The New York State AIDS Advisory Council

Honoring 25 Years of Service
1983 – 2008

September 11, 2008
New York, New York
**Proclamation**

Whereas, HIV/AIDS remains an urgent public health concern in New York State, as evidenced by more than 176,000 New Yorkers having been diagnosed and reported with AIDS and more than 116,000 individuals currently living with HIV/AIDS in New York State, alone; and

Whereas, it was 25 years ago, in 1983, that the AIDS Advisory Council was created within the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute for the purpose of advising the Commissioner of Health and the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute with respect to implementation of a comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in New York State; and

Whereas, the AIDS Advisory Council has carried out its mission to the highest standards of service and responsibility in ensuring vigilant public health care for the past 25 years, working closely with the AIDS Institute on a wide variety of issues, providing reports and recommendations, as needed, to guide program development and policy decision-making; and

Whereas, individual members of the AIDS Advisory Council have served diligently, without compensation, to lend their expertise, experience and support to New York State’s efforts to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

Whereas, despite impressive progress, much remains to be done in the global fight against HIV/AIDS, including efforts being made here in New York State—the epicenter of HIV/AIDS in our nation—and the role of the AIDS Advisory Council remains critically important in providing advice and guidance regarding New York State’s response to the epidemic, and it is therefore fitting to recognize the AIDS Advisory Council on this historically important day and in recognition of 25 years of invaluable service;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2008 as

**AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOGNITION DAY**

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-eighth day of July in the year two thousand eight.

David A. Paterson
Governor

Secretary to the Governor
The New York State AIDS Advisory Council
25 Years of Leadership

In late 1980 and early 1981, when the first reports of what is now known to be HIV infection appeared, scientists and health professionals began to understand that this new clinical puzzle would become a major public health crisis. Today, despite the growing integration of HIV prevention and care into routine health services, HIV still has complex medical, social, and emotional dimensions that defy easy solutions.

New York State (NYS), the epicenter of the epidemic in the U.S., has demonstrated strength, dedication and compassion in designing a comprehensive range of HIV policies and programs. The NYS AIDS Advisory Council, created in 1983 by Public Health Law Article 27-E (Appendix A) along with the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute, was an early and vigorous response to the emerging epidemic. The Council’s mandate is to advise the Commissioner of Health and the AIDS Institute, and since its inception the Council has worked closely with the Institute to fulfill its responsibilities. It has offered policy guidance and advice, authored numerous reports and helped to develop annual programmatic and fiscal priorities.

Current Composition. Listed below are the names and dates of service of Council members as of July 30, 2008. Appendix B contains biographical information for each member.

Sandra Ruiz Butter, M.S. (Chair) 2005-Present
Jose M. Davila 2008-Present
Andrew Doniger, M.D. 2008-Present
Hon. Thomas K. Duane 1997-Present
Conrad T. Fischer, M.D. 2002-Present
Tracie M. Gardner 2001-Present
Marjorie J. Hill, Ph.D. 2007-Present
Lambert N. King, M.D. Ph.D. 1995-Present
Keith Krasinski, M.D. 1995-Present
Megan E. McLaughlin, Ph.D. 1995-Present
Edwin A. Mirand, Ph.D. 1983-Present
Joe B. Pressley 2001-Present
Jeffrey Reynolds, Ph.D. 1994-Present
Teresita Rodriguez 2008-Present
Allan Rosenfield, M.D. 1995-Present

Throughout its 25-year history, the AIDS Advisory Council has contended with a wide range of program and policy challenges. It has investigated and debated; issued statements, reports (Appendix C), and recommendations; and with prescience and great courage, prodded others into action.

Less well known is the broad, and in many cases, national impact of the Council’s work and the fact that this advisory body has functioned with uncommon energy and commitment to improve the lives of people with HIV and to prevent new infections. Many members have served for
extended periods, in some cases for the entire existence of the Council. Although the epidemic has continually evolved and the Council itself has evolved to include members with a wide variety of views and expertise, a number of consistent themes have served as the foundation for the Council’s activities.

**Foundation for Achievement**

**Openness.** A fundamental tenet of AIDS Advisory Council procedure is openness. All Council meetings are open to the public and provide a period for questions and commentary by non-members. Over the years, meetings have been well-attended by members of the public, and by health and human service providers, advocates, governmental officials and others, who have found them to be useful and often very spirited forums for discussion.

**Informed Discussion and Expert Opinion.** Another priority is informed discussion. The Council actively solicits a broad array of opinion through public hearings, position papers, and guest speaker presentations. Speakers may include researchers, community and task force leaders, program and agency directors, government officials, people with HIV, and others. To address specific issues, the Council often creates subcommittees consisting of Council members, experts in the field, providers and community members. The subcommittees hold independent meetings and hearings, conduct site visits and fact finding, write reports and develop recommendations for consideration by the full Council.

**Education and Activism.** The Council has always strived to educate, to instill a sense of urgency about HIV, and to amplify engagement in HIV issues at every level. Within NYS, the Council has fostered interaction among state agencies, issued letters of support or dissent, submitted testimony, conducted education and outreach, and proffered recommendations and commentary concerning HIV policy and programs to members of Congress, to federal and state agencies, and to organizations across the country.

**Broad Perspective.** The Council has maintained an acute awareness of the larger context in which HIV prevention and care exist and how HIV is perceived within that context. The Council has focused not only on how to improve HIV programs and services, but on how non-HIV federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and budgets may affect HIV policy, planning, and care in NYS, especially the most efficient and effective use of resources. Context also involves the large constellation of issues which complicate HIV, including social and cultural traditions and beliefs, stigma and discrimination, and policies concerning health insurance, homelessness, mental illness and substance abuse.

**Respect and Equity.** Finally, the Council has insisted on respect and access to quality care for every person with HIV and prevention education for every person with or at risk for HIV. This has meant a commitment to voluntary testing, confidentiality, public and provider information, integration of services, the adaptation of services in accordance with age, gender, behavior, and other population needs, the rapid translation of scientific findings into program and policy, and the highest standards of ethical conduct.
Leadership in the age of AIDS

Council Leadership and Participation. The Council has been fortunate to have had the leadership of an extraordinarily distinguished roster of health professionals, including Dr. David Rogers, a former Dean of the School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University and President of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Dr. Allan Rosenfield, now Dean Emeritus and DeLamar Professor Emeritus of Public Health Practice at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, and, since 2005, Ms. Sandra Ruiz Butter, M.S., President of VIP Community Services.

The Council has also benefitted from the contributions of a broad array of hard-working members, including legislators, community activists, physicians, lawyers, judges, people with HIV, foundation presidents, clergy members, and directors of community organizations, clinical programs, and public health agencies (Appendix D). Their diverse perspectives have been essential to the development of workable policy guidelines and recommendations.

The history of the AIDS Advisory Council, appropriately, reflects the history of the HIV epidemic. From the advent of HIV in the U.S., when the public environment was dominated by the unfounded fear of contagion via casual contact, through the development of medications allowing HIV to become, for many, a treatable chronic disease, through many types of strategies for prevention and many policies tried and discarded or nationally adopted, the Council has been at the center of discussions.

AIDS Advisory Council Achievements. The Council has been instrumental in a long list of achievements within NYS that have shaped HIV programs and policy and served as national models. Among them are the following:

- Early in the epidemic, the Council expressed its concern about discrimination against people with HIV and confidentiality of medical information. These efforts helped to inform state and federal policy proposals. In 1989, NYS put into effect a pioneering public health law, Article 27-F, which protects residents from inappropriate disclosure of their HIV status and requires counseling and informed consent for voluntary HIV testing. This became a national standard.

- HIV services in prisons were addressed by the Council at a time when other states were not focused on this problem. The Council convened an Ad hoc Committee on AIDS & Correctional Facilities, which in 1989 produced a report, “Management of HIV Infection in New York State Prisons.” Ten years later, in 1999, the Council’s Subcommittee on Criminal Justice issued a follow-up report, “HIV/AIDS Services in New York State Correctional Facilities,” prompting greater cooperation between state agencies and contributing to the national dialogue on inmate health services.

- HIV-infected health care workers and crime victims potentially exposed to HIV were addressed by the Council’s Subcommittee on Occupational Issues. In 1990, the subcommittee issued “Exposure to HIV Through Rape and Occupational Injury,” and a
Subcommittee on the HIV-Infected Health Care Worker issued another report in 1991.

- The issue of adolescents exposed to HIV and the controversy over HIV education in schools prompted creation of the Council’s Ad Hoc Committee on Adolescents and HIV, which published “Illusions of Immortality: The Confrontation of Adolescence and AIDS” in 1991. The Council made repeated recommendations for and testified before the NYS Assembly on behalf of an age appropriate, comprehensive HIV and sex education school curriculum that contributed to its development within the New York City and NYS education departments.

- In 1993, the Council created a Subcommittee on Sex Clubs, which issued a report with recommendations for HIV education and prevention that led to agreement by health officials and club owners for on site HIV outreach and condom availability.


- Following extensive public hearings and deliberations, the Council issued the “Report of the Subcommittee on Newborn HIV Screening” in 1994. In 1997, NYS mandated HIV testing of all newborns. Improved identification of HIV-exposed infants, together with the availability and provision of early treatment helped to dramatically reduce maternal transmission and bring HIV-infected mothers into care.


- In accordance with its consistent safeguarding of the privacy and rights of people with HIV, the Council issued its “Proposed Principles Governing Mandated Testing of Persons Accused of Certain Crimes” in 1996, clarifying terms for exceptions to the principle of voluntary testing.

- To ensure interagency attention to HIV and consistency of policies, the Council successfully advocated for the NYS Interagency Task Force on AIDS, which was established in 1997 and continues to help coordinate state programs.

- In the context of the growing national trend toward HIV (rather than just AIDS) case reporting, the Council considered the “Findings of the HIV Surveillance Workgroup” in 1998, which recommended continued vigilance about confidentiality, voluntary partner
notification, and legal protections for the uses of surveillance information regardless of whether the monitoring system was to be based on patient names or unique identifiers.

- In 1998, the Council issued the “Report of the Ethical Issues in Access to HIV Treatment Workgroup,” which argued for equitable access to HIV medications on the basis of need rather than preconceptions about the likelihood of drug regimen adherence and emphasized that trusting relationships with providers were requisites for successful treatment.


Through the years, the Council has addressed many other HIV issues and topics that did not result in formal reports but nevertheless generated actions designed to educate or influence HIV program and policy, including communications between the Council Chair and the Governor and an annual Legislative Education Day in Albany.

The Council has provided critical support for the efforts of organizations advocating on HIV issues. For example, the Council strongly supported the 1996 report “Families in Crisis: A Report of the Working Committee on HIV, Children, and Families,” produced by the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies to highlight the plight of AIDS orphans and the social and legal problems of parents with HIV trying to plan for the long term care of their children.

Other topics addressed by the Council have included: funding issues (e.g., reauthorization of the federal Ryan White CARE Act; allocation of federal and state funding; Medicaid and other reimbursement systems, including managed care; and welfare reform); the continuum of HIV care and co-location of services (e.g., primary care, substance use, mental health); demographic shifts, HIV incidence rates and the needs of various population groups; U.S. immigration policy concerning people with HIV; housing and employment discrimination; the federal AIDS case definition; prevention strategies, including condom distribution and cultural barriers to behavior change; and co-infection with hepatitis C and HIV.

**Looking to the Future**

Current and future concerns will continue to anticipate and mirror those of the epidemic. The Council, the AIDS Institute, and the Department will continue to rise to each and every challenge, providing leadership and hope for new ways to unravel the continuing complexities of HIV.
§ 2778. Advisory council.

1. There shall be established within the institute an advisory council composed of seventeen members who shall be appointed in the following manner: three shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate and one by the minority leader of the senate; three shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly and one by the minority leader of the assembly; nine shall be appointed by the governor. The governor shall designate the chairman of the advisory council. The members of the council shall be representative of the public, educational and medical institutions, local health departments and nonprofit organizations, including organizations providing services to high risk populations.

2. The advisory council shall be responsible for advising the commissioner with respect to the implementation of this article and shall make recommendations to the institute for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subdivision one of section twenty-seven hundred seventy-six hereof.

3. The council shall meet at least four times a year. Special meetings may be called by the chairman, and shall be called by him at the request of the commissioner.

4. The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.
Appendix B

New York State AIDS Advisory Council
Biographies of Current Members as of
July 30, 2008

Sandra Ruiz Butter
President
VIP Community Services

Mrs. Butter has led VIP Community Services over the past 16 years, during which time the agency expanded to become a comprehensive, community-based organization. VIP serves more than 7,500 adults annually in programs of addiction treatment, HIV prevention, healthcare, and transitional housing. Through its affiliate, Managed Work Services New York, employment with support services is provided to those who are moving into the world of work. Prior to joining VIP, Mrs. Butter was responsible for the identification, planning, financing and development of affordable housing projects for major not-for-profit and for-profit development organizations.

Born in Puerto Rico and raised in New York, Sandra Ruiz Butter holds her baccalaureate degree from the City College of New York and a Master of Science from Columbia University, School of Social Service. In late 2006 Ms. Butter served on the Housing Transition Committee for Governor Elliot Spitzer. Mrs. Butter is on the Boards of other nonprofit organizations, including the Latino Commission on AIDS, the Legal Action Center and the Center for Charter School Excellence and she is on the National Advisory Board of the Enterprise Community Partners, an affordable housing intermediary organization.

José M. Dávila
Executive Director
Bronx AIDS Services

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, José M. Dávila migrated to New York City (NYC) in 1978, where he began and completed studies for a Masters of Public Health/Health Care Management at Columbia University’s School of Public Health in 1981. He had previously received Bachelor’s and Masters’ of Sciences degrees from the University of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Dávila was appointed as Bronx AIDS Services (BAS) Executive Director in 2005. Prior to that he acted as BAS’s Chief Operating Officer for six years, during which time he administered the physical expansion and modernization of its operations. Prior to becoming BAS’ Chief Operating Officer in 1999, he was the Director of Support Services for Promesa, one of the largest and oldest minority-run community based organizations in the Bronx, which includes a 108-bed long term care facility for persons living with AIDS. In addition to his duties at BAS, he has served on the Board of Directors of CAEAR Coalition, is Treasurer of the NYC AIDS Services Network and is a member of the Steering Committee of the National Latino AIDS Action Network.
Mr. Dávila has over 25 years experience in management, particularly in the areas of health services research, health care and facilities, many of which have been tied to the provision of services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. For 13 years, he served as a senior administrator at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in the Bronx in various capacities. During his tenure as Associate Director for Medical Services, he was responsible for the renovation, outfitting and operation of the hospital’s 28-bed AIDS designated unit. For three years after leaving HHC, Mr. Dávila ran his own consulting business, DAMOL Associates, where he provided assistance to Latin American healthcare providers in the acquisition of US made medical equipment and provided business advice to small medical surgical supply companies in NYC and Puerto Rico.

Andrew S. Doniger, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Health
Monroe County Health Department

Dr. Andrew S. Doniger is the Director of the Monroe County Department of Public Health. He oversees the management of all Health Department programs, and works closely with community partners in developing strategies, policies and programs to improve the health of the community. He is also a Pediatrician and was formerly the Chief of Pediatrics at the Anthony L. Jordan Health Center, Rochester’s largest neighborhood health center.

Dr. Doniger has academic appointments at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry as Clinical Professor in both the Department of Pediatrics and the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine. Dr. Doniger attended Amherst College and SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine, and he holds a Master’s Degree in Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley.

Hon. Thomas K. Duane
Member of the Senate
State of New York

State Senator Thomas K. Duane (D, WFP-Manhattan) represents New York's 29th State Senate District and serves as Assistant Minority Leader for Policy and Administration. First elected to the State Senate in 1998, he became the Senate's first openly-gay and first openly HIV-positive member. Prior to his election to the State Senate, Duane served for seven years in the New York City Council.

Senator Duane has made his mark in Albany and in the neighborhoods of the 29th Senate District. Located in the heart of Manhattan, the 29th State Senate District includes the Upper West Side, Hell’s Kitchen, Chelsea, Greenwich Village, and part of the East Side, including the East Village, Stuyvesant Town, Peter Cooper Village and Waterside Plaza.

Now in his tenth year in the State Senate, Senator Duane has been an effective fighter on a wide range of important issues including: passage of Timothy's Law, which eliminates mental-health treatment discrimination by insurance companies in New York State; Manny’s Law, which requires hospitals to notify indigent patients of the state medical funds available to them; legislation that ensures no one is able to escape child and spousal support payments simply by changing his or her name; legislation that completely eliminates the criminal statute of limitations for first degree rape, criminal sexual acts, aggravated sexual abuse, and sexual
Conrad T. Fischer, M.D.
Associate Chief of Medicine for Education
SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Conrad Fischer is currently the Associate Chief of Medicine for Educational and Academic Activities at SUNY Downstate School of Medicine in Brooklyn. He is an Attending Physician at the University Hospital of Brooklyn as well as at King’s County Hospital Center. Dr. Fischer was previously the Residency Program Director at Flushing Hospital and before that was the Residency Director at Maimonides Medical Center. Dr. Fischer completed a Fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center of Cornell University.

Dr. Fischer is the author of ten books on education and study materials for students, residents and attendings for board recertification. His fifth published book was released in March, 2008 and two more educational books will be released within the next six months. Dr. Fischer’s video tapes play in 160 sites in 20 countries including the UK, France, Germany, Japan, Korea and Italy.

Dr. Fischer will release his first book for the general public on “Breakthroughs and Despair: Amazing Medical Advances, and the rise of physician dissatisfaction”. It examines the evidence for markedly improved medical care over the last 25 years and evaluates why, despite the explosion of treatment options, physicians and students are not having a corresponding increase in enthusiasm and job satisfaction.

Tracie M. Gardner
Director of New York State Policy &
Coordinator of WISH-NY (Women’s Initiative to Stop HIV)
Legal Action Center (LAC)

Tracie M. Gardner currently serves as the Director of New York State Policy at the Legal Action Center (LAC) where she coordinates the Center's lobbying, advocacy, grass roots organizing and policy work on issues relating to HIV/AIDS, criminal justice and substance abuse in New York State. She is also the coordinator of an advocacy project at the Center, the Women's Initiative to Stop HIV/AIDS, NY (WISH-NY). Prior to joining the Legal Action Center, Ms. Gardner worked in various capacities of AIDS policy and advocacy since 1987, at organizations such as the Harlem Director's Group, the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies and the Gay Men's Health Crisis, the Minority Task Force on AIDS (aka FACES) and the National Minority AIDS Council.

Marjorie J. Hill, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC)

Dr. Marjorie J. Hill is the Chief Executive Officer of Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC), the nation’s oldest AIDS service organization. GMHC provides a continuum of services to 15,000 men, women and children annually and a world renowned legacy of health care advocacy, promoting social justice and supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights. Dr. Hill previously served as GMHC’s Managing Director for Community Health where she had
responsibility for the Women’s Institute, the Institute for Gay Men’s Health (IGMH) and coordination of agency wide community level health promotion initiatives.

Prior to her tenure at GMHC, Dr. Hill was the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of HIV/AIDS at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH). At NYCDOHMH, Dr. Hill had administrative oversight for HIV prevention, treatment, and research and housing programs. Dr. Hill was responsible for all aspects of federally mandated community planning and for the development of citywide HIV/AIDS policy. In addition, Dr. Hill provided oversight for prevention, care and is especially proud of the historic expansion of Syringe Exchange Programs, enhanced NYC inter-agency collaboration and the five million male and female condoms distributed annually during her tenure.

Dr. Hill formerly served as a Commissioner for the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board and as Director of the NYC Mayor’s Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community in the Dinkins’ Administration. During her tenure in these positions, Dr. Hill implemented successful initiatives in public safety, citywide EEO and NYC Domestic Partnership policy.

A licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Hill has consulted and lectured on issues of cultural diversity, HIV/AIDS in communities of color, conflict resolution, organizational devolvement and homophobia. Prior faculty appointments include Yeshiva University, New York Medical College, Pace University and the College of New Rochelle. She has several publications including the American Psychiatric Press release, “Mental Health Issues in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities.” Dr. Hill has also served on the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, the New York Civil Liberties Union, The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and as chair of the Thirteen/WNET Community Advisory Board. She proudly served a seven-year plus term on the Board of GMHC, two as Co-Chair and serves on the board of the Public Health Association of New York.

Dr. Hill has received numerous awards and citations for outstanding community service locally and nationally. Dr. Hill has appeared on CBS Morning Show, Rolanda, Real Life and is featured in the documentaries “All God’s Children”, “After Stonewall” and, most recently, “Jane Hanson’s New York.” A proud New Yorker, Dr. Hill is committed to a career in public service.

**Lambert N. King, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.P.**

**Director, Department of Medicine**

**Queens Hospital Center**

Dr. Lambert King is Director of Medicine at Queens Hospital Center in Jamaica, New York, a position held since 2002. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree with High Distinction in the Honors Program from the University of Kentucky. He attended the University of Chicago where he received his M.D. degree and a Ph.D. degree in Experimental Pathology. Following medical school, Dr. King completed a residency in internal medicine at Cook County Hospital, where he began his career dedicated to medical needs of inner city communities and correctional institutions, advancing public health, and providing leadership to urban teaching hospitals.

Between 1974 and 1985, Dr. King directed a broad range of correctional health services, including those at Cook County jail and Rikers Island while also serving as a special master appointed by the federal courts to overhaul the health services at Menard Correctional Center in
Chester, Illinois. From 1985 to 2001, he served as Senior Vice President for Medical and Academic Affair at St. Vincent’s Hospital and Medical Center of New York. Dr. King led St. Vincent’s response to the AIDS epidemic, designing and guiding the clinical and research programs, organizing the budget and recruiting staff to secure St. Vincent’s designation as one of New York State’s earliest and most active Comprehensive AIDS Centers. He is a recipient of distinguished service awards from the Epilepsy Foundation of America and New York Medical College and the 1996 Linda Laubenstein HIV Clinical Excellence Award from the NYS AIDS Institute.

Along with his contributions to medical education and leadership of academic health centers, Dr. King has conducted studies on the epidemiology of diseases, including tuberculosis and epilepsy, among people confined in jails and prisons and the organization and improvement of health services delivery within correctional institutions. He is principal investigator for a national project of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care to identify best practice models for continuity of care between prisons and local communities.

Keith Krasinski, M.D.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics
New York University Medical Center

Keith Krasinski, M.D. is Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Environmental Medicine at New York University Langone School of Medicine, Hospital Epidemiologist at Bellevue Hospital Center, and an attending pediatrician at New York University Tisch Hospital and Bellevue Hospital Center. He has, since his arrival in New York in 1981, and continues to enjoy a busy, hospital-based, practice of pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases.

Dr. Krasinski is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the University of Illinois School of Medicine. He took his pediatric training at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, followed by fellowship training in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas.

In collaboration with many other clinicians and scientists, Dr. Krasinski has: elucidated interactions of chloramphenicol and anticonvulsants in children; published the first description of the natural history of HIV/AIDS in children; elaborated the relationship between severe RSV infection and chronic lung disease; explored tolerance among group A streptococci; reduced hospital based needle-stick injuries with the introduction of a new disposal system; virtually eliminated hospital acquired respiratory syncytial virus infection with screening and cohorting at admission of children during the “respiratory virus” season; described childhood tuberculosis as herald to the adult tuberculosis of the 1980’s; recognized that voluntary HIV testing programs fail to identify infants at risk for HIV infection; advanced the state of knowledge regarding measles and immunity to measles among HIV infected children, leading to new vaccination recommendations; elucidated multiple opportunistic infections in HIV infected children; elucidated multiple laboratory markers of HIV infection in children; drafted the first national pediatric HIV intervention study creating a template for future studies; recognized that immunodeficiency parameters of children differ from those of adults; participated in National and NYS pediatric HIV treatment recommendations; and described the effects of highly active antiretroviral therapy on immune reconstitution and improved outcome of children. Dr. Krasinski has more than 175 publications, 200 abstracts and 115 invited presentations.
In addition to general pediatrics and infections of children and youth, Dr. Krasinski is actively interested in central nervous system infections, treatment and prevention of HIV infection, particularly perinatal HIV transmission, prevention and management of HIV complications and coordinated family centered care of the HIV infected and affected. Dr. Krasinski is an energetic principal investigator or co-investigator in Health Resource Service Administration Ryan White part C and D HIV care grants, NIH sponsored therapeutic HIV trials and the NYU Center for AIDS research, and a NYS sponsored initiative for the care of HIV infected adolescents. Dr. Krasinski is intimately involved in the control of hospital acquired infection. He also holds a NYS certificate of qualification as a virology laboratory director.

Over the last twenty-five years Dr. Krasinski has developed expertise in human research subject protection serving as a member of NYULSOM’s Institutional Review Board for twenty years, ten as Chairman, and as Co-Chairman of the Institutional Review Board of the Biomedical Research Alliance of New York for the last five years.

**Megan McLaughlin, D.S.W.**

Megan McLaughlin has spent the past forty years working in a variety of positions in the not-for-profit sector. She has been a direct practitioner, a policy analyst, an advocate, an administrator and a teacher. For the past five years, Dr. McLaughlin has served as a policy strategist/management consultant to not-for-profit organizations.

Dr. McLaughlin served as the Executive Director/CEO of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Inc for 17 years until her retirement in 2003. In that capacity she broadened the scope and breadth of the Federation’s influence and guided the organization to leadership positions in public policy development in the areas of children and families, poverty/income security and HIV/AIDS. During her tenure, she guided the creation of several broad-based coalitions including the Welfare Reform Network, the Pioneers (women with HIV/AIDS), NYS Intergenerational Network and the Youth Services network. She created new vehicles for services including: A Training Institute, Resource and Support Center and The Church Desk which provided critical services to faith-based organizations. Dr. McLaughlin also launched many program initiatives including: HIV/AIDS Capacity Project; Child Care Accreditation; Black Church Technical Assistance; 9/11 Emergency Assistance; and the Black and Latino Male Project. She also created new income streams for the agency and grew and diversified its budget significantly.

Prior to assuming leadership at the Federation, Dr. McLaughlin held the position of Senior Program Officer at the New York Community Trust, the nation’s largest community foundation. During her tenure at the trust, she managed $1.5 million in grants in the areas of family and child welfare, youth services, girls and young women and human justice. Dr. McLaughlin developed programmatic guidelines for grant making in the fields of youth, girls and young women; and established innovative funding approaches designed to strengthen diverse grassroots organizations in poor communities.

From 1972-1974 Dr McLaughlin worked as a Social Planner in the Office of the Prime Minister, Jamaica. In this position, she provided leadership in formulating plans for youth, community development, child welfare and public assistance programs. She wrote chapters for the Annual
Economic and Social Survey and prepared papers for international forums. Dr McLaughlin also worked as a counselor in the SEEK Program, City College and as a Psychiatric Social Worker at Harlem Hospital.

As one of the city’s most vociferous advocates for families and children, she testifies regularly before legislative hearings, serves on several Boards and Task Forces, including the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Development Corporation, Advisory Board of the Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services, The Black Family Task Force, The New York City AIDS Fund, and The Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. As Chair of former Mayor David N. Dinkins’ Commission for the Foster Care of Children, Dr. McLaughlin spearheaded the publication of several reports aimed at reforming the foster care system in New York City.

Dr. McLaughlin has authored studies on Immigration, the Black Family, Foster Care, Family Preservation and Reunification, Poverty, and Race Relations. She is the recipient of many honors and awards for her distinguished work in human services, mostly notably: The New York Women’s Foundation Celebrating Women Award, Crain’s magazine All-Star Award, the PACE Award from the National Association of Social Workers and the Mary McLeod Bethune Award from the National Council of Negro Women.

Dr. McLaughlin sits on the Boards of Abyssinian Development Corporation, National Black Leadership Commission on Aids, National Association of Social Workers, New York Chapter and she serves on The New York State Aids Advisory Council, The Minority Public/Private Task Force, Agenda for Children Transition Committee and the ACS HIV/AIDS Advisory Panel. She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards for her distinguished work in Human services. She received her BA and MSW from Howard University and her DSW from Columbia University School of Social Work in 1981. Throughout her entire career, she has served as a mentor to countless young professionals seeking leadership positions in the public and private sectors.

Megan McLaughlin received her Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Social Work degrees from Howard University and took her Doctorate in Social Work from the Columbia University School of Social Work in 1981.

**Edwin A. Mirand, Ph.D.**  
**Vice President, Educational Affairs and**  
**Dean of Roswell Park Graduate Division of SUNY Buffalo**  
**Roswell Park Cancer Institute**

Dr. Edwin A. Mirand is Emeritus Vice President for Educational Affairs at Roswell Park and Dean of the Roswell Park Graduate Division of the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Mirand has been associated with Roswell Park for over six decades and, prior to joining the staff, was associated with the Institute as a graduate student at the University of Buffalo.

Dr. Mirand received his doctorate from Syracuse University. In addition to his many Institute responsibilities, Dr. Mirand has been a leader in numerous national and international professional organizations, serving as Secretary-General of the Thirteenth International Cancer Congress of the UICC, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of American Cancer Institutes, President of the
Association of Gnotobiotics, liaison member of the National Cancer Advisory Board, Chairman and member of the UICC U.S.A. National Cancer Committee of the National Academy of Sciences, and as a member of the NYS AIDS Advisory Council.

He is the recipient of many awards and special honors, including Honorary Doctorate of Science Degrees from both Niagara University and D’Youville College, Outstanding Alumni Award in Science, College of Arts and Science, SUNY at Buffalo, the Distinguished Service Award in Science Education from NYS Science Teachers Association, and Merit Award of the International Union Against Cancer; from the American Association for Cancer Education, The Margaret H. Edwards Award; from Roswell Park Cancer Institute, The William H. Wehr Award; Recognition from the American Association For Cancer Research in 1998; from the Association of American Cancer Institutes in 2004, The Buffalo First Lifetime Achievement Award for advancing health care (2005); The D’Youville Community Service Award in 2006, and in 2008, the 13th Annual Achievement in Health Care Award from D’Youville College.

Dr. Mirand is the author of over 500 publications in the fields of endocrinology, virology, and cancer education and author of several books in his field.

Dr. Mirand was Senior Advisor to the former President and CEO of Roswell Park, Dr. David Hohn, and remains the same for Dr. Donald L. Trump.

**Joseph Pressley**  
**Managing Director, Blocks Project**  
**Harlem United Community AIDS Center**

In September 2007, Joe Pressley was hired as the Managing Director of the Blocks Project at Harlem United Community AIDS Center. As a former employee of Harlem United in the late 1990s, Joe Pressley returned to the organization bringing to the Blocks program his wealth of community organizing experience. An innovative endeavor, The Blocks Project is a geographic-based approach to HIV prevention that focuses on where individuals live and not just the customary risk-based approach that focuses on individuals' behavior (e.g., injecting drug use, men who have sex with men). Prior to his hire, Mr. Pressley worked briefly as the Director of Communications and Policy for ECQ Group, Inc. and was the Executive Director of the New York AIDS Coalition (NYAC) for six years. In the spring of 2007, he was a student intern with the office of Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito where he worked on public housing issues.

Before assuming the position of NYAC’s Executive Director in 2000, Mr. Pressley was NYAC’s Director of Public Policy and prior to that he was the Director of Outreach, Education and Prevention at Harlem United Community AIDS Center (1997 through 1999). Form 1992- 1996 Mr. Pressley was NYAC’s Director of Community Organizing.

Mr. Pressley has a long history of volunteer work in community service organizations including acting as a former Community Co-Chair of the NYC Prevention Planning Group, a sixty-member body of government representatives, people living with HIV, providers and other professionals concerned about the provision of quality prevention services to New Yorkers. And as the former Executive Director of Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD) which at the time was an all-volunteer organization. Mr. Pressley has also served in several leadership positions on the NYC HIV Planning Council. Mr. Pressley currently serves on the New York State AIDS
Advisory Council as an appointee of Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. Mr. Pressley holds a Bachelor’s in Urban Social Sciences from the CUNY Baccalaureate Program at Hunter College.

Jeffrey L. Reynolds, Ph.D.
Public Affairs Advisor
Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC)

First appointed by NYS Majority Leader Ralph J. Marino, Dr. Jeffrey Reynolds has been a member of the NYS AIDS Advisory Council since 1994. He has co-chaired several ad-hoc and standing subcommittees including the Budget Subcommittee, which produces annual state budget recommendations and coordinates the Council’s Legislative Education Day.

Dr. Reynolds is a Public Affairs Advisor for the Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC), where he has worked since 1989, holding several management positions within the organization – most focused on public policy and governmental relations. He has been a strong voice for suburban and rural areas of New York State and a strong proponent of HIV-confidence protections.

In addition to numerous book chapters, articles, and op-eds, Dr. Reynolds has authored three landmark reports: Reclaiming Lost Voices: Children Orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Suburbia; Mastering the Maze – A Consumer’s Guide to HIV/AIDS and Welfare Reform; and, Sacrificing Science and Sensibility: How Squeamishness Over Syringes is Stalling Public Health Efforts on Long Island.

In 1997, Dr. Reynolds helped found LIAAC’s sister organization, BiasHELP – an agency created to assist victims of hate crimes and their families. The organization has since expanded to include a variety of programs including a state-funded evidence-based youth violence prevention project and a federally funded initiative to provide technical assistance, training and financial support to non-profits serving at-risk youth on Long Island.

Dr. Reynolds holds a Masters degree in Public Administration with a specialty in Health Care Administration from Long Island University and doctorate from Stony Brook University’s School of Social Welfare where he is currently an adjunct faculty member.

Teresita R. Rodriguez
Executive Director
Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA)

Teresita R. Rodriguez, also known as Therese, is the Executive Director of the Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS Inc. (APICHA), a position she has held since 1997. Under Ms. Rodriguez’s leadership, APICHA developed a comprehensive range of HIV prevention and health care services addressing the unique needs of Asians and Pacific Islanders (A&PIs).

Ms. Rodriguez actively participates in HIV/AIDS advocacy coalitions and planning bodies. She is the Board Secretary of the National Minority AIDS Council and a member of the board of directors of the New York AIDS Coalition, an alliance of community-based service providers and their supporters that advocates for increased funding and fair policies for people living with HIV/AIDS in NYS. She was a member of the Social Services Workgroup of the HIV NYC
Planning Council and helped identify the needs and gaps in the HIV system of care for A&PIs. The HIV NYC Planning Council develops a comprehensive plan to provide HIV services for NYC. She has also served as a member of the NYS Prevention Planning Group (NYSPPG). The NYSPPG is a community planning group designed to foster partnerships between communities and the NYS Department of Health through a collaborative process. Its primary responsibilities are to utilize HIV prevention-related needs assessments to determine HIV prevention priorities and develop an HIV prevention plan for the state. At the NYSPPG, she was the co-chair of the finance committee and was a member of the executive committee. She also served as co-chair of the racial and ethnic committee.

For her leadership in AIDS work and her selfless service to A&PI communities, Ms. Rodriguez has received numerous awards and citations. On World AIDS Day in December 1999, she was honored by C. Virginia Fields, the Manhattan Borough President, for devotion to advancing education on HIV/AIDS. She was also a recipient of an award in June 1998 from the Public Advocate for NYC, Honorable Mark Green, on the occasion of the Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The Ma-Yi Theatre Company acknowledged her humanitarian endeavors at APICHA and organizing work in the Filipino-American community since the 1970s with a Community Service Award in June 2000.

Prior to joining APICHA, Ms Rodriguez played leadership roles in several immigrant and human rights projects in the Filipino American community. These include the Committee for Justice for the Guce Family, the Committee for Justice for Domingo and Viernes, two Filipino Americans who were murdered by agents of the late Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, the Defense Committee for Narciso and Perez, and the Defense Committee for Dr. Bien Alona. The conviction of the Filipino nurses on charges of murdering 11 patients and the charge of criminal negligence filed by the U.S. Navy against Dr. Alona were reversed.

Ms. Rodriguez is among the 100 outstanding Filipinas in Joy Buesalido’s celebrated 100 Women of the Philippines, Celebrating Filipina Womanhood in the New Millennium, which include, among others, former President of the Philippines Corazon C. Aquino and President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. In the book, Ms. Rodriguez was cited as an achiever rising above peculiar difficulties and circumstances of her time by championing the civil rights of Filipinos in the U.S.

Allan Rosenfield, M.D.
Mailman School of Public Health
Columbia University

Allan Rosenfield was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College and an M.D. degree from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Internship and one year of general surgical residency was completed at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, followed by two years of service in the U.S. Air Force (in South Korea and San Francisco). He then entered the obstetrics and gynecology residency program at Harvard's Boston Lying-In/Free Hospital for Women program in Boston (now the Brigham and Women's Hospital). Following completion of training in 1966, Dr. Rosenfield spent one year as an instructor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Lagos Teaching Hospital in Nigeria. He then joined the Population Council, serving for six years in Thailand as Medical Advisor for Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health to the Ministry of Public Health, and as representative of the Population Council.
In 1975, Dr. Rosenfield moved to Columbia University, as professor of Obstetrics-Gynecology and Public Health, founding director of the Center for Population and Family Health, and director of ambulatory care for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Since 1986 he has been Dean of the Mailman School of Public Health, DeLamar Professor of Public Health and Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology. On May 1, 2008, he stepped down as Dean, but remains at the Mailman School as a Professor. Prior to becoming dean, he served for two years as acting chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He is a member of numerous scientific and professional organizations and has served on the boards and/or committees of a wide range of international, national, state and local health-related organizations. He is a member of the boards of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and serves on advisory committees to other national foundations. He has served as president of the New York Obstetrical Society, chair of the Association of Schools of Public Health, chair of the Executive Board of the American Public Health Association, chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of WHO's Human Reproduction Programme, and chair of the Boards of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, EngenderHealth and the Guttmacher Institute, and, for 10 years, chair of the New York State Department of Health AIDS Advisory Council. He currently is chair of amfAR's Program Board. In addition, Dr. Rosenfield was a founder of Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health.

Dr. Rosenfield’s research, teaching and advocacy are world renowned. As a result, he has received many honorary awards, including the Government of Thailand, the International Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Jacobs Institute of Women's Health, the American Public Health Association (the Martha May Elliot and Carl Schultz Awards), Public Health Association of New York City, and Planned Parenthood of NYC. Most recently, Dr. Rosenfield received the New York Academy of Medicine’s Stephen Smith Award for Lifetime Achievement in Public Health, Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health’s Kenneth J. Ryan, MD Physician Leadership Award, National Association of People with AIDS Award, Doctors of the World (USA) Health and Human Rights Leadership Award, American Legacy Foundation’s first Legacy Leadership Award for Extraordinary Leadership in Public Health, the Coalition for School-Based Primary Care’s inaugural Public Health Leadership Award, the reproductive health movement’s highest award, Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s Margaret Sanger Award, the Global Health Council Award for global women’s health, the International Women’s Health Coalition Award, the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association Allan Rosenfield Award and the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Dean’s Distinguished Service Award.

He has written extensively (with over 140 published articles) on domestic and international issues in the fields of population, women’s reproductive health, maternal mortality, HIV/AIDS, human rights and health policy and developed major global initiatives on maternal mortality, reproductive health, women’s health and HIV/AIDS.
Appendix C

New York State AIDS Advisory Council
Published Reports


Note:
Reports are available at:
http://www.nyhealth.gov/diseases/aids/workgroups/aac/publishedreports.htm
## New York State AIDS Advisory Council

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