Sustaining the AIDS Drug Assistance Program Until 2014 & Accessing Meds Using Co-pay and Patient Assistance Programs

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Speaker Biographies

CARL SCHMID: Deputy Executive Director, The AIDS Institute, Washington, D.C., Carl Schmid was named Deputy Executive Director of The AIDS Institute, a national public policy, advocacy and research organization, in June, 2009. Prior to that he served as the Institute’s Director of Federal Affairs, a position he held since February 2004. Prior to joining The AIDS Institute, he served as a consultant to a number of HIV/AIDS and civil rights organizations. He has worked in Washington for over 20 years, and began his public policy work in the energy arena, which continued through 2003. Mr. Schmid is co-convener of AIDS In America, a coalition of national AIDS organizations that focus on federal HIV policy; co-chair of the AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition; a Convening Group member of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership, and co-chair of an HIV Testing Reimbursement Work Group. He is a former chair of the HIV Prevention Action Coalition and the Ryan White Reauthorization Work Group. He remains active in those coalitions along with others that advocate for Medicaid, Medicare, and Healthcare Reform; the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), and Hepatitis issues. He was a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS from 2007 to 2009, and Chaired its Domestic Subcommittee. In 2010 he was named by POZ Magazine as one of the 100 most effective AIDS fighters in the nation and was recently named by Whitman Walker Health as one of the 25 individuals who have played prominent roles in the fight against HIV/AIDS in DC over the past 25 years. Mr. Schmid earned a B.A. in Public Affairs and a M.B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

BRITTEN PUND: Manager, Health Care Access Program, National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, Washington, D.C., Britten Pund is the Manager of the Care and Treatment Program at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). Before joining NASTAD in 2006, Ms. Pund received her degree in Human Services. While an undergraduate, Ms. Pund garnered research experience through independent research related to the perceptions of HIV-related stigma and discrimination among infected adults. Since joining NASTAD, Ms. Pund has provided

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assistance in the research and production of the National ADAP Monitoring Project, facilitated in the collection of information regarding Medicare Part D and its impact on ADAPs, and assisted with development of TA issue briefs focusing on cost-containment and cost-effectiveness measures for states. Ms. Pund manages NASTAD’s collection and analysis of ADAP waiting lists and implemented and anticipated cost-containment measures.

JEFF BERRY: Editor of Positively Aware Magazine, Director of Publications, Test Positive Aware Network, Chicago, IL. Jeff Berry has been with Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) and Positively Aware magazine since 1992, and since then has been closely involved with the production, graphic design, editing, advertising and distribution of Positively Aware, a well-respected national HIV/AIDS treatment publication. He stepped up as interim editor of Positively Aware in September 2004, and has served as Editor and Director of Publications since April 2005. Berry has written for a number of publications and websites, including Positively Aware, positivelyaware.com and TheBody.com; was a contributing author for the book Out and Proud in Chicago; and has appeared on Sirius Radio’s OutQ in the Morning and Morning Jolt with Larry Flick, and The Michelangelo Signorile Show. He is an active member of the Fair Pricing Coalition and the AIDS Treatment Activist’s Coalition (ATAC), and is currently a member of ATAC’s Drug Development Committee (DDC). Berry serves on the Host Steering Committee for the 2011 United States Conference on AIDS, and is co-chair of the Media Committee. He was the first ever recipient of the TPAN Award of Excellence in 2003, and was awarded the Chicago Area HIV/AIDS Caucus (EASE) Long Term Survivor Award in 2006. Berry resides in Chicago, Illinois.