

Speaker Biographies

National ADAP Monitoring Report

M. Danielle Davis, MSW, serves as Care and Treatment Program Manager for the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). Founded in 1992, NASTAD is a non-profit national association of state health department HIV/AIDS program directors who have programmatic responsibility for administering HIV/AIDS health care, prevention, education, and supportive services programs funded by state and federal governments. As Care and Treatment Program Manager, Davis produces the Annual ADAP Monitoring Report and works closely with state/ territorial AIDS directors and ADAP coordinators, federal agencies and national partners to monitor and document ADAP fiscal and programmatic activities.

Prior to coming to NASTAD, Davis worked as Policy Analyst for the National Mental Health Association's Health Care Reform Program, where she provided technical assistance on mental health policy issues and led the organization's work on State Children's Health Insurance Program. She also played a leading role in the organization's efforts to integrate HIV prevention into mental health care settings, as well as working with consumer-run organizations to promote diversity and cultural competence. Davis earned a Masters degree in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, and a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Jennifer Kates, M.A., M.P.A., is Director, HIV Policy, The Kaiser Family Foundation, where she directs the Foundation's HIV-related policy projects, conducts policy research and analysis, and provides HIV/AIDS expertise to the Foundation's public health information campaigns and media partnerships, including the Foundation's new partnership with Viacom, and to numerous external stakeholders including the media, policymakers, and community members. Her work focuses on both domestic and global HIV/AIDS policy issues, including issues of health care coverage, financing, access to care, and prevention, particularly for those increasingly affected by the epidemic, and analysis of global and domestic spending on HIV/AIDS. She manages the Foundation's ongoing Capitol Hill Briefing Series on HIV/AIDS, as well as its National HIV/AIDS Policy Initiative, a joint initiative of the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Ms. Kates was a Senior Associate with The Lewin Group, where she focused on HIV/AIDS policy, strategic planning/health systems analysis, and health care for vulnerable populations. She provided consulting services to clients such as 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, where she was also the Coordinator of the University's Alcohol and Other Drugs Peer Education Program. She has been involved in HIV/AIDS issues at the community and national levels for more than a decade. Ms. Kates 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.

Michael Montgomery is the Chief of the California Department of Health Services Office of AIDS. Initially arriving at the Office of AIDS as a housing specialist with responsibility for the state administered HOPWA program, Michael subsequently served as director of California's ADAP and RWCA Title II programs. Michael was appointed as Chief of the Office of AIDS in February 2001. After graduating from University of California, Davis in 1967, Michael completed a Masters Degree in counseling psychology at University of Washington. Following graduate school Michael served as clinical supervisor of a Seattle-based gay and lesbian mental health clinic, the first of its kind in the country.

Murray Penner, BSW, is the Director of Care and Treatment Programs at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). NASTAD is a non-profit national association of state HIV/AIDS directors who have programmatic responsibility for administering HIV/AIDS health care, prevention, education, and supportive services funded by state and federal governments. Murray's primary responsibilities include oversight of the Care and Treatment program at NASTAD, including a Cooperative Agreement with HRSA for training and technical assistance as well as NASTAD's National ADAP Monitoring and Technical Assistance program. Murray joined NASTAD in June 2001 as Care and Treatment Program Manager and became Director of the program in August 2002.

Murray's background includes service as the staff coordinator of the Fort Worth, Texas, Title I and II planning bodies for nearly five years. In addition, he has extensive volunteer service in HIV prevention and care community planning and has a strong personal interest in helping to ensure adequate care services for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Murray holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work with a Minor in Psychology from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas.

Ray Moore lives in Granbury, Texas, and has been an active member of the HIV Prevention Planning Group and HIV Services Planning Council in the North Central Texas area since 1999. Ray also is an active volunteer with local HIV/AIDS service organizations in the Fort Worth area as well as the AIDS Coalition of Texas NOW! (ACT NOW!), which has organized HIV-positive people throughout Texas to mobilize forces to ensure that the Texas Department of Health's ADAP program continues to provide life saving medications to all Texan's with HIV. Ray is 55 year old, gay, and was diagnosed with AIDS in 1997. Ray has been enrolled in, and received medications from, the Texas ADAP program since 1997.

Stephen G. Sherman currently serves as the AIDS Policy Coordinator and Coordinator of NC's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) with the HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch of the Division of Public Health. He completed his Bachelor's degree at Bates College as a pre-med student in 1971, and with an HEW fellowship, completed a Master's degree in Environmental and Community Health in 1974. While studying at the Institute of Health Sciences of Hunter College, City University of New York, Steve got involved in community education and development in East Harlem. He helped envision and establish the East Harlem Experimental and Bilingual Institute, and later worked at and served on the Boards of Directors of several community agencies involved in health (an HEW-funded neighborhood health center) and housing (a \$50 million development and rehabilitation project sponsored by HUD) and community development. Much of his understanding of and appreciation for the strengths of and issues related to communities and their multi-cultural populations grew out of these East Harlem experiences.

In 1977, Steve received a PHS fellowship to pursue a doctorate in health policy and administration at the School of Public Health in Chapel Hill, NC. Steve accepted a position with the NC Division of Health Services as the Chief of the Health Care Section in 1982, and has worked with the State Health Department in several different positions since then. He has been particularly involved in and responsible for programs that deliver health care and support services to low-income and "at risk" populations.