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I am so very pleased to welcome you to the Eleventh Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit!

Last year we kept the focus on women, not just at the Summit, but at our work on the state End the Epidemic task force and in the various planning groups and coalition activities of which Iris House staff are a part. We were rewarded when the revised National HIV/AIDS Strategy dealt with women’s concerns in ways that the original document never did.

But this year as my staff and I spoke to colleagues around the nation, it was clear, particularly in the deep south, but also right here in diverse New York City, that race and issues of discrimination, stigma and healthcare disparities had to get some much needed attention. From the earliest days of this epidemic, HIV was seen as a disease of gay, white men. Now, while we all know that’s not the case and never really has been, we also know that communities of color have been denied the culturally appropriate resources required to address the epidemic in our neighborhoods and in our families.

A one-size-fits-all approach no more reaches high-risk youth of color than it reached their aunts, mothers and sisters in the past. In order to design systems and programs that will reach our most vulnerable populations, one of the things we must do is understand how race itself impacts healthcare. Why are women of African descent facing more health disparities than white women? Why are Spanish and Chinese-speaking populations reluctant to access services when materials aren’t produced in a language they can read? Why aren’t we paying attention to the words of older black men when they speak about culturally competent services?

All of our systems have an endemic racism embedded in their very fabric. Not a “hate crime” racism, but something even quieter and more destructive: an often subconscious way of looking at people of color or poor people that denies them, categorizes them and doesn’t allow them to achieve health equality. We have to look at HIV through the lens of race, through the lens of poverty and really examine how the intersectionality of these issues impacts basic care and engagement.

Many of today’s sessions may challenge you, in fact, we hope that they do. It is our intention that by the end of the 11th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit that we’re all a little bit more aware of how our own perceptions impact our ability to care for people of different ethnic backgrounds, and how that also applies to gender, sexual orientation and class. I’m looking forward to having some of my own assumptions challenged, and I hope you are too.

In the midst of all that, we’ll be celebrating two amazing women at lunch: Ana L. Oliveira, President and C.E.O. of the New York Women’s Foundation and Susan Rodriguez, the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Smart University. Their work to help people living with HIV is exemplary, and we are pleased to be honoring them today.

As always, you are why we are here. Whether you work on the front lines, or are a survivor of HIV/AIDS, whether you’re a woman or not, whether you write, blog, post or tweet about HIV, whether you’re a peer educator, or whether you’re just someone who wants to know more about the health of your community, we applaud you. Educating ourselves is the best prevention, and the best weapon in the war on HIV.

I hope that you find today’s summit rewarding both professionally and personally and are able to use today’s sessions in the Race to the End of HIV.

Thank you for being here with us,

Ingrid N. Floyd
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The 11th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit Program

8:30 AM
WELCOMING REMARKS
Ingrid Floyd, Iris House, Executive Director

8:45—10:30 AM
Morning Plenary Sessions
Moderated by Jennifer Irwin, Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital, Institute for Advanced Medicine

WOMEN, GIRLS & HIV: RACE MATTERS
An update on the current status of HIV issues as they relate to women and girls
Jessica Justman, M.D., Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

THE INTERSECTION OF HIV, POVERTY and RACE
Maurice A. Lacey, M.S.W., MS E. D., CASAC, The People’s Institute
Latoya Small, L.M.S.W., PhD, University of Chapel Hill School of Social Work, NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research
Jayson K. Jones, L.M.S.W., NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research

10:45 – 11:45 am
BREAKOUT SESSIONS, Round 1 (See insert for specific room assignments)

Decolonizing Your Mind
Zeena Hazuri, Capacity Building Specialist and Gabriela S. Betancourt, MA, MPH, Deputy Director of Research & Evaluation, Latino Commission on AIDS

Education and Development of PrEP
Trevor Hedberg, MPH, CPH, PrEP Network Coordinator and Michael C. Slater, Jr., Supervising Health Educator, William F. Ryan Community Health Center

Evaluation Findings from the SHAPE for Older Women Living with HIV
Julie Anne Bell, MPH, Field Officer, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of STD Control and Tonya N. Taylor, PhD, MS - Assistant Professor, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, STAR Program, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of STD Control and SUNY Downstate Medical Center, STAR Program

Expanding Housing as Healthcare
Danielle Strauss, MPH, Associate Vice President and Brian Schroeder, J.D., Director of Systems, Quality Improvement, Research, and Evaluation, Harlem United

#LesBiHonest
Ofelia Barrios, Senior Director of Community Health Initiatives; Antionette Etienne, Health Educator and Stephanie Zapata, Health Educator, Iris House

Retaining Transgender Young Women of Color in HIV Care
Jeffrey M. Birnbaum, MD, MPH; Jennifer Lee, MPH; Jonovia Chase and Betsy Eastwood, PhD
HEAT Program-Health & Education Alternatives for Teens

12:00 PM—1:00 PM
BREAKOUT SESSIONS, Round 2 (See insert for specific room assignments)

A Girl Like Me: Using Technology to Cross Borders

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Disparities in HIV Positivity and PrEP Uptake Data
Chris Ferraris, LMSW- Program Coordinator, HIV Prevention and Research; Emma Kaywin- Program Manager, Development, Communications, and Peer Program; Lydia Singerman- Program Assistant, HIV Prevention; Emily Gertz, MPH- Director, Special Projects
Institute for Advanced Medicine, Mount Sinai Health System

No Estas Sola - Focusing on Family to Empower Women of Color
Glynis Simmons, CASAC T, Director, Women’s Care, Prevention, and Support Services; Nelly Melendez, Counseling Assistant, Women’s Care, Prevention, and Support Services; Christina Melendez, Outreach Data Specialist, Women’s Care, Prevention, and Support Services; and Katie Douglass, LCSW-R, Managing Director of Mental Health & Support Services, GMHC

Stigma Mapping to End AIDS
Hope Zewou, MPH, Capacity Building Assistance Specialist and David E. Garcia, EdD, MPH, Director of Capacity Building, Research, and Evaluation, Latino Commission on AIDS

Taking Care of our Peers- From Supportive Services, to Recovery, to Independent Living and Beyond....
Maria Caban, Ph.D., Vice President, Evaluation and Research, Irma V. Williams, MSW, Behavioral Health Coach; Gloria Balacer, Recovery Coach and Deborah Zimmerman, Recovery Coach, BOOM!Health

Trans Women Ending the Epidemic
Donald R. Powell, MHS, Sr. Director of Policy & Development; Dana Diamond, CASAC, Director of Health Services; Nicole S. Bowles, LGBT Recruitment Specialist and S. Karen Diaz, Outreach Worker, Exponents, Inc.

1:00—2:30 pm LUNCHEON CELEBRATION, Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
Remarks by Martha D. Bond, Senior Public Health Adviser, Office on Women’s Health, US Department of Health and Human Services
Honoring Ana L. Olivera, New York Women’s Foundation and Susan Rodriguez, SMART University (Bios on p. 11)

2:45 – 3:45 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS, Round 3 (See insert for specific room assignments)

Childhood Trauma and its Impact on Adult Health Outcomes
Taciana Pierre, LMSW, Center for Young Adult, Adolescent, and Pediatric HIV (CYAAPH) @ Northwell Health

Engaging African American Churches in HIV Prevention
Vanessa Campus, Community Health Educator, Prevention Department, GMHC and the Reverend Dr. Renee F. Washington Gardner, Senior Pastor, Memorial Baptist Church, Harlem

Latinas for Latinas: Promotoras Model
Monica G. Paz, Women's Services Coordinator; Denys Salas, Assistant Director; and Angelica Perea, Promotora, Voces Latinas

Living Well with HIV: Using your Mind to Manage Symptoms
Terri L. Wilder, MSW; Naomi G. Harris, MPH, CHES; Myron Tucker, Mt. Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine

Think Out the Box!
Katherine Diaz, Program Director; Elizabeth Javier, Health Educator and Anamaria Hoffman, Artist and Community Health Navigator, Dominican Women's Development Center

Visibility, Attitudes and Opinions of the PrEP Campaign in NYC
Ursula Blanc, MPH, Director of Quality Assurance and Program Evaluation and Ofelia Barrios, MA., Senior Director of Community Health Initiatives, Iris House, Inc.

Tenth Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Networking Reception
4:00—5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
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Jessica Justman, M.D., Mailman School for Public Health, Columbia University, is focused on the University Technical Assistance Program (UTAP), which supports HIV care and treatment in four East African countries. UTAP is part of the School’s International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs, and provides technical assistance in health systems development and HIV programs. Dr. Justman is also Associate Director of CIDER and supervises doctoral students in their research. Prior to joining the Mailman School faculty, she was an infectious disease attending at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center for 10 years. She has been involved in various clinical research studies, and was the principal investigator of the Bronx-Lebanon HIV Prevention Trials Network site, which completed two preliminary safety studies of vaginal microbicides in New York. Dr. Justman will continue her work with the HPTN as co-chair of an extended safety microbicide study which will enroll women from the Bronx and from India. Since 1994, Dr. Justman has also worked with the Women’s Interagency HIV Study an ongoing, study of over 2,700 HIV-infected women from six urban sites in the U.S. She has been interested in the metabolic side-effects of HIV and published the first prospective study on the association between protease inhibitors and the incidence of diabetes. She has also co-authored several other recent publications on metabolic side-effects and HIV.

Maurice A. Lacey, M.S.W., MS E. D., CASAC, The People’s Institute, is a Core Trainer with People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond, Executive Director of Faith Mission Crisis Center a behavioral healthcare organization that provides residential crisis services over 1500 men and women annually suffering from substance use disorders. He is also an adjunct lecturer at Fordham University Scholl of Social Services where he teaches Social Policy 1, Human Rights and Social Justice courses. His specialization is anti-racism /oppression, substance abuse, mental health, criminal justice, public health policy and leadership development.

Latoya Small, L.M.S.W., PhD, NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research, received her doctoral degree from New York University Silver School of Social Work, and her MSW from the University of Southern California. She is a clinical social worker and community-based researcher, both locally and globally. Her research focuses on health disparities related to HIV/AIDS, mental health, and behavioral health, within the context of poverty. She examines the specific needs and resources available to seropositive low-income women and children of color in the United States and South Africa. The objective is to inform the rapid translation of research outcomes that integrate health and mental health service delivery, thereby improving the lives of poverty-impacted women and children living with HIV/AIDS. Dr. Small began her social work practice working with children and families in community-based organizations located primarily in Los Angeles, California. Furthermore, she worked with adults in a psychiatric forensic unit providing integrated health services.

Jayson K. Jones, L.M.S.W., NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research is a Research Scientist at the McSilver Institute where he develops and disseminates trainings for behavioral health professionals, facilitates life skills groups with high school students, and engages in efforts to eliminate oppressive practices within the Institute. Prior to joining McSilver, Mr. Jones served as a City Year Corps member and worked in several New York City based social service agencies. Jayson holds a master’s degree from Columbia School of Social Work and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree from NYU Wagner.

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Ana L. Oliveira is President and CEO of The New York Women’s Foundation, the largest women’s fund in the country. Since 2006, Ana has led the increase of The Foundation’s grant making from $1.7M to $6M today. Focusing on economic security, safety and health, in 29 years, The Foundation has distributed over $50 million to 371 organizations, impacting over 6 million women and girls in poverty across NYC. The New York Women’s Foundation has also cultivated critical partnerships influencing policy changes in equal pay and financial investments focusing on areas of social and economic inequity for women and families.

Ana is also leading critical cross-sectoral partnerships to advance women’s issues as a proud co-chair of The New York City Council Speaker’s Young Women’s Initiative and a Commissioner of Human Rights for the NYC Commission on Human Rights. She is also on the Independent Commission to Study Criminal Justice Reform in NYC, as a designee of Judge Jonathan Lippman. Ana also serves on the boards of Philanthropy New York and as a designee to Comptroller Stringer serves on the advisory boards of the Museum of the City of New York and the Independent Budget Office.

Throughout her career, Ana has been a leader on issues of substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and incarceration. She has held key roles doing innovative work at the Gay Men’s Health Crisis, Osborne Association, and Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center. She has a proven commitment and successful track record in improving the lives of those in greatest need. Ana attained her M.A. in Medical Anthropology and a PhD. (hon) from the New School for Social Research. She was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and resides in Manhattan.

Susan Rodriguez co-founded SMART University in 1988 with a group of HIV+ women in East Harlem to provide treatment, health and prevention education and support to women affected by HIV/AIDS.

Susan has been living with HIV/AIDS since 1991. Her work in the AIDS community began in 1997 at the PWA Health Group. She has worked since then as an advocate and activist for women and youth living with HIV/AIDS. Susan has received numerous awards for her work including the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader Award (2010) and Union Square Award for Grassroots Activism (2001). She became the first Community Spokesperson for the M·A·C AIDS Fund in 2004 and was featured in an internationally acclaimed 2008 documentary, “Love in a Time of HIV: I Love New York” (BBC World News & Showtime). Susan also serves on the Board of Directors for the New York City AIDS Memorial project. She was honored by Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito at the 2015 Worlds AIDS Day NYC Council event with the presentation of a Proclamation celebrating her work in New York City.

Susan was born and raised in Brooklyn and has lived in East Harlem for over 20 years. As a resident and active community member, she is a strong advocate for nutrition education and healthy food access in her community. SMART’s Mobile Cooking Classroom won as Participatory Budgeting community project in District 8 in 2013 and is a part of the SMART Food for Life initiative that promotes “Food as Treatment.” The customized “kitchen-on-wheels” is estimated to launch in mid-2016. In the meantime, SMART is “mobile,” working with community partners to bring nutrition education and hands-on cooking classes throughout East Harlem and the South Bronx and other New York City communities.

Susan has three children, Samantha, Christina and Joseph, and a proud grandmother of Julian and Christopher Blaze.
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