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**HIV TESTING &
INFORMED CONSENT**
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Tuesday, March 23, 2010
3 pm

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New York Community Trust
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Queens Board Room - 22nd Floor
New York, New York

Agenda

3:00 - 3:05 pm: Welcome & Introductions

3:05 - 3:20 pm: NY State HIV Testing Legislation

Tracie Gardner, Legal Action Center (LAC), will provide an overview of the NYS HIV Testing and Confidentiality Law, and review current proposed changes to the law. In 1988 LAC played a leading role in drafting (at the request of the legislative sponsors) and winning enactment of New York's law that stringently protects the privacy of HIV-related information and promotes voluntary, consensual HIV testing.

3:20 - 4:20 pm: The Community's Response

This moderated discussion will review the current epidemic in New York City and a sampling of responses from leading community stakeholders on expanding HIV testing with and without written, informed consent.

Moderator:

Dr. Benjamin Tsoi (New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene)

Panelists:

Catherine Hanssens (Center for HIV Law & Policy)

Patrick J. McGovern (Harlem United)

Dr. Victoria L. Sharp (Center for Comprehensive Care, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital)

4:20 - 5:00: Funder Q&A

Presenter Bios

Tracie Gardner | Legal Action Center

Tracie Gardner joined the Legal Action Center in October of 2000 as Director of New York State Policy. She coordinates the Center's policy work on issues relating to HIV/AIDS, criminal justice, and alcohol and drug dependence and abuse in New York State. Prior to joining LAC, Ms. Gardner was a project manager at the Hudson Planning Group, a technical assistance provider to community-based, non-profit organizations. Previously, Ms. Gardner was the Director of Public Policy and Collaborative Development for the Harlem Director's Group, an Upper Manhattan advocacy organization. She has been working in various capacities of AIDS policy and advocacy since 1987. Ms. Gardner is a graduate of Mount Holyoke.

Catherine Hanssens | Center for HIV Law & Policy

Catherine Hanssens, Executive Director and founder of the Center for HIV Law and Policy, has been active in HIV legal and policy issues since 1984. Previously, as AIDS Project Director at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund for eight years, Hanssens led the development of Lambda's HIV litigation and policy work, and was lead attorney on all of Lambda's briefing on U.S. Supreme Court cases affecting the Americans with Disabilities Act and people with HIV. Hanssens also worked with the AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania, where she created and managed a model on-site HIV legal assistance program in Philadelphia-area hospitals and clinics. While working for the New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate in the 1980's, she successfully litigated the state's first case addressing involuntary HIV testing, a system-wide challenge to segregation and treatment of prisoners with HIV, and the only federal appeals court decision recognizing the right of incarcerated women to funded elective abortions. She also has been a visiting clinical professor at Rutgers University Law School-Newark.

Patrick J. McGovern | Harlem United

The Chief Executive Officer and President of Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc. and its affiliates since 1999, Mr. Patrick J. McGovern has been a leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS for the past twenty years. From setting new standards in program management and evaluation to taking on policy challenges, Mr. McGovern's impact on the HIV/AIDS community has been notable and lasting. Under Mr. McGovern's leadership, Harlem United has undergone dramatic financial, programmatic and management improvements. The agency's combined FY 2009 operating revenue of \$35 million represents a more than eightfold increase over their 1999 operating budget of \$4 million. Patrick has evolved Harlem United into a comprehensive service organization that efficiently utilizes funding from city, state and federal agencies. He has led a major investment in program evaluation and outcomes assessment as a primary management tool at Harlem United. His Management Triad® is integral to the evaluation process and has been disseminated to other non-profits, health policy-makers, and experts. Harlem United's vanguard commitment to evaluating program outcomes and health impacts is something Mr. McGovern views as essential to best serving clients, the community, and funders.

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Mr. McGovern is also the Treasurer of the AIDS Day Services Association, a consortium of adult day health care centers. He is past Community Co-Chair and Finance Chair of the HIV Planning Council of New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) and is also a member of the NYCDOHMH Advisory Board. Prior to joining Harlem United in 1999, Mr. McGovern was the Chief Operating Officer of Housing Works, Inc.

Dr. Victoria L. Sharp | Center for Comprehensive Care, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center

Nancy Bernstine Dr. Victoria Sharp is the Director of the Center for Comprehensive Care (CCC) of St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. The CCC is one of the largest HIV treatment centers in the country. Dr. Sharp received her bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and her medical degree from the University of Brussels, Belgium. She completed her residency training in Internal Medicine at Albany Medical center. Dr. Sharp has an academic appointment at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and has nearly thirty years experience in HIV clinical care and program management. In her professional and philanthropic pursuits she has placed a special focus on the care and treatment of HIV positive patients, with an emphasis on those populations who are marginalized and disenfranchised, including the poor, minorities and incarcerated persons. Early in her career she treated HIV positive prisoners and has a long history of advocacy on behalf of inmates with HIV. This work continues under her direction at the CCC where large numbers of formerly-incarcerated HIV positive patients are in care. Dr. Sharp has been the Director of the CCC since 1997. Under her leadership the CCC has grown and expanded to meet the changing needs of people and communities affected by HIV and AIDS. Dr. Sharp is the Principal Investigator of many state and national grant-funded initiatives to advance highest quality health care for the most marginalized populations. Dr. Sharp has been a member of the Board of Directors of the health and human rights organization, HealthRight (formerly Doctors of the World, USA) since 1993. She has been one of HealthRight's most dedicated volunteers with missions to Guantanamo (on behalf of Haitian refugees), to Macedonia (Kosovo crisis), to Thailand (health care for Burmese migrants), to Russia (street children), to Kosovo (TB, women's health, children with special needs), to Sri Lanka (health services for tsunami survivors) and, most recently, to Kenya, where she served as the principal advisor for HealthRight's HIV treatment initiative. Initially serving as Board Chair, Dr. Sharp serves presently as President of the Board of HealthRight. Dr. Sharp has served as a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on AIDS, under President Clinton, and as the Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee of the NYS AIDS Advisory Council. She recently completed a term as Chair of the Physicians Advisory Committee of the AIDS Institute.

Dr. Benjamin Tsoi | New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, HIV Testing Unit (Moderator)

Dr. Tsoi joined the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) in 2006 and currently serves as the Director of HIV Testing in the Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control. Prior to this position, he worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer in NYC DOHMH.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Tsoi received his degree in Medicine from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and his master's degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. He completed specialty training in Family Medicine at the University of Minnesota. Following residency, he worked for five years in the Indian Health Service in the Navajo Nation at Shiprock, NM.

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