



FHI360
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Monday, 9 December
Afternoon Institutes – Track A
Location: Vista Room

1. Into the Future of Needle Exchange: One Program, Geographically Distributed

2:15 – 3:30 PM

Overall, HIV incidence in San Francisco declined threefold among Injection Drug Users (IDUs) between the late 1980s and late 1990s, largely due to clean syringes made widely available in the form of needle exchange. The fact that non-MSM IDUs in San Francisco make up approximately 7% of new infections compared with 12% nationally is evidence of the successful local strategy of needle exchange. An additional data point that highlights the successful work of our needle exchange programs is the fact that the estimated HIV incidence rate for MSM-IDUs decreased from 4.6 to 2.5 between 2001 and 2006.

In early 2010, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) convened a meeting of syringe providers at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The Department wanted to create a collaborative that would reduce their administrative burden and be more cost efficient. There was considerable resistance by the smaller providers to the SFDPH suggestion that they come under the umbrella of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. A series of operational decisions were made by senior leadership that addressed these concerns and successfully led to the creation of a multi-faceted collaborative called, Syringe Access Collaborative. This new entity both reduced the funder's monitoring expenses as well as created the opportunity to design a program that more effectively met the needs of a culturally diverse and geographically dispersed IDU population.

Key Session Objectives:

1. To educate funders and conference participants regarding the state of needle exchange programs in the U.S.
2. To provide funders and their potential grantees a blueprint that outlines the process for the design and implementation of a multi-faceted needle exchange collaborative.
3. To identify potential partners and policies that will assist in creating the legal and political environment conducive for needle exchange program expansion.

Moderator and Panelists:

1. **Ernest Hopkins** manages and oversees the federal, state and local legislative, policy, budget and appropriations priorities of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation since 1997; first as the Director of Federal Affairs, and now as Legislative Director.
2. **Cyndee Clay**, Executive Director of HIPS, has advocated for, by and with individuals engaged in sex work or sex for gain since 1995, She has developed harm reduction based programs and provided technical assistance and training for medical and social service providers both in the U.S. and international on topics including HIV prevention.
3. **Kyriell Noon**, as Director of Prevention Services, oversees all HIV prevention education and outreach services at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Noon is a Harvard scholar-activist who had been serving as the STOP-AIDS Project's Executive Director for three years prior to the two organizations' merger in 2011.
4. **(Moderator) Neil Giuliano** was appointed CEO of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation in December 2010, bringing over three decades of executive leadership experience to the foundation.

2. The Stigma Action Network: Working to Reduce HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination Globally

3:45 – 5:00 PM

This interactive session, proposed by the Stigma Action Network (SAN), ViiV Healthcare, and the International AIDS Society (IAS), will discuss challenges posed by HIV stigma and discrimination and efforts the SAN is leading to overcome them. Despite more than a decade of evidence and increasing efforts to reduce stigma, it continues to be a neglected issue. Recent shifts in the global AIDS response towards biomedical prevention will require acceptance and uptake of approaches, like universal testing and treatment, at the population-level. Given this, the identification and scale-up of effective interventions to reduce stigma and discrimination that can be integrated into national responses is crucial to the success of the global AIDS response.

Panelists will discuss existing evidence on HIV stigma reduction, the intersecting stigmas faced by young women, older people living with HIV, men who have sex with men, and drug users, and how the SAN is responding to facilitate global stigma reduction efforts around these key populations.

Key Session Objectives:

1. Participants will understand what the SAN is and why it's important in the reduction of HIV stigma and discrimination
2. Participants will have a clear understanding of the specific stigma concerns of key populations and how the SAN is working to address these issues
3. Participants will be able to identify specific ways in which they can engage with the SAN to contribute to global stigma reduction.

Moderator and Panelists:

1. **Anne Stangl** is a Senior Behavioral Scientist at the International Center for Research on Women, and is the Stigma Action Network Secretariat Director. For the past decade she has been actively engaged in the study of human rights and stigma as they apply to the public health of women and girls.
2. **Anna E. Fowlkes** is an HIV/AIDS prevention advocate, activist, and spokesperson promoting HIV/AIDS education, awareness, testing and safer sex practices for sexually active persons, regardless of age. She currently serves as a Peer Navigator at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
3. **Laura Nyblade**, Senior Technical Advisor on stigma and discrimination for RTI's Global Health Division and the Health Policy Project, is a global expert on HIV and related stigma and discrimination with more than 15 years of experience in HIV/AIDS research and program evaluation

throughout sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and South and Southeast Asia. Previously, as the Director of Stigma, Discrimination, and Gender at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), Dr. Nyblade built and led a program on stigma and discrimination that conducted pioneering research to support policies, programs, and funding decisions. Her work has included close collaboration with civil society and governments throughout Africa, Asia and the Caribbean to design and roll out evidence-based stigma reduction programs, develop innovative tools for engaging different audiences, develop and validate stigma measures, and support improvements in policies. She is a member of the Stigma Action Network's steering committee. She holds a Ph.D. in demography from the University of Pennsylvania.

4. **Narelle Ellendon** oversees and coordinates Harm Reduction Coalition efforts to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to support the establishment of new syringe access programs and the expansion and enhancement of existing programs throughout the US. In her previous role as Director of the Hepatitis C Harm Reduction Project, she worked closely with New York City syringe access programs training staff and participants and advocating for policies and resources to facilitate improved access to Hepatitis C related health services. A native of Australia, Ms. Ellendon brought extensive experience as an outreach community health nurse with the homeless, drug-using populations and as a registered nurse within correctional facilities.
5. **(Moderator) Bertrand Audoin**, has been Executive Director of the International AIDS Society (IAS) since February 2011. He has been working in the HIV field for almost 20 years, and first became involved in the response to the epidemic at the grassroots level in the early 1990s. Immediately before joining IAS, Bertrand was based in Paris for 15 years as the General Director of Sidaction, a leading French HIV/AIDS NGO.

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Location: Academy Hall

1. HIV Criminalization: Legal Landscape, Cutting Edge Issues and Grantmaking Strategies

2:15 – 3:30 PM

In the U.S., 34 states and territories have laws that explicitly criminalize the consensual sexual and no-risk conduct of individuals based on their HIV status. Rooted in a profound misapprehension of the routes, relative risks and current-day consequences of HIV transmission, these laws – and the application of general criminal laws such as aggravated assault statutes to the consensual sex of people with HIV – have resulted in the imprisonment and mandatory sex offender registration of thousands of people. HIV criminalization is a particularly damaging form of bias, in that it is created, endorsed and enforced by branches of the same government actively promoting HIV testing, treatment and nondiscrimination.

In 2010 FCAA introduced the issue of HIV Criminalization at the Philanthropy Summit with an overview of [criminalization around the globe](#). This session focuses on:

- Summary of the current legal and policy landscape
- The rarely-examined impact of criminalization on individuals, such as sex workers, undocumented immigrants and HIV care providers;
- Recent key legal/legislative and organizing developments, challenges and successful advocacy strategies; and
- Funder approaches to date in supporting anti-criminalization advocacy strategies in the U.S.

Key questions to be explored:

- 1) What is the current nature and extent of HIV criminalization in the US, and who is most affected?
- 2) What are the key positive and negative developments in HIV criminalization in the last year, and what are the leading cutting edge issues?
- 3) Who are the key policy makers at the state and federal level, and what are the most critical policy “pressure points”?
- 4) What approaches are grantmakers exploring in addressing the complex issue of HIV criminal law and policy reform?

Moderator and Panelists:

1. As Staff Attorney at the Center for HIV Law and Policy, **Rashida Richardson, Esq.** coordinates the Positive Justice Project (PJP), a national coalition of people living with/at risk of HIV, and their attorneys, advocates, health care providers, social science professionals, researchers and others working together to modernize HIV criminal laws and policies. Rashida is also the co-chair of PJP's State Advocacy Working Group.
2. **Wendy Armstrong, MD, FIDSA**, is Associate Professor of Medicine (Infectious Disease); Medical Director, Infectious Disease Program at Grady Health System; and Program Director, Infectious Disease Fellowship Training Program at the Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Armstrong is a nationally recognized leader in HIV/AIDS clinical care and infectious disease. She has an active HIV practice and has been the treating physician for multiple individuals threatened with felony prosecution on the basis of their HIV status.
3. **Ivan Espinoza-Madrigal**, Legal Director of the Center for HIV Law and Policy, is a civil rights attorney specializing in the intersection of HIV, LGBT and immigration law.
4. **Michael Horberg, MD, MAS, FACP, FIDSA**, is Executive Director of Research of the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group (MAPMG) and the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Research Institute (MAPRI). Dr. Horberg is one of the primary architects of the final PACHA resolution on the need to address HIV criminalization in the United States, and has been active in HIV clinical care, HIV testing, treatment policy development, and challenging HIV-specific restrictions on organ transplantation for people with HIV.
5. **(Moderator) Richard Burns** is a long-time activist and non-profit management consultant now serving as Interim Executive Director of the Funding Exchange in New York.
6. **Discussants:** Kim Miller, HIV Medicine Association; Deon Haywood, Women with a Vision; and Catherine Hanssens, Center for HIV Law & Policy.

2. The Intersection of LGBTQ & HIV Advocacy & Rights

3:45 – 5:00 PM

The recent escalation of violence targeting LGBT activists and citizens has greatly impacted local organizations around the globe working on the rights and health of LGBT people. A recent [amfAR blog](#) paints a stark portrait of some of these recent events: In Zimbabwe this summer, President Robert Mugabe called for the “chopping off the heads” of LGBT persons. In Cameroon, Eric Lembembe, a key activist, was found tortured and murdered in his home, following a string of arson and vandalism targeting other national and local organizations in Cameroon. In Nigeria, a bill awaiting presidential signature would outlaw all human rights organizations working on LGBT issues. In Uganda, the LGBT community continues to challenge a bill—under discussion in Parliament since 2009—that would punish same-sex sexual activity with life in prison. It formerly called for the death penalty. In Russia, a new law outlaws “propaganda” related to LGBT Rights—greatly curtailing the ability to reach GMT with vital HIV services. In Jamaica, a young transgender woman was murdered a few weeks ago. And in Belize, an organized faith-based campaign is holding mass protests calling for the lynching of an LGBT activist.”

Amplified by a disconnect between the HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ donor worlds, this moderated discussion, proposed by the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, will discuss challenges and opportunities of addressing health and rights of key impacted populations at the intersection of HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ issues.

Moderator and Panelists:

1. **Yves Yomb** is the executive director of Alternatives Cameroon, one of the continent’s leading LGBT rights defenders groups that also is engaged in responding to HIV among LGBT communities in Cameroon. His organization is this year’s international recipient of the Award for Action on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights that is given out annually by the Legal Network and Human Rights Watch: www.aidslaw.ca/awards. Their organization was torched earlier this year in that wave of anti-LGBT violence that followed on from the murder of gay activist Eric Lembembe, but is just the latest manifestation of an ongoing climate of hostility, criminalization and violence. (You can see more about that in some recent HRW reports at <http://www.hrw.org/africa/cameroon>.)
2. **Kent Klindera** is Director, GMT Initiative, amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research. Kent has over 20 years’ experience on global health and human rights programming. His work has focused on various issues, specifically HIV/AIDS, gender, LGBT/MSM health, youth, and behavior change communication. He also has over 15 years of experience building the capacity of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and governments

to advocate for, implement, and sustain effective public health and human rights programming. Kent currently directs the GMT Initiative at amfAR, providing financial and technical support to over 40 LGBT/MSM community-led organizations in the Global South to implement programming to reduce the spread and impact of HIV among these vulnerable populations.

3. **Richard Elliott** is Executive Director of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network. Richard joined the Legal Network staff 14 years ago. Previously, he was a civil litigator in private practice and appeared before all levels of Ontario courts. He has also appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada as co-counsel for the Legal Network as amicus curiae in various cases, including those dealing with the criminalization of HIV. Between 2001 and 2007, he was a member of the Ministerial Council on HIV/AIDS, the expert body advising Canada's federal Minister of Health. He has served as a technical advisor to UNAIDS, was the researcher and rapporteur for the international expert consultation that produced in 2006 the updated International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights issued by UNAIDS and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and was a member of the Technical Advisory Group of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law. He holds an undergraduate degree in economics and philosophy from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, obtained his LL.B. and LL.M. from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University in Toronto and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1997.
4. **Ben Francisco Maulbeck (Moderator)** has more than a decade of experience as a leader for LGBT rights, racial equity and social change. From 2007 through 2012, Maulbeck worked at Hispanics in Philanthropy ("HIP"), most recently serving as Vice President. Prior to his service at HIP, Maulbeck served as the director of programs for the William Way LGBT Community Center and as a program associate at The Philadelphia Foundation. He also has significant experience providing independent consulting services to nonprofits and funders, specializing in grantmaking, fundraising, and organizational development. Maulbeck earned a bachelor of arts at Swarthmore College and a master of public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, where his areas of study included participatory leadership, social marketing, and international political economy. In 2004 he organized and co-chaired the Harvard University LGBT policy and law conference, with the theme "Gay Rights as Human Rights," exploring LGBT rights globally. He lives in Brooklyn with his partner, Hassan El Menyawi, an activist and scholar working on LGBT rights in the Muslim world.