Getting Medications to People with HIV/AIDS in the United States: The AIDS Drug Assistance Program

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Panelist Bios

JAY ADAMS
Jay Adams is the HIV Care Coordinator for the State of West Virginia’s HIV Care Programs, a position he has held since West Virginia first received Ryan White CARE Act funds in 1991. Mr. Adams administers the West Virginia AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), HIV Care Consortium, and Insurance Continuation Program. He is also involved in numerous other statewide HIV prevention and care activities. As a volunteer, Mr. Adams chairs the only NAMES Project Foundation AIDS Memorial Quilt Chapter in West Virginia and he is a frequent lecturer at nursing schools and social work programs throughout the state. He has been honored with numerous awards including the inaugural Mary Fisher Family AIDS Network National Outstanding Caregiver Award in 1994.

Mr. Adams is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit College and received his Masters Degree from Marshall University. He has been working in the field of HIV/AIDS since 1984.

SHANA M. CHRISTRUP
Shana Christrup joined the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee in January 2005. In her capacity as Professional Staff Member, Ms. Christrup handles issues related to public health, including domestic HIV/AIDS, global health, women’s health, obesity, cord blood, vaccines, and prevention efforts. She plans hearings and forums and develops legislative proposals to further Chairman Enzi’s agenda on these issues.

Prior to joining the HELP Committee, Ms. Christrup served as the Deputy Director of Legislation for the Washington Office of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Before joining CDC, she was a health policy advisor to Senator Bill Frist (R-TN) on the Subcommittee on Public Health of the Senate HELP Committee. As a Presidential Management Intern at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, her portfolio focused on patient safety. In her capacity as the Truman Summer Intern at the National Institutes of Health Office of AIDS Research, she examined issues relevant to a potential HIV/AIDS vaccine.

Ms. Christrup earned a Masters in Public Health with a focus of Health Policy and Administration from Yale University and a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Human Biology from Oxford University. She received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
ARNOLD G. DOYLE
Arnold Doyle serves as a Director of Public Policy at Roche Pharmaceuticals U.S. headquarters in Nutley, New Jersey. He is responsible for public policy analysis and development for Roche’s U.S. HIV/virology, hepatology and rheumatoid arthritis franchises. Recently, he has also been charged with policy analysis and development in the area of pandemic influenza planning.

Prior to joining Roche in 2002, Mr. Doyle was the Director of Care and Treatment Programs for six years at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) in Washington, D.C., where he managed the organization’s HIV care program policies and advocated with Administration officials and Members of Congress on behalf of state AIDS program managers. Before joining NASTAD, Mr. Doyle managed the District of Columbia’s AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

Mr. Doyle holds a Master’s Degree in Social Work from Gallaudet University and a B.A. in liberal arts with a concentration in foreign languages from Millersville University.

CONNIE GARNER
Connie Garner is Policy Director for Disability and Special Populations for Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). Currently, she is responsible for interagency disability/health policy development for the HELP Committee, and she consults to the Senate Democratic Caucus on disability issues, mental health related issues, and domestic HIV/AIDS legislation.

She served as one of the lead Democratic staff persons for the “CHIP” legislation in 1997, was the lead Democratic staff person for the “Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999”, and was the lead Democratic staff person on the recently reauthorized special education legislation (IDEA) and the new “Family Opportunity Act of 2006” – a bill to allow states to offer a Medicaid buy-in to middle income families for their significantly disabled child.

She is now working as the lead Democratic staff person for: (1) the Mental Health Parity Equitable Treatment Act; (2) the reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act; (3) the reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration; and (4) the new Class Act, designed to help adults with severe functional impairments obtain the services and supports they need to stay functional and independent.

Prior to joining Senator Kennedy in 1996, she was the Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, at the U.S. Department of Education. While working at the U.S. Department of Education, Ms. Garner was the Director of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council for Children with Disabilities and also served as the liaison for the Secretary of Education in all interagency matters related to health and children – including representing the Secretary of Education’s interests in the health care reform debate.

She received her B.S. in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, her M.S. in Nursing from George Mason University, her Ed.S. from George Washington University, and her Doctorate in Health and Education Policy from the George Washington University. Ms. Garner is also certified as Pediatric and Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, and continues to work part-time at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. She is married to a Pediatrician and is the mother of seven children.

DWAYNE HAUGHT
Dwayne Haught is the manager of the Texas AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provided over $85 million worth of medications to 14,000 clients during the past year. He is also an active member of the National ADAP Crisis Task Force. This past year, Mr. Haught has been heavily involved in Medicare Part D implementation. He developed a series of cost-benefit analysis models to help ADAPs assess and formulate Part D wrap around strategies that work best with their unique medication distribution systems. He and his staff produced a practical Medicare Part D Manual for providers that has been widely praised as a best practice resource. Mr. Haught has also established an effective, rapid response program for absorbing Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita HIV positive evacuees from
Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama into the Texas ADAP so they could continue to receive their life-sustaining medications without interruption.

Mr. Haught’s career in HIV/AIDS began in 1983, working with the University of Miami Tropical Disease Department in trying to identify the etiological agent for what we now know as AIDS. He was one of the founders of the David Powell HIV Clinic in Austin, Texas, and actively managed the clinic for eight years. Under his management, the Clinic offered state of the art treatment and was cited as a center for excellence. He also went on to develop the first HIV Women’s Clinic in Central Texas. Mr. Haught has been a member of the Ryan White Title I EMA Planning Body for Austin, Texas and has received numerous awards for his HIV/AIDS work, including the University of Texas School of Nursing Alumnus of the Year.

Mr. Haught is a registered nurse and holds a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Miami and a Masters of Science in Community Health Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin. He has received certification in HIV/AIDS Nursing by the National Association of Nurses in AIDS Care.

JENNIFER KATES
Jennifer Kates is Vice President and Director of HIV Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, a non-profit, private operating foundation. She oversees all of the Foundation’s HIV/AIDS policy projects, directing and conducting policy research and analysis focusing on both the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and the epidemic within the United States. These include analyses and studies of: key epidemic trends; access to care, treatment, and prevention, particularly for those who are most vulnerable; major care, treatment, prevention, and research programs; insurance coverage and financing; and public opinion about HIV/AIDS. Ms. Kates is involved in several international efforts designed to track global and domestic resource flows to fight the epidemic and is a recognized expert in this field. She also works closely with the Foundation’s health journalism training programs and entertainment media partnerships on HIV/AIDS in the U.S. and internationally, with companies such as Viacom, BET, and MTV, providing data and expertise on content and program development. In addition, Ms. Kates works on the Foundation’s broader global health projects, and was instrumental in designing and overseeing the development of www.globalhealthfacts.org, which provides the latest country-level data on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other key health and socio-economic indicators. She regularly provides HIV/AIDS information to numerous external stakeholders including the news media, policymakers, and community members.

Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Ms. Kates was a Senior Associate with The Lewin Group, a health care consulting firm, where she focused on HIV/AIDS policy, strategic planning/health systems analysis, and health care for vulnerable populations. Her clients included the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the New York State AIDS Institute, the Texas Department of Health, the New York City Department of Public Health, the Whitman Walker Clinic, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Before that, Ms. Kates was the Director of the Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns at Princeton University. She was also the Coordinator of Princeton University’s Alcohol and Other Drugs Peer Education Program. Ms. Kates has been working in the field of HIV/AIDS for more than 15 years. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Women’s Studies from Dartmouth College, a Masters Degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts, and a Masters Degree in Public Affairs, with a concentration in Demography, from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

MURRAY PENNER
Murray Penner is the Deputy Executive Director of Domestic Programs at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). Mr. Penner’s primary responsibilities include oversight of the Care and Treatment, Prevention, Viral Hepatitis and Communities of Color Programs at NASTAD, including cooperative agreements with the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Office of Minority Health. Mr. Penner also has overall responsibility for NASTAD’s National ADAP Monitoring and Technical Assistance Program, which includes the National ADAP Monitoring Report. He joined NASTAD in June 2001 as Care and Treatment Director.
Program Manager, became Director of the program in August 2002, and assumed his current responsibilities in July 2005.

Mr. Penner’s background includes service as the planning coordinator for the Fort Worth, Texas Ryan White CARE Act Titles I and II planning bodies for nearly five years. Prior to that, he served as an administrator with the Fort Worth Metropolitan and Greater Oklahoma City YMCAs. Mr. Penner has extensive volunteer service in HIV prevention and care community planning, and served as the community-elected co-chair of the regional HIV prevention community planning group in north central Texas from 1998-99. He has conducted numerous HIV needs assessments and authored several comprehensive service plans, reports and other planning documents in the north-central Texas region. Mr. Penner is co-author of several National ADAP Monitoring Reports and regularly presents at local, state and national conferences on a variety of topics related to HIV/AIDS care and prevention services. He has a strong personal interest in helping to ensure adequate care services for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Penner holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work with a Minor in Psychology from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas and has two children, Chance and Bailey.

M. BETH SCALCO
Beth Scalco is Director of the HIV/AIDS Program for the State of Louisiana's Office of Public Health, a position she has held since 1996. The HIV/AIDS program, under Ms. Scalco’s direction, has the primary responsibility for overseeing Louisiana’s response to the AIDS epidemic, including all prevention and care activities. Her office administers the Ryan White Title II Program, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP); Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Prevention and Surveillance Cooperative Agreements; and State General Funds for HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Scalco has been working in the field of HIV/AIDS since 1985 when she was assigned to the inpatient HIV unit at the Medical Center of New Orleans, Louisiana's largest State Public Hospital. In 1989, she left the Medical Center to Administer Louisiana's first Ryan White Title IV Program for Children's Hospital of New Orleans. She has since held numerous other positions in the field of HIV/AIDS including the Program Coordinator of the Pediatric AIDS Program and the Resources for Adolescent Program, the Program Director of Project Lagniappe, and the Program Coordinator of the Women's Initiative for HIV Care and Reduction of Perinatal HIV Transmission. She was appointed to the Louisiana State Commission on HIV and AIDS, served as the Chairperson for the New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council, and has participated in a variety of HRSA consultations including the Unmet Need Framework, Administrative Simplification, and Severe Indicator of Need.

Ms. Scalco is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a Masters in Social Work from Louisiana State University and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of New Orleans. She is a native of New Orleans and currently resides in the city with her two daughters.

JULIE M. SCOFIELD
Julie Scofield joined the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) as their first Executive Director in February 1993. Under Ms. Scofield’s leadership, NASTAD has grown from a staff of one, to a highly respected national HIV/AIDS organization of 25 FTEs and major programs in the areas of HIV prevention, care and treatment, viral hepatitis, government relations, and global HIV/AIDS technical assistance. Prior to opening NASTAD’s national office, Ms. Scofield served as legislative assistant in the State of New York Office of Federal Affairs. Ms. Scofield represented the state on science and technology and health issues, including HIV/AIDS policy and funding, before Congress and the Administration from 1987 to 1993. She served on the legislative staff of former U.S. Representative Stan Lundine from 1981 to 1987. Ms. Scofield is a graduate of Buffalo State College.

The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), represents the nation’s chief state health agency staff who have programmatic responsibility for administering HIV/AIDS health care, prevention, education and supportive service programs funded by states and the federal government.
NASTAD provides both domestic and global technical assistance in support of HIV prevention, community planning, adolescent and school health, viral hepatitis integration, and access to care and treatment including administration of AIDS Drug Assistance Programs. NASTAD's current priority is addressing HIV/AIDS disparities among communities of color. NASTAD is an affiliate of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO).