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# USCA Workshop Paying for Routine HIV Testing

## Speaker Biographies

**HOLLY KILNESS: Director of Public Policy, American Academy of HIV Medicine, Washington, DC**

Holly A. Kilness is the Director of Public Policy for the American Academy of HIV Medicine. She received her B.A. in Government from Oral Roberts University, and an M.A. in Political Management from the George Washington University. Previously, Holly worked in the Office of the Minority Whip at the New Mexico State Legislature, and then on Capitol Hill as legislative staff for two Members of Congress. Immediately prior to her current position, Holly served for three years as a political appointee at the Department of Health and Human Services, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation.

**KALI LINDSEY: Senior Director for Federal Policy, Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc., New York, NY**

Kali Lindsey joined Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc. as Senior Director for Federal Policy in November 2009. Lindsey works on federal domestic issues dealing with HIV/AIDS and homelessness, with a particular focus on Black and Latino gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (MSM). Prior to joining Harlem United's administrative team, Lindsey worked with Porter Novelli where he managed a social marketing campaign with the goal of increased HIV testing among young African-American gay and bisexual men. Prior to that Mr. Lindsey served as the Vice President for Federal Government Affairs with the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) just outside of Washington, D.C., where he developed policy positions and worked with national coalitions on Ryan White reauthorization, appropriations, and meaningful involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in community priority setting and resource allocation planning. Lindsey has spearheaded large statewide initiatives and mobilized and trained PLWHAs to participate in federal advocacy events. While at NAPWA, Lindsey co-convoked AIDS Watch in 2008 and 2009 with Robert Greenwald of the Treatment Access Expansion Project (TAEP). He has also served as a Regional Field Organizer for the Human Rights Campaign. Kali began his HIV/AIDS career in 2003 as an HIV counselor in Detroit, Michigan shortly after learning of his own HIV diagnosis.

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**CARL SCHMID: Deputy Executive Director, The AIDS Institute, Washington, DC**

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.