Iris House Executive Director Chosen to Lead WORLD into the Future

On behalf of AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) and Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases (WORLD), we are pleased to announce the appointment of Ingrid Floyd as Interim Executive Director, following the departure of Carla Dillard Smith. Ms. Floyd will continue to lead Iris House, the country’s largest organization focused on women living with HIV/AIDS, and will bring her expertise in this area to WORLD in Oakland, California.

Ms. Floyd holds an M.B.A. and has been the Executive Director of Iris House, located in New York since 2006. She is responsible for the administrative and fiscal oversight of the agency, its programs and its staff and brings over 20 years of combined expertise from both the business and non-profit sectors. Under Ms. Floyd’s direction Iris House has grown its programs and services and has improved its visibility in the community with the introduction of the Women as the Face of AIDS Summit, held for the past fifteen years to bring increased awareness to policymakers, funders and providers on the needs of women living with HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Floyd has been able to secure millions of dollars in federal and private funding for the agency as well as has expanded Iris House into new geographies, including New Jersey and a co-located healthcare center with AHF in the underserved community of the South Bronx. Ms. Floyd has extensive management experience from Deloitte Consulting working with small to large organizations implementing organization change, improving operations and enhancing customer service and marketing. Ms. Floyd is dedicated to improving the lives of underserved women and families, especially those impacted by HIV. She is a member of the NJ HIV Planning Group and served on NY Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Task Force to End the Epidemic.

“I am excited about the opportunity to help WORLD develop its strategic vision, expansion of programs and services, while providing stability for organization operations and programs” said Ms. Floyd on taking the new role. “I know my expertise in working with and on behalf of women of color living with HIV will guide the work as we build on the foundation WORLD has in the Bay Area community.” We are excited that Ms. Floyd has agreed to serve in this capacity as
we continue to reintroduce WORLD to the world and as we hold true to the commitment of lifting, empowering and supporting all the women and families (both cis and those with live trans experience) that we serve.

Ms. Floyd will begin in this role on Monday, August 3rd, 2020. She will function as the Interim Executive Director of WORLD and the Executive Director of Iris House and will lead both agencies to continue their work to serve and advocate for women and families impacted by HIV and AIDS.

About Iris House
For over 25 years, Iris House has served as a primary organization targeting women with free HIV/AIDS services in order to promote and support independent functioning for clients, to improve their quality of life, and to maintain optimum health status for clients and their families. As part of its mission, Iris House also seeks to educate policy makers, elected officials, and human health service providers about the issues and concerns affecting our clients and their families; and to advocate for changes in policy and programs that are more responsive to the needs of women and their families. Follow Iris House at www.irishouse.org, Twitter at @IrisHouse or Instagram @Iris_House_

About WORLD
Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases, WORLD, improves the lives and health of women, girls, families and communities affected by HIV through peer-based education, wellness services, advocacy, and leadership development. Visit www.womenhiv.org to learn more about WORLD. Find us on Facebook at WORLD: Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases and follow us on Instagram at Worldoakland and on Twitter at @womenhivworld.

About AHF
AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is the largest non-profit HIV/AIDS healthcare provider in the USA. AHF currently provides medical care and/or services to more than 1.2 million individuals in 44 countries worldwide in the US, Africa, Latin America/Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and Asia. Additional information is available at www.aidshealth.org, find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/aidshealth and follow us on Twitter & Instagram: @AIDSHealthcare.