



The Role & Impact of the CDC & its Grantees in Ending HIV in the U.S.

Speaker Biographies

Robyn Neblett Fanfair, MD, MPH (CAPT, USPHS), Director of the Division of HIV Prevention (DHP), National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), CDC. Dr. Neblett Fanfair has led the Division as the Acting Director since August 2022. She began her career as a HIV prevention researcher, clinician, and public health practitioner in Baltimore. She conducted research in sexual networks and HIV and aging as a clinical research track fellow in the Johns Hopkins Division of General Internal Medicine. She served as a primary care provider for people with HIV at the Moore Clinic Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Neblett Fanfair joined the Baltimore City Department of Health as the Medical Director for the Druid Sexual Health Clinic. She joined CDC in 2010 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases, Mycotic Diseases Branch. In 2012, Dr. Fanfair joined NCHHSTP as a Medical Epidemiologist in the Division of STD Prevention where she worked on projects focused on syphilis, mycoplasma, and herpes. In 2015 she joined DHP as a Medical Epidemiologist to lead a randomized controlled trial assessing a collaborative data-to-care model to improve HIV care continuum outcomes. In 2018, she became Team Lead of the DHP Treatment Research Team. In this role, Dr. Neblett Fanfair led research activities to enhance engagement and retention in HIV care, increase viral suppression, and improve equity in health and life for persons with HIV. She also led the division's Treatment pillar workgroup in support of the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. initiative (EHE). In November 2021, Dr. Neblett Fanfair was selected as the Principal Deputy Director of DHP and in August 2022 became the Acting Division Director. She received her bachelor's degree from Brown University, her Doctor of Medicine from the New York University School of Medicine, and her master's in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She trained in Internal Medicine at Cornell-New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Clover Barnes, RN, BSN, MBA, Sr. Deputy Director of the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration, District of Columbia is a nurse executive with over twenty years of combined experience in healthcare and public health. A champion for health equity, diversity, and inclusion, Ms. Barnes has a demonstrated track record of engaging staff and facilitating change while promoting an organizational culture that supports innovation, collaboration, and data driven decision-making. For the past seven years, Ms. Barnes served as the Bureau Chief of the Care and Treatment Division of HAHSTA, where she provided excellent leadership and administrative oversight of the Ryan White Program and DC Health's Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiatives. Prior to joining DC Health, Ms. Barnes served in a myriad of healthcare/nursing positions in her career including serving as Staff/Charge nurse, Clinic Coordinator, Nursing Manager, Ambulatory Manager, and Chief Operating Officer at a Federally Qualified Health Center. Ms. Barnes received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a Master of Business Administration from University of Phoenix in Phoenix, Arizona. Ms. Barnes has a passion for working with the underserved and invests her time and energy in improving the community in which she lives.

Juan Carlos Loubriel, Sr. Director of Community Health and Wellness, Whitman Walker, has contributed a great deal to HIV prevention and care since 2000 in Washington, DC, as well as his homeland of Puerto Rico. He is currently Whitman-Walker Health's Senior Director of Community Health and Wellness where he has general oversight of prevention and education activities including mobile and clinic-based HIV/STI counseling, testing, education initiatives and outreach. Juan Carlos also has direct oversight of PrEP Navigation, the PrEP Clinic, and Wellness Programs that include Nutrition and Acupuncture services. As such, he has forged new partnerships with LGBTQIA-oriented businesses and community organizations in the DMV area. While a college student in Puerto Rico, Juan Carlos took care of his father, who was bisexual and diagnosed with AIDS. Juan Carlos quickly came face-to-face with stigma, and he has spent much of his adult life trying to combat it. During this difficult period and continuing after his father's death, Juan Carlos worked for a government program in Puerto Rico that offered HIV/AIDS counseling, testing, and education to LGBTQIA individuals. He then moved to Washington, DC and began working at WWH as a health manager and a testing counselor for several years while also volunteering with various organizations conducting outreach. In 2017, Juan Carlos received a Capital Pride Heroes award by Capital Pride Alliance designated for those individuals who have furthered causes important to DC's LGBTQIA community. In 2018, he was recognized as one of the top minority business leaders by the Washington Business Journal. Juan Carlos is a health advocate not only for WWH patients, but for DC's LGBTQIA community as well.

Carl Schmid, Executive Director, HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute (*moderator*), has been a national policy and advocacy leader in the HIV community for over 25 years. He spent 16 years with The AIDS Institute, serving as its Deputy Executive Director. In December 2019, he formed the HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute, which promotes quality and affordable healthcare for people living with or at risk of HIV, hepatitis, and other serious and chronic health conditions. Mr. Schmid leads advocacy efforts to ensure domestic HIV and hepatitis programs are based on sound public policy and fully funded. He has expertise in healthcare financing systems, including Medicaid and Medicare, and leads efforts to ensure that the Affordable Care Act meets the needs of beneficiaries, including prescription medications. From December 2018 to August 2021 he served as Co-Chair of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) and Co-Chaired its Ending the HIV Epidemic Subcommittee through June 2023. He currently serves as a consumer representative to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, a member of the NAIC/Consumer Participation Board of Trustees, and Chair of the Leadership Advisory Council for the U.S. Business Action to End HIV. He is a cancer survivor and living with chronic hepatitis B. Mr. Schmid earned a B.A. in Public Affairs and an M.B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

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