

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STIGMA

Friday, November 22, 2012, 8 am – 5 pm
Howard University, Blackburn Center Ballroom

AGENDA

8:00 **Registration, Exhibits and Refreshments**

8:45 – 9:30 **Welcome**

Terri A. Thompson, JD, Government Affairs Officer, Howard University Hospital

Musical Invocation *Daira Sweeny*

Greetings

Rafael Mazin, M.D., MPH

Senior Advisor on HIV/STI and Hepatitis

Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO)

Joxel Garcia, M.D., MBA

Director, District of Columbia, Department of Health

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Alan Greenberg, MPA Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health and Health Services, George Washington University, Director, District of Columbia Developmental Center for AIDS Research

Keynote Address

Jeanne White Ginder

AIDS Activist and Mother of Ryan White

Conference Objectives

Sohail Rana, M.D.

Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University

Update, Proposed Howard University Center for Human Rights in Health

Rebecca Vargas-Jackson, M.D.

Training Director, Howard University

9:30 - 12:00 **PLENARY SESSION I: GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY- BASED INTERVENTIONS TO REDUCE STIGMA**

Location: Blackburn Ballroom B

Moderator: *Lisa Fager Bediako, M.B.A.*, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Poetry

Khafre K. Abif, From, Cornbread, Fish and Collard Greens: Prayers, Poems & Affirmations for People Living with HIV/AIDS
“Our Eyes Met on Christopher Street” and “Who Can I Tell?”

LaTisha Basil, “Six Foot Diva”

Speakers

Barbara Aranda-Naranjo PhD., RN, FAAN, Director, Division of Training and Capacity Development, and **Jessica M. Xavier, MPH**, Project Officer, Special Projects of National Significance, HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau

Title: Addressing Stigma in Innovative Interventions to Improve Access to and Retention in HIV Primary Care

Bambi Gaddist, DrPH, Executive Director, South Carolina AIDS Council

Title: 30 Years A Slave: Liberating Individuals and Communities Through Political and Institutional Advocacy and Empowerment

J. Nadine Gracia, MD, MSCE, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Title: Stigma and Solutions: Overcoming Barriers to Treatment, Prevention, and Care

Nancy Murphy, NP, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Howard University College of Nursing and Allied Health

Title: Barrier to HIV Prevention: Persistent Negative Bias and Stigma Related to Treating Opioid Dependence

Rev Canon Gideon B Byamugisha, MA, Brown Foundation Fellow & Visiting Professor University of The South, Sewanee- USA, Lecturer-In-Residence, FOCAGIFO Hope Institute for Transformational Leadership & Development, Kampala, Uganda

Title: Stigma reduction interventions that work: the perspective of FOCAGIFO, INERELA+ and The Global Working Group on Faith, SSDDIM & HIV

Questions and Answers

Personal Perspectives

Juan Carlos Riascos, Community Advocacy Manager at AbbVie

Mark S. King, Columnist, author and video blogger

Performance *Promising Futures Youth*

12:00-1:00 **LUNCH / Posters / Exhibit Tables**

1:00 – 1:10 **Musical Selection, Mr. Tyrone Stanley and the Barrie School**

1:15 – 1:35 **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

Maria Alvarez, MPA Partnerships Team Leader, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention Capacity Building Branch

Keynote Address

Darius Mans, Ph.D., President, Africare

1:35 – 3:05 **PLENARY SESSION II: What the field is teaching us about effective HIV stigma-reduction**

Location: Blackburn Ballroom B

Moderators: *Ryan Olson, MPS*, Program Advisor, Health Policy Project, and *Aparna Jain, PhD, MPH*, Senior Health Research Scientist, Futures Group

Speakers

Nelson Varas-Diaz, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Social Research at University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Title: HIV/AIDS stigma reduction with medical students in Puerto Rico: Lessons and future challenges

Roger McLean, MS, University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago

Title: Addressing Stigma & Discrimination in Health Facilities in the Caribbean - The Case of St. Kitts & Nevis and Dominica

Laurel Sprague, Regional Coordinator, The Global Network of People Living with HIV, North America, Lecturer, Political Science, Eastern Michigan University Ann Arbor, Michigan USA

Title: Bringing it home: Lessons from people living with HIV around the world and the US PLHIV Stigma Index project

Dereje Teferi, Director, Rainbow Ethiopia HIV and Social Support Services

Title: Double Stigma and Discrimination: HIV Related Stigmatization of Sex workers and Men who have Sex with Men in Ethiopia

Regan Hoffman, Policy Officer at UNAIDS and former Editor and Chief of POZ magazine.

Title: To be announced

Questions and Answers

3:05 – 3:20 **BREAK with Musical Selections by Teri S and Shawn Allen**

3:20 – 4:50 **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

TRACK 1: From the Gay Youth Gang Members of Chinatown to Hospital Halls: HIV, Stigma and the Unexpected Lives of G/L/B/T Youth In DC

Location: Digital Auditorium – Room 151/155

Moderator: *Michael Mancilla*, Children's National Medical Center

Coordinators- *Erin Snowden and Michael Mancilla*

TRACK 2: Ending and Defending Against HIV Criminalization in the United States

Location: Ballroom B

Moderator: *Rashida Richardson, Esq., JD*, The Center for HIV Law and

Policy, Staff Attorney

Coordinators: *Rashida Richardson, Esq., JD Vanessa Johnson, Esq., JD Lisa Bediako, M.B.A.*

Panelists:

Catherine Hanssens, Esq., JD, The Center for HIV Law and Policy, Executive Director; *Terrence Moore*, NASTAD, Director of Policy & Equity; *Robert Suttle*, The SERO Project, Assistant Director

TRACK 3: Mental Health

Location: Ballroom A

Moderator: *Evelyn P. Tomaszewski, MSW, ACSW*, NASW HIV/AIDS Spectrum Project, Senior Policy Advisor, National Association of Social Workers

Panelists: *William Lawson, M.D., Ph.D.*, Professor of Psychiatry, Howard University; *Ron Armstead*; Executive Director, Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust; *P. Justin Goforth, RN, BSN*, Director of Community Relations, Whitman-Walker Health; *Asma Hanif, RN*, Executive Director, Muslimat Al Nisaa, INC, Health, Education, Social & Shelter Services, Chaplain, Domestic Violence Ministry

TRACK 4: How improved health literacy and wellness can reduce stigma

Location: Classroom 148/150

Moderator: *Moises Agosto*

Coordinators: National Minority AIDS Council and Black AIDS Institute

Panelists: *Rebekah Israel, Joseph Elias, Alex Garner, Chris Richey*

TRACK 5: Mami to Me: Forging footprints for Women of Color

Location: The Forum – Room 144/146

Moderator: *Ebony Johnson*

Panelists: *Valerie Rochester, Cierra Foxx, Beverly Becton, Chantil Thomas, Daphnie Rogers*

4:50-5:00 **Call to Action and Closing Remarks**
Sohail Rana, MD