he focused on issues of importance to HIV+, queer people of color, particularly HIV Criminalization. As a research assistant at the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice, he co-wrote the published report "Three Strikes: The Wrong Way to Justice" produced for the MA Legislature. Later that summer he was recognized as an Emerging LGBT Leader by Vice President Biden and the White House Office of Public Engagement.

In May of 2013 his senior thesis, "HIV Criminalization: A Form of Racial-Sexual Terror Exacted On The Bodies of MSM" was awarded the Shapiro Award in American Studies at Tufts University. Since then he has continued to write, blog and organize on topics encompassing racial justice, gender equity, education policy, anti-poverty and queer equity. However, HIV criminalization and HIV Survivors are his primary concern.

In August he resigned as the Corporate Relations & Foundations Coordinator for AIDS Action Committee of MA. He was recently inducted into the Howard University School of Law, where he will continue to look at the racialized effects of anti-queer stigma and HIV policies through the lenses of critical race, black feminist and disability theory. Next year, he plans to enter a concurrent PhD program in Sociology.

Aquarius Gilmore

As a Regional Affiliate Services Coordinator for the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Aquarius Gilmer provides guidance and oversight for five of our eleven affiliate sites. Our affiliates serve as the public health gatekeepers of the African American community in their local communities, working in tandem with local and state public health officials, members of the clergy, community- and faith-based organizations, and business leaders to address pressing public health concerns. Aquarius holds a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in religion, health and science from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. While pursuing his seminary education, he served as a palliative care Chaplain at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, GA, where he developed holistic care plans for patients living with HIV/AIDS and provided spiritual support to patients, caregivers and hospital personnel. He also worked as a junior program officer throughout Mozambique assessing grantee performance by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and International Relief and Development (IRD). Working with local businesses and banks Aquarius worked on a team which reauthorized the Women First micro-finance loan program for women impacted by HIV/AIDS. Aquarius is currently pursuing an MPH at Lehman College with a concentration in Community-based Public Health and Health Equity and serves on several Community Advisory Boards throughout NYC.

Turning Challenges into Solutions: Research and Promising Practices for providers who serve Black and Latino GBTQ Men

Carlo Oliveras

Carlo Oliveras is the Regional Coordinator of the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC) in the Caribbean a regional movement of HIV treatment activists and community based organizations affiliated with ITPC Global. Since 2005 ITPC Caribbean has funded more than 100 community based organizations and invested more than \$1.2 million in treatment access projects for the most affected populations in the region. Carlo, joined ITPC in March 2011. At 24 years old Mr. Oliveras is the chair of the HIV Young Leaders Fund Board , a youth-led funding mechanism that provides small grants and technical assistance to youth-led HIV initiatives around the world focused on young people most affected by HIV. He holds the seat of ITPC Global within the board. Carlo is an Advisor on Treatment to the Network of Youth Living with HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean (Jóvenes Positivos LAC), and an advisory board member of the Minority AIDS Research Initiative for addressing stigma among HIV positive MSM in Puerto Rico. He has played key roles in various consultations on addressing the health needs for MSM as well as key populations with UNAIDS and the WHO. Carlo graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and is currently pursuing a MS on Evaluative Research of Health System of the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Science Campus. Mr. Oliveras has been involved in HIV since 2008 while working at the Puerto Rico Community Network for Clinical Research on AIDS, PRCoNCRA.

DaShawn Usher



DaShawn Usher is the Community Education and Recruitment Manager at the New York Blood Center – Project ACHIEVE. He engages communities into learning more about research trials through effective community education and targeted recruitment for national and international HIV vaccine trials, behavioral interventions, and HIV Testing & Counseling. Since 2007, DaShawn has worked in the field of HIV prevention and has extensive experience in HIV prevention services, recruiting, program coordination, community mobilization, and social media. Prior to working at Project ACHIEVE, DaShawn worked at the Research Foundation of the City University of New York (RFCUNY) as a Recruitment Coordinator where he was responsible for recruitment efforts for National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and National Institute of Health (NIH) funded research projects. From 2007 – 2011, DaShawn worked at Nashville CARES as the Young Brothers United (YBU) Peer Coordinator/HIV Counseling & Testing Specialist (CTS).

DaShawn is the current Secretary of the New York City HIV Prevention Planning Group, Board Member of the National AIDS Education Services for Minorities (NAESM), Executive Committee Member for the National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition (NBGMAC), and an Organizing Committee Member for Young Black Gay Leadership Initiative (YBGLI). He is a member of AVAC's PxROAR Program, the HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) Community Working Group, CDC's Testing Makes Us Stronger Work Group, PrEP NYC Taskforce and Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Community Advisory Board. He also is a volunteer at LifeBEAT. DaShawn received his Bachelor of Science in Mass

Communication with a concentration in Public Relations with a double minor in Global Studies and Writing from Middle Tennessee State University.

Kalvin Leville



After two years as the Director of HIV Prevention Services for the Long Island GLBT Services Network, Calvin Leville joined the Wilson Team SPHERE Lab at Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health as the Community Outreach Coordinator in May 2012. Calvin works on many Wilson Team projects such as the You & Me Study, the PATH study, and DPP study. He also sits as a community representative/health community consultant for Region II's US Department of Health and Human Services Sounding Board. Since 2010, He serves as the Co-Chair for the AIDS Institute Statewide AIDS Services Delivery Consortium. Since 2008, Calvin is also Health Educator and Public Speaker for the Love Heals, Alison Gertz Foundation. Since 2007, he continues to be on the front lines of the HIV testing efforts as an HIV Testing Counselor for SUNY Downstate's HEAT Program.

Stephaun Wallace, MS, MOL



Mr. Wallace is a social/behavioral researcher, organizational development expert, and experienced trainer with over 14 years' experience in the field of HIV/AIDS and over 24 years' experience in community mobilization and advocacy work. Wallace, former Deputy Director of the MOCHA Center, Inc, (a New York-based statewide public health organization), now serves as the project manager with the Legacy Project (of the NIH-funded Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center) and is a nationally recognized leader within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT), and people of color communities. Currently Wallace is leading three national investigational behavioral research studies assessing the baseline knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions of HIV/AIDS and biomedical HIV clinical research. The three studies are involving three separate demographics; the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) community, the House and Ball community, and CDC-funded CBOs, Health Departments and CBA organizations. He has attained a Master of Science degree in Management, Masters in Organizational Leadership, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration from Colorado Technical University, and is currently a 2nd year doctoral student, pursuing a Ph.D. in public policy and administration from Walden University. A Los Angeles, CA native, Mr. Wallace is the current Chairman and President of the House of Blahnik, Inc. and is also known as the Legendary Father Stephaun Blahnik. He has received numerous ballroom awards and accolades

and has walked and won, and judged major and mini-ball events around the United States and Canada for more than a decade.