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The 12th Annual Iris House Women As The Face Of AIDS Summit

May 8, 2017
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May 8, 2017

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

Over the last few years, we’ve kept the focus on women, we’ve raced to the end and we’ve celebrated moving forward under a national strategy that was helping us all collectively work toward the light at the end of the tunnel.

This year, things aren’t so easy. As I write this in mid-April, there’s still no sign of an Office of National AIDS Policy. Early administrative battles over Medicaid and health care have us concerned about the future of people living with HIV, both long term survivors and those newly diagnosed. Fights over Planned Parenthood and a woman’s right to sovereignty over her own body have ramped up while harm reduction and addiction treatment programs have wound down.

We do not know what the future will bring. There is an unpredictability that makes us uneasy. There is a growing divide in our country between a perceived majority and those who are “other.” As women, as people of color, as people living with HIV, as LGBTQ people, we are all “other,” and once again need to band together to ensure our efforts to end the epidemic. We need to improve our access to health care and we need better education to ensure that we’re preventing new cases of HIV while we’re treating existing ones and working toward a cure.

We must be Resilient, Fierce and Wise in our approaches. We’ve been down this road before, and have come out stronger. We will go down it again and come back with a power and a commitment that has been missing for a generation. We will prevail.

Today’s sessions will help address these issues, including a morning plenary that looks at priorities at local, state and federal levels, programs for long term survivors and those for their caretakers, we’ll discuss trauma and self-care, we’ll talk about PrEP, PEP and HCV, and we’ll talk about life.

In the midst of all that, we’ll be celebrating three amazing women at lunch: Esther Lok, policymaker, activist and community coordinator, Linda R. Scruggs, longtime survivor, advocate and activist and the late Gina Quattrochi, who for nearly three decades led the battle cry for housing as healthcare. We want to especially thank our sponsors, whose names are listed on the next page and whose championing of our work allows us to convene this Summit every year and the leadership of New York State, who continue their efforts to end the epidemic by following a blueprint designed by a community coalition.

As always, you are why we are here. Whether you work on the front lines, or are a long term 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.

I hope that you find today’s summit rewarding both professionally and personally and are able to use today’s sessions and leave Wiser, Fiercer and more Resilient than ever.

Thank you for continuing down this road with us,

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

8:45—10:30 AM  Morning Plenary Sessions

WOMEN, GIRLS & HIV
An update on the current status of HIV issues as they relate to women and girls
Georgina Osorio, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor, Infectious Diseases, Mt Sinai Health System

RESILIENT, FIERCE and WISE: HIV Under the New Administration
Matthew Lesieur, Director, Public Policy, Village Care, Moderator
Sandra Bennett-Pagan, LCSW, Public Health Advisor/Women's Health Team Lead, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Johanne Morne, Director, New York State AIDS Institute
Bisrat Abraham, M.D., Acting Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of HIV, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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

From Preparing for Death to Thriving in Live: 30 Years of Providing HIV/AIDS-related Legal Services
Lisa Edwards, Staff Attorney, HIV/AIDS Representation Project (HARP) The Legal Aid Society, moderator.
Millie Pinott, former Supervisor, HARP Program, Kate Wagner-Goldstein, Senior Staff Attorney, Legal Action Center and Terry McGovern, Interim Chair and Professor of Population and Family Health at Columbia University Medical Center and Founder, HIV Law Project.

The Intersectional Nature of Youth Activism Today
Tracy Harrison and Brianna Jones, Love Heals, Brandon Castillo and Jose Benitez, Mobile Print Power

It Takes a Village for Linkage to Care
Toya Cook, MBA, Program Coordinator; Maria Jaca, Outreach Supervisor; Jose Santos, Patient Navigator; Ashima Mahajan, MPH, Program Evaluator, Harlem United Community AIDS Center

I Will Survive: Resiliency, Assertiveness and Self-Care in the Face of HIV
Antionette Etienne, Health Educator and Veronica Karp, Health Educator, Just for Us Program, Iris House

Perspectives on PrEP and PEP for Women, NYS DOH AIDS Institute
Marcia Kindlon, FNP, MSN, MPA, Director, Clinical Programs, NYSDOH AIDS Institute

Running on Fumes: A Guide to Guarding Against Compassion Fatigue and Promoting Self-Care for Those Working in the Field of HIV/AIDS
Teresa Hurst, Ph.D., Anna Hickner, Psy.D., Erica Saccente, NP, Mt. Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine, Morningside Clinic
12:00 PM—1:00 PM  BREAKOUT SESSIONS, Round 2  (See insert for specific room assignments)

**Exposure to Trauma and Violence and Health Outcomes among people with HIV in New York City**
Maiko Yomogida, MA, Senior Staff Associate, and Angela A. Aidala, Ph.D., Research Scientist, *Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University* and Kristecia Estem, MPH; Guadalupe Dominguez Plummer, MPH, CASAC; Amida Castagne, MPH, CHES; Graham Harriman, *New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene*

**Moving Forward: Mental Health for Immigrant Latinas**
Denys Salas, MS, Assistant Director; Emma Medina, Coordinator of Women's Services; and Angela Sanchez, Case Manager Women's Services, *Voces Latinas*

**Taking Care of Yourself: Self Advocacy and HIV Resilience in 2017**
Terri L. Wilder, MSW, Director of HIV/AIDS Education and Training and Naomi Harris, Program Coordinator, *Mt. Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine.*

**Transwomen Living with HIV: Addressing an Unjust Burden and Working to Ensure Resilience**
Tiommi Jenae Luckett, Communications Coordinator and Krista Martel, Executive Director, *The Well Project*; Kiara St. James, New York *Trans Advocacy Group* and Octavia Lewis, MPA, *Islan Nettles Community Center*

**What About the Employment Needs of Women Living with HIV?**

**Women of Color co-infected with HIV and HCV: Findings from a National Study and Recommendations to Improve Health**
Jeffrey M. Birnbaum, MD, MPH, Executive Director, *Health & Education Alternatives for Teens (HEAT), SUNY Downstate Medical Center* and SPH Betsy Eastwood, PhD, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy Peer Program; Lydia Singerman, Program Assistant, HIV Prevention; Emily Gertz, MPH- Director, Special Projects *Institute for Advanced Medicine, Mt Sinai*

1:00—2:30 pm  LUNCHEON CELEBRATION, Fellowship Hall, Ground Floor
Honoring Esther M. Y. Lok, Gina Quattrochi and Linda H. Scruggs
Championing the Leadership of Women: An Intergenerational Conversation
Moderated by Vanessa Johnson, *Ribbon Consulting Group, LLC*

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

**AIDS Survivor Syndrome: The Challenges of Long Term Survival**

**Championing the Leadership of Women: Growing Forward in HIV Advocacy**
Moderated by Vanessa Johnson, *Ribbon Consulting, LLC.*

**Love Your Life: A Campaign for Women of Color**
Ingrid Floyd, Executive Director, *Iris House*; Nathaly Rubio-Torio, Executive Director, *Voces Latinas* and Campaign Designer Duane Cramer, *Duane Cramer Creative*

**Promoting Health, Resiliency and Self Efficacy in both Peers and Patients: Qualitative Findings from a Supportive Peer Program**
Emma Kaywin, Program Manager – Development, Communications, Peer Program; Christopher Ferraris, LMSW, Program Manager – HIV Prevention Services, Research; Joseph Ohmer, Supportive Peer, *Mt. Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine*
4:00 pm  NETWORKING SESSIONS AND DESSERT  
Fellowship Hall (Ground Floor)  
Organizational Tabling, Coffee and Dessert and a chance to finish up conversations begun earlier in the day!

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Room 250: “What’s On Your Mind”  
A Room for Conversation and Impromptu Group Discussions  
Need a space for a conversation? Have an impromptu topic you’d like to discuss? Room 250 is open from 9:30 AM—3:45 PM for your use! (No food on the second floor please!)

Room 252: “Quiet Room”  
Need a break from the hustle and bustle of the day? Take a break and catch your breath!
PLENARY SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

Bisrat Abraham, M.D., M.P.H., is an Infectious Disease physician who is currently serving as the Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of HIV AIDS Prevention and Control at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She completed her MD/MPH training at Emory University and her internal medicine residency at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. After residency, she joined the CDC’s Epidemic Intelligence Service program as a “disease detective” within the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination. She subsequently moved to NYC in order to complete ID fellowship at the Weill Cornell Medical College after which she stayed on as faculty at Cornell conducting research in health disparities with a focus on HIV-related treatment outcomes. She joined the Health Department in 2015.

Sandra Bennett-Pagan serves as the Regional Women’s Health Coordinator with the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region II, covering the State of New York, State of New Jersey, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Territory of the US Virgin Islands. In this capacity, she leads women’s health initiatives in collaboration with federal, state, territorial, and tribal government agencies, community-based organizations and key stakeholders. Her areas of expertise include: women and HIV/AIDS, prevention of violence against women and girls, trauma-informed care, women’s behavioral health, and human trafficking prevention affecting at-risk women and girls. Throughout her professional career, Sandra has provided program planning and administration services for distinct populations experiencing health disparities. In 1990, she served as the Founding Executive Director of the Latino Commission on AIDS, and AIDS advocacy organization in New York City. Sandra has earned a Master’s degree in Social Work from Columbia University, NY, NY and a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work from the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Ponce, PR.

Matthew LeSieur has been the Director of Public Policy at Village Care since August of 2008, a position he came to from having served in a similar role for the New York AIDS Coalition. Prior to his work in the non-profit sector, Matthew was a Public Policy Analyst and HOPWA Administrator for the New York City Department of Health, where he managed $60 million dollars in federal grants to provide housing for people living with HIV/AIDS, while also coordinating New York City’s national HIV/AIDS advocacy efforts. He holds degrees in Economics and Political Science from The University at Albany, SUNY

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Johanne Mohre, Johanne Morne is Director of the New York State Health Department's AIDS Institute. The AIDS Institute was created in 1983 to coordinate the State’s overall response to the HIV epidemic. The AIDS Institute has broadened its mission by integrating hepatitis and STD services, surveillance, opioid overdose prevention, and non-HIV LGBT services into its structure. In its more than 30-year history, the AIDS Institute has provided leadership in New York State, at the national level, and internationally. The AIDS Institute is a $500 million public health program with a staff of more than 400. Ms. Morne has been with the AIDS Institute for ten years. Prior to joining the State Health Department, Ms. Morne served as quality manager of psychiatry and HIV services at Albany Medical Center Hospital and served as the director of community-based HIV services at Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Services - a Federally Qualified Health Center. Ms. Morne’s professional and clinical experience is in public health and behavioral health, particularly within communities of color.

Georgina Osorio, M.D., M.P.H., is currently the co-chair of the Ryan White Medical Provider Coalition and Interim Program Director of Mount Sinai St. Luke’s and Mount Sinai West Internal Medicine Residency Program. She received her Doctorate of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, did her Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of California at San Diego. She received her Masters in Public Health at the Mailman School of Public Health at New York City's Columbia University.

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Esther M. Y. Lok is the Chief of Staff at Sheltering Arms Children and Family Services, Inc., a multi-service nonprofit organization with an operating budget of $89 million that provides direct services to over 20,000 New Yorkers annually through educational and supportive programming from birth through adulthood in high-need communities from the North Bronx to Far Rockaway. Esther brings to Sheltering Arms more than 10 years of experience in managing organizational projects and fostering collaboration with diverse stakeholders. She was the key staff person to work on the merger between Sheltering Arms and Safe Space NYC, which was finalized in December 2016. Prior to joining Sheltering Arms, Esther was the Assistant Director of Policy, Advocacy and Research at the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) where she served as a leader in advancing the organization's city policy and budget advocacy goals during the Great Recession in 2008 and its aftermath. During her ten-year tenure, she was an active member of the New York City Communities of Color Coalition on HIV/AIDS (NYCCOCHA) and the Policy Committee of the NYC Health and Human Services HIV Planning Council. In April 2015, she was appointed to serve on the New York State HIV Advisory Body and chaired the Emerging Issues Committee. Between 2011 and 2012, she was selected as a fellow by S.E.E.D., a Tide Center Project, to work on impact mapping and readiness assessment with 16 high-impact New York Women’s Foundation grantee partners. Esther’s advocacy work on HIV/AIDS issues focused on the need for continuous investment in comprehensive services for women with HIV/AIDS, as well as employment, rehabilitation and training opportunities for people with HIV/AIDS. She is the co-author of “HIV Prevention for Women and Girls in Communities of Color – Reframing HIV Prevention Strategies” (published in 2008), and a contributing writer to the report entitled “Birds, Bees & Bias – How Absent Sex Ed Standard Fails New York’s Students,” published by New York Civil Liberties Union (2012). In June 2014, she co-founded the New York HIV Employment Network with the HIV Law Project and the National Working Positive Coalition. In addition, Esther co-led the Access Health NYC Initiative, a City Council Funding Initiative, which was allocated $1 million in funding in the final City budget for FY2016 and FY2017. Esther received her Master in Public Administration from Baruch College, City University of New York, and a Master in Education from the University of Manchester, U.K. Esther was born and raised in Hong Kong, moved to New York in 2002, and lives in Brooklyn with her husband and daughter. She is an active community member, and has served as President of the Dean Revere Block Association in North Crown Heights since 2012.

Gina Quattrochi, who died on December 13th, was a leading light and one of the loudest voices in the fight against HIV/AIDS for over 30 years. In her obituary, the New York Times wrote, “Ms. Quattrochi became involved in the AIDS crisis in the mid-1980s while serving as the associate general counsel for the New York State Nurses Association, a union with 30,000 members at the time. “I was doing that job for a number of years and started losing a number of friends to the AIDS epidemic,” she said in a 2010 interview with the website Dot 429. “I really felt that I wanted to do something to change the course of the epidemic that was affecting a lot of my friends.” In 1986 she became a board member of the AIDS Resource Center, founded three years earlier to provide housing and other support for homeless people with AIDS. She led the negotiations with the city to acquire the former hotel on Christopher Street in the West Village that became Bailey House (later renamed Bailey-Holt House), the first group residence for people with AIDS. Five years later, she left the nurses’ association to become the AIDS Resource Center’s chief executive, a position she held for the next 25 years. She helped found the National AIDS Housing Coalition in 1993, serving as president for three years, and in 2011 became a founding member of the 30 for 30 Campaign, which advocates on behalf of women living with and affected by H.I.V., including transgender women. “

Linda Scruggs is an AIDS educator, activist, master trainer and a renowned leader in the HIV community. She is a charismatic sought-out speaker, both nationally and internationally. She has worked in the HIV/AIDS community for over 23-years, during this time she has served on numerous committees and boards in the HIV community both National and International. Many articles and interviews have been published on her, her family, and the work she has done to denounce stigma and discrimination and to increase the knowledge and skills of people living with HIV/AIDS and their communities.

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Her accomplishments are many as she stands to be a Positive Voice in the HIV community. In 2010, she received an Honorable Mention by President Barack Obama, by highlighting her work as a community leader, mostly noted her work training and educating women living with HIV/AIDS. Also, her work has led her to present to and meet national heads of states, and travel as far as villages in South Africa. She and her family have been highlighted in magazines and media outlets such as ESSENCE, POZ, HIV Plus, and CNN. In 2012, she was invited to be a plenary speaker at the International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC where over 20,000 global delegates convened.

In August 2012, Linda founded and incorporated with her colleague Vanessa Johnson, JD the Ribbon Consulting Group (Ribbon). Ribbon provides organizational consulting services to community base organizations, health departments, and primary care centers (i.e. hospitals and community health centers) to increase their ability to support and promote healthy communities. Minister Scruggs believes through collaborative partnerships and community engagements that individuals, organizations, and governments can enhance, rebuild, and restore healthy communities.

Before starting Ribbon, Linda served for ten years as the Director of Programs for the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families in Washington, DC. She started the National Consumer Corps Leadership Training Program, which has been recognized as the national model for consumer empowerment, education, and training. The program has reached nearly 40,000 people living in vulnerable communities impacted by HIV and other health disparities.

Linda graduated from Lincoln University, PA with a bachelor’s (certification) and Master in Human Services. She notes choosing the Human Services degree as one that allowed her to bring her drug recovered life of over 27 years, 24-year HIV diagnoses and a 23-year work history in the helping field together. She continued her education to obtain a certification as a Licensed Professional Counselor. She notes counseling is the root of her work in the community, helping others to see and find new paths and opportunity.
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