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# USCA Institute Health Reform for People with HIV/AIDS

## Speaker Biographies

### **JULIE CROSS: Health and Disability Benefits Consultant, Los Angeles, CA.**

Julie Cross is a nationally recognized expert in areas related to HIV health and disability benefits. She currently works as an HIV health and disability policy consultant providing policy analysis, technical assistance and training to individuals, community providers and government agencies. Prior to establishing her consulting practice, Julie was the statewide Public Benefits Consultant to the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS. In this position, Julie provided benefits-related technical assistance and training to AIDS Service Providers throughout California. In addition, she worked closely with state government officials to help shape HIV related policy relating to Medi-Cal, Medicare, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, health care reform initiatives and other insurance programs utilized by persons with HIV/AIDS. Julie possesses over 19 years experience in the area of disability and public health programs.

### **JEFFREY CROWLEY: Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy, Washington, DC.**

Jeffrey Crowley is the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy at the White House. In these roles, he is the President's lead advisor on HIV/AIDS policy and he is responsible for coordinating disability and health policy issues for the Domestic Policy Council. From 2000-2009, Mr. Crowley was a Senior Research Scholar at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute and a Senior Scholar at the University's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. His primary areas of focus involved Medicaid and Medicare policy issues as they impact people with disabilities and chronic conditions, including people with HIV/AIDS. Prior to this, he served as the Deputy Executive Director for Programs at the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), overseeing the organization's public education, community development, and training activities. He is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, having served in Swaziland from 1989-1991, and is a member of the National Academy for Social Insurance (NASI).

### **ANNE DONNELLY: Health Care Policy Director, Project Inform, San Francisco, CA.**

Anne Donnelly is the Health Care Policy Director at Project Inform. She has acted in this capacity since 2006, before which she was the Public Policy Director at Project Inform for 13 years. She is responsible for ensuring that health care legislation, funding, program policies and reform at the Federal and California state level reflect the needs of people living with HIV. She works to ensure that people with HIV can access affordable, comprehensive and quality care and treatment, with a strong focus on the most vulnerable in the epidemic. She also participates in community organizing efforts, enabling people affected by HIV to have a voice in

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the policies that affect their lives. In addition she works to educate providers and people with HIV about complex health care systems, how to navigate them and access health care benefits. Prior to joining Project Inform, she worked in a variety of non-profit and for profit organizations and has volunteered for many years in education reform efforts. Ms. Donnelly has worked in the health policy field for more than 17 years, in the HIV field for more than 20 years and has a Master's degree in Psychology, with a focus in Organizational Behavior.

**ARNIE DOYLE: Senior Director, Professional Affairs, Tibotec Therapeutics, Bridgewater, NJ.**

Arnold Doyle is currently a director in the Tibotec Therapeutics' Professional Affairs (PA) department. Since he joined Tibotec in August 2006, he has worked in partnership with his colleagues in Tibotec PA to actively partner with national, regional and local HIV/AIDS patient advocacy, policy, provider and public health organizations, with a particular emphasis on working collaboratively with national groups on HIV policy issues. Arnie also serves as a liaison between Tibotec Therapeutics and the federal and state government affairs and policy groups of its parent company, Johnson & Johnson. Prior to joining Tibotec Therapeutics, Arnie worked as a policy director for Roche from June 2002 to September 2006, where he led the U.S. pharmaceutical company's federal policy efforts in the HIV and hepatitis C therapeutic areas, also focusing on engagement with external HIV and HCV community, public health and provider partners. Before joining Roche he worked as the Director of Care and Treatment Programs at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) from September 1996 to June 2002. Prior to that, he restructured and then managed the District of Columbia's ADAP during his tenure with the DC CARE Consortium. Arnie began his work in HIV/AIDS in early 1987, when he worked for five years as an office manager for one of the first AIDS clinical practices in Washington, DC. Arnie received his MSW with honors from Gallaudet University and his BA from Millersville University in Pennsylvania in 1985.

**ROBERT GREENWALD: Director, Treatment Access Expansion Project, Boston, MA.**

Robert Greenwald has over twenty years experience in the fields of health, public health and HIV law and policy. Robert has taught at Harvard Law School since 1989. He is the Managing Director of the Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School and the Director of the Center's Health Law and Policy Clinic. Robert oversees the work of Harvard Law clinical staff and students engaged in direct legal services to people living with HIV and AIDS in the areas of health, family, employment, consumer, insurance, disability and estate planning law. Robert and his staff also are actively engaged in state and national research, policy development and advocacy on HIV and health law and policy initiatives. Since 1998, Robert has served as the Director of the Treatment Access Expansion Project, working on the national and state levels to improve access to early and comprehensive treatment for people living with HIV and AIDS. Robert is currently serving as co-chair of the HIV Health Care Access Working Group and as a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

**SHEILA MCCARTHY, Policy Director, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Rockville, MD.**

Sheila McCarthy is a Nurse Practitioner who has been working in the federal HIV/AIDS program since 1988 beginning with the AIDS Service Demonstration program and the initial implementation of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program legislation. She is a former World Health Organization Fellow and has extensive management experience with Part A/Part B grantees and setting up comprehensive, high quality health care delivery systems. Sheila has been the Policy Director in the HIV/AIDS Bureau for the past three years.

**EMILY MCCLOSKEY: Public Policy Associate, The AIDS Institute, Washington, DC.**

Emily McCloskey is the Public Policy Associate for The AIDS Institute, a national nonprofit public policy research, advocacy, and education organization located in Washington, DC. Prior to joining The AIDS Institute in 2009, she worked in Congressman John Olver's office (MA-01). In addition, to her federal legislative experience, she has also been actively involved in both state and local politics. Emily is a graduate of Ursinus College.

**DR. ALICE THORNTON: Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.**

Dr. Thornton is an infectious diseases specialist in the UK Chandler Medical Center and Associate Professor of Medicine in the UK Medical Center. Her special interests are STDs, HIV/AIDS and immunocompromised patients. She is also the Program Director for the Ryan White Part B, C and D and Kentucky AETC programs at the UK Chandler Medical Center.

**JOEY WYNN: Director of Public Policy, Broward House, Fort Lauderdale, FL.**

Joey Wynn is a person living with HIV for over 23 years. He has made a career in advocacy, public policy and working in a variety of public health settings over the course of 20 years in the state of Florida. In 1994, he was involved in the start up of the 1st Ryan White Outpatient HIV Special Immunology Services (SIS) Dept. at Mercy Hospital in Miami, FL. In 1996 he joined Florida AIDS Action and then served for 5 years as the Ryan White Patient Care Administrator for the Broward County Health Department's AIDS Program office, overseeing provision of \$20 million of HIV services for two clinics four pharmacies and seven subcontractor agencies throughout Broward County. Since then, he worked in the Statewide Medicaid HIV Disease management program, Positive Healthcare, as the statewide Community Relations Director. Currently at Broward House for the past 3 years, providing the entire spectrum of housing services, primary medical care, substance abuse rehabilitation, mental health, and social services for people living with HIV. He served 14 years as a member of the Florida AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) workgroup, and now serves on the Board of Directors for the National ADAP Advocacy Association (aaa+) in Washington DC.

**CARL SCHMID: Deputy Executive Director, The AIDS Institute, Washington, DC. (moderator)**

Carl Schmid was named Deputy Executive Director of The AIDS Institute in June, 2009. Prior to that he served as the organization'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-convenor of AIDS In America, a coalition of national AIDS organizations; co-chair of the AIDS community's HIV Prevention Action Coalition; and former co-chair of the AIDS Budget and Appropriations 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), HIV testing and Hepatitis issues. Mr. Schmid currently serves as a member of the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health's Alliance for Research Progress. He was a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS from 2007 to 2009, and Chaired its Domestic Subcommittee. 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.

**MICHAEL RUPPAL: Executive Director, The AIDS Institute, Washington, DC and Tampa, FL.**

Michael Ruppal has been with The AIDS Institute since 2002. For the past 15 years, he has been providing HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis and related healthcare advocacy and support services in various capacities. Prior to his experience in the non-profit field he worked as a real estate lender for Barnett Banks of Florida, founded and owned a real estate sales company and a real estate development/construction company in Tampa Bay Florida. As a licensed real estate broker, mortgage broker and residential contractor, Michael has an extensive background in financial and business management and program and project development. Since transitioning into working with HIV/AIDS service organizations he has developed, managed and supervised, outreach programs, case management, food service programs, comprehensive financial assistance services, direct housing and housing assistance programs, volunteer programs, special events and fundraising services, community planning, public policy research, advocacy, capacity building assistance programs and training. Currently he oversees all operations for The AIDS Institute and its national board of directors and two offices in Washington, DC and Tampa, FL.