Keynote Luncheon

Throughout the HIV/AIDS epidemic, philanthropy has played a strategic role in the response by fostering innovation, catalyzing a focus on the most marginalized, and fueling advocacy to ensure sound public policies and a dramatic scale up of public investment.

We now have the tools and knowledge to slow the HIV epidemic, but collectively we have not mustered the political will to do so. **Join 150 of your colleagues from leading private and public HIV funding organizations to discuss strategies to reestablish the urgency of funding HIV/AIDS work.**

The opening plenary of the 2015 AIDS Philanthropy Summit will focus on "**Politics & HIV**". You are invited to discuss questions such as:

- Last year in Indiana, an injection-related HIV outbreak was addressed with new policies and new programs that reduced the numbers of infections and reached people with needed services. This was accomplished only through coordinated and collaborative efforts that involved private philanthropy. **What are the lessons for HIV grant makers in other locations where similar HIV outbreaks may occur?**

- Internationally, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) continues to mobilize resources for the fight against HIV in many settings where HIV funding, services and key populations are topics of political debate. Private philanthropy has played an important leadership role in helping to marshal this global public sector response to HIV. **What are the next steps and future directions for HIV philanthropy in relation to international HIV funding, especially where politics pose a challenge to evidence-based programming?**

- In many countries around the world, there has been rapid progress toward the recognition of people’s rights and equality in relation to gender, sexuality, sexual orientation, and gender identity. These are critical positive developments for the larger efficacy of the response to HIV/AIDS. **Are there useful and transferrable lessons learned from philanthropy in other areas, such as from the philanthropic investments that have supported progress toward LGBT equality?**
Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Jerome Adams, State Health Commissioner, Indiana

Dr. Adams was appointed by Governor Mike Pence as the Indiana State Health Commissioner on October 22, 2014. In this role he serves as secretary of Indiana State Department of Health’s executive board, as chairman of the Indiana State Trauma Care Committee and as co-chairman of the Indiana Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative Governing Council. He is also a member of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana, the National Governor’s Association (NGA) Health Workforce Policy Academy Core Team, and the Governor’s Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment and Prevention. Dr. Adams currently serves as assistant professor of clinical anesthesia at Indiana University School of Medicine and as a staff anesthesiologist at Eskenazi Health, where he is chairman of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. He has served in the leadership of several professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, and on the Boards of the Indiana State Medical Association and Indiana Society of Anesthesiologists. He serves as chairman of the Professional Diversity Committee for the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Adams testified about Indiana’s HIV and opioid epidemic before the Congressional Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in Washington, D.C., on May 21, 2015. He earned a BS in biochemistry and a BA in biopsychology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He has been a researcher at medical schools in both the Netherlands and Zimbabwe and has worked under Nobel Prize winner Dr. Tom Cech. He earned his Medical Doctorate at the Indiana University School of Medicine, and his Masters of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley.

Keynote Discussants:

Deb Derrick, President, Friends of the Global Fight

Deb Derrick is a global health thought leader with nearly two decades of policy and international development experience. As President of Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, she leads the organization in educating and engaging U.S. decision makers on the lifesaving work of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. She also serves on the board of the NGO alliance, InterAction. Deb previously served as a Senior Program Officer
at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where she directed approximately $15 million annually in advocacy contracts and grants with the U.S. government and worked on the foundation’s highest-profile global health projects. In this work, she facilitated the foundation’s partnership with the U.S. government to eradicate polio and to fund and strengthen the Global Fund and GAVI (formerly the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation). In addition, she coordinated global health-related visits by the foundation’s leadership and co-chairs to Washington, D.C., and Africa, and worked with Melinda Gates to help build bipartisan support in the U.S. for expanded access to women’s health care. Prior to her work at the Gates Foundation, Deb served as Executive Director of the Better World Campaign, leading efforts to foster a stronger relationship between the U.S. and the United Nations through outreach and advocacy. Earlier in her career, she served as a senior advisor at the UN, at the State Department and on Capitol Hill, where she worked on the House Appropriations and Budget committees, devising strategies to contend with budget constraints. She also worked as a producer at C-SPAN. Deb received her master’s degree in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University and a bachelor’s degree in Economics from Duke University. She has lived, studied and worked in the UK, South Africa, Poland and Canada. She and her family now reside in Arlington, VA.

Paul Di Donato, Director, Civil Marriage Collaborative (a project of Proteus Fund)

Paul Di Donato has been a civil rights and social justice activist and advocate in the areas of LGBT and women’s rights as well as HIV/AIDS and public health issues for over 30 years. Paul is concluding his tenure as the Program Director of the Civil Marriage Collaborative (CMC) - a unique, dynamic and ultimately successful funder collaborative based at the Proteus Fund. The CMC has granted over $21 million in its 11-year existence and provided other forms of support and thought leadership to advance marriage equality throughout the United States – a goal accomplished with victory in June, 2015. Since joining in 2007, Paul has led and coordinated the full range of CMC’s work from strategy development, grantmaking and evaluation to program management, partnership development and funder education. In his private consulting work, Paul has provided research, public policy planning and training, strategic and program planning, executive and board coaching and related organizational development services to grantmakers and nonprofit organizations. Since 2000, Paul has served as a trustee and National Grants Committee member of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS - one of the largest HIV grantmaking organizations in the United States awarding $11 million in grants annually to over 450 organizations across the United States and in South Africa. From 1997 to 2005, Paul was the Executive Director of Funders Concerned About AIDS - the only organization in the United States devoted to mobilizing and enhancing the scope, diversity and effectiveness of foundation and corporate philanthropic resources, ideas and leadership to address and end the domestic and global HIV/AIDS crisis. Paul has also served on the International Committee of the Council on Foundations, the Steering Committee of the European HIV/AIDS Funders Group, the Steering Committee of the Center for
Disease Control’s Business/Labor Responds to AIDS initiative. Paul is also a past co-chair of the National Steering Committee of Philanthropic Affinity Groups. Paul has held other senior positions in the nonprofit sector, including Public Policy Director and Director of Federal Affairs at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Public Policy Director at the AIDS Legal Referral Panel and Executive and Legal Director at National Gay Rights Advocates. Paul began his career as a litigator in private civil rights practice and a lecturer in civil rights law. Paul is an honors graduate of the Harvard Law School and the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in history.

Moderator: Brook Kelly-Green, Program Officer, Ford Foundation

Brook Kelly-Green leads the foundation’s Reducing HIV/AIDS Discrimination and Exclusion initiative. Her grant making supports the rights of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in the United States and globally, with a particular focus on supporting and increasing the strategic advocacy of communities most marginalized by race, gender, sexuality, economics and geography.

Before joining the Ford Foundation in 2013, Brook worked as a human rights and policy advocacy attorney with the U.S. Positive Women’s Network, and later with the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and AIDS United. With a focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights and women living with HIV, she has worked on the forefront of HIV-related legal and policy advocacy, public education and grassroots organizing. Throughout her career, Brook has been a key leader in advancing policy developments related to HIV/AIDS, such as the implementation of the U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and the work of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law.

After completing a clerkship in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Brook began her legal advocacy career as a Ford Foundation Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellow. She earned a juris doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center and a bachelor’s degree in cultural anthropology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).