

New Directions New Jersey: A Public Safety and Health Approach to Drug Policy

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Join Us to Create Safer, Healthier Communities!

Bethany Baptist Church and the Drug Policy Alliance welcome you to New Directions New Jersey, a one-day convening of service providers, policymakers, public safety personnel, and community advocates who will participate in a discussion on integrating public safety and health approaches into drug policy.

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Bethany Baptist Church
275 West Market Street
Newark, New Jersey

Today we will envision a coordinated, comprehensive approach that balances public safety and health. Tomorrow we will work together to create safer, healthier communities, and measure our success by the impact of both drug use and drug policies on the public's health.



Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr.
Pastor
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Ethan Nadelmann
Executive Director
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We are
the **Drug
Policy
Alliance.**

Conference Program

We believe that all our drug policies must continually be examined for both the positive and negative impacts they have on the public's safety and health. We are guided by four principles:

- **The war on drugs has failed and it is time for a new approach to drug policy.**
- **Effective drug policy balances prevention, harm reduction, treatment and public safety.**
- **Alcohol and other drug use is fundamentally a health issue and must be addressed as such.**
- **Drug policies must be based on science, compassion, health and human rights.**

New Directions New Jersey will seek to build the mutual understanding and shared courses of action necessary to advance more effective proposals for addressing substance use and its associated harms. This conversation will be informed by speakers from across the country and around the globe.

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Conference Welcome

- **Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr.**, Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church
- **Ethan Nadelmann**, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Treating Drug Use as a Health Issue

Moderated by Fred D. Mitchell, Regional Development Director, UNCF

The assumption that drug users should be punished by the criminal justice system has guided US drug policies for the past four decades. Our panel of scientific experts and community advocates will explain why treating drug use within the criminal justice system is a misguided approach – and why a health-centered approach will save lives, preserve families and communities, and save taxpayers' dollars.

- **Carl Hart, PhD**, Associate Professor of Psychology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Columbia University; Director, Residential Studies and Methamphetamine Research Laboratories, New York State Psychiatric Institute
- **David L. Nathan, MD**, Clinical Associate Professor, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Director of Continuing Medical Education, Princeton HealthCare System
- **Daliah Heller, PhD, MPH**, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Alcohol & Drug Use Prevention, Care & Treatment, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- **Hiawatha Collins**, Leader, VOCAL-NY Users Union

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 am – 12:30 pm

Reducing Crime and Incarceration

Moderated by Deacon Richard Roper

The US has less than 5 percent of the world's population but we have almost 25 percent of the world's incarcerated population. Has this made our neighborhoods any safer? Panelists will explore innovative ways to reduce crime in communities, and identify techniques for engaging policymakers in rethinking the "tough-on-crime" approaches that have torn apart families and communities.

- **Todd Clear**, Dean, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University
- **Bruce Stout**, Associate Professor of Criminology, The College of New Jersey
- **Garry F. McCarthy**, Police Director, City of Newark
- **David Kennedy**, Director, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- **Cornell William Brooks, Esq.**, Executive Director, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch with Speaker

Michelle Alexander, Esq.

Associate Professor, Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity; Author, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Lessons and Models from Abroad

Moderated by Keith C. Harvest, Esq.,

Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Essex County, NJ

The US war on drugs has been catastrophic on many fronts. In recent years, policymakers outside of the US have devised solutions that resulted in drastic reductions in drug-related violence and problematic drug use. Will the US be courageous enough to follow their lead?

- **Donald MacPherson**, former Drug Policy Coordinator, City of Vancouver
- **Alex Stevens**, Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent, Chatham, UK
- **Nuno Capaz**, Sociologist, Instituto da Droga e da Toxicodpendência, Portugal

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Communities of Color and the War on Drugs

Moderated by asha bande,

Director, Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance

Drug law enforcement and sentencing practices have had profound, disparate impacts on people and communities of color. Panelists will highlight how communities have been impacted and how they are fighting back.

- **Stephanie Bush-Baskette, JD, PhD**, Director, Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, Rutgers University
- **Deborah Peterson Small, Esq.**, Founder and Executive Director, Break the Chains: Communities of Color & the War on Drugs
- **Beny Primm, MD**, Executive Director, Addiction, Research and Treatment Corporation, Brooklyn, New York

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Effectively Addressing Addiction

Moderated by Vivian Sanks-King, Esq.

Drug addiction is a complex and multi-faceted issue. Acknowledging that there is no panacea for addressing the problem of addiction, panelists will discuss cutting edge approaches, barriers to effective treatment, and opportunities to identify and promote best practices and effective models.

- **David Kerr**, Founder and President, Integrity House
- **Robert G. Newman, MD**, Director, Baron Edmond de Rothschild Chemical Dependency Institute, Beth Israel Medical Center, NYC
- **Timothy Christie, PhD**, Regional Director, Ethics Services, Horizon Health Network, Saint John Regional Hospital, Canada
- **Joyce Rivera**, Founder and Executive Director, St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction, NYC

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

- **Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr.**, Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church
- **Ethan Nadelmann**, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance

Biographies

Michelle Alexander is a longtime civil rights advocate and litigator. She won a 2005 Soros Justice Fellowship and now holds a joint appointment at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Mortiz College of Law at Ohio State University. Alexander served for several years as director of the Racial Justice Project at the ACLU of Northern California, and subsequently directed the Civil Rights Clinics at Stanford Law School, where she was an associate professor. Alexander is a former law clerk for Justice Harry Blackmun on the U.S. Supreme Court, and has appeared as a commentator on CNN, MSNBC, and NPR. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* is her first book.

asha bandele joined Drug Policy Alliance in April 2005. She directs the Advocacy Grants program, an initiative that funds organizations dedicated to reforming drug policy through education and activism. A Columbia University Revson Fellow who earned her B.A. at The New School and her M.F.A. at Bennington College, bandele has spent much of her career documenting issues of social concern through her work as journalist. She has published a wide range of articles in outlets as diverse as *The New York Times*, *Family Circle*, *Vibe* and *Essence*, where she was also a senior editor for many years. bandele is the author of five books, including the award-winning memoir, *The Prisoner's Wife*, the award-winning novel, *Daughter*, and most recently, *Something Like Beautiful*, a memoir about raising a child who has an incarcerated parent.

Cornell Brooks previously worked as a Senior Counsel with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), where he worked on legal and policy matters promoting small business and media ownership diversity and also directed the FCC's Office of Communication Business Opportunities. Prior to his FCC service, as a U.S. Department of Justice trial attorney, Mr. Brooks secured the then largest government settlement for victims of housing discrimination based on testing and filed the government's first law suit against a nursing home alleging housing discrimination based

on race. His civil rights experience includes serving as Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington and as trial attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Mr. Brooks earned a Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School, where he served as a Senior Editor of the Yale Law Journal and Member of the Yale Law and Policy Review. As an attorney, activist, congressional candidate, and pastor, Mr. Brooks has spoken before congregations of diverse faiths, as well as the United Nations Sub-Committee on Discrimination, business organizations, bar associations, labor unions, civil rights groups, schools, and colleges in the U.S. and Europe.

Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette received her baccalaureate degree from Cornell University, law degree from American University, and doctorate from Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice. She is currently the director of the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies at Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey. She is also the founder of Sojourn Institute. Prior to beginning an academic and research career, Dr. Bush-Baskette practiced law for several years, was elected to and served in the New Jersey State Legislature, and was a member of the Gubernatorial Cabinet where served as commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. She was the majority whip of the General Assembly, chair of the Assembly's Senior Citizens Committee, vice chair of the Financial Institutions Committee, vice chair of the New Jersey Criminal Justice Commission, and chair of the Commission's Alternatives to Incarceration Committee. Dr. Bush-Baskette resigned from the Legislature during her third term to join the New Jersey Governor's Cabinet as the State Commissioner of Community Affairs. Upon leaving public life, Dr. Bush-Baskette earned her PhD in criminal justice. She then served as senior researcher and director of government relations for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). As current director of the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies at Rutgers University, she connects researchers, citizens, businesses and policymakers to promote informed policy on issues such as urban development, health, housing, education, social justice, criminal justice, children and juveniles, and health. Bush-Baskette is the author of the book, *Misguided Justice: The War on Drugs and the Incarceration of Black Women*.

Nuno Capaz has been working for the Portuguese Ministry of Health's Dissuasion Boards since they were created in 2001. These Boards were created to apply Portugal's groundbreaking law passed in 2000 decriminalizing all drug use. As such, he is a member of an interdisciplinary team that evaluates drug users. He has also been in charge of correspondence with foreign delegations seeking information and research about the Portuguese model for drug policy.

Dr. Timothy Christie is the Regional Director of Ethics Services for Horizon Health Network in New Brunswick. He was formerly the Director of Ethics Services for the Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation and prior to returning to New Brunswick in 2006 he was the Health Care Ethicist for the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. Dr. Christie is a philosopher and an epidemiologist specializing in medical ethics. He earned a BA (first class honours) and MA from the University of New Brunswick, a PhD from the University of Ottawa, and a Master of Health Science degree (MHSc) in Epidemiology from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. His research interests are the role of Ethics in Public Policy and Evidence Based Medicine. In addition to writing many technical documents he has recently published in the *International Journal of Drug Policy*, *Developing World Bioethics*, the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, *Healthcare Policy*, the *Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology*, *Health Law in Canada*, the *British Columbia Medical Journal* and the magazine *Public Health Today*.

Todd R. Clear is Dean of the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University. In 1978, he received a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from The University at Albany. Clear has also held professorships at Ball State University, Rutgers University, Florida State University (where he was also Associate Dean of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice) and John Jay College of Criminal Justice (where he held the rank of Distinguished Professor). He has authored 12 books and over 100 articles and book chapters. His most recent book is *Imprisoning Communities*, by Oxford University press (May 2007). Other books focus on the

topic of community justice, including *What is Community Justice?* (Sage, 2002), *The Community Justice Ideal*, (Westview, 2000), and *Community Justice* (Wadsworth 2003). Clear has also written on correctional classification, prediction methods in correctional programming, community-based correctional methods, intermediate sanctions, and sentencing policy. He is currently involved in studies of religion/spirituality and crime, the criminological implications of "place," the economics of justice reinvestment, and the concept of "community justice." Clear has served as president of The American Society of Criminology, The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and The Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice. He was the founding editor of the journal *Criminology & Public Policy*, published by the American Society of Criminology.

Hiawatha Collins is a leader of VOCAL New York's Users Union, a grassroots organizing project led by low income people who are active and former drug users dedicated to ending the war on drugs. He was a leader in the Users Union's campaign to pass New York's new syringe access law that reconciled the Penal Code with the Public Health Law nearly two decades after syringe exchange first became legal in New York. Hiawatha professionally works as a harm reduction educator and peer syringe exchange provider. He has also worked to bring harm reduction into the NYC shelter system by educating people in shelters how to prevent drug overdose, which is the leading cause of death in NYC shelters. Hiawatha is a former marine, who has frequently experienced homelessness during the past decade, and has been incarcerated for drug offenses.

Carl Hart is an Associate Professor of Psychology in both the Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology at Columbia University, and Director of the Residential Studies and Methamphetamine Research Laboratories at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. A major focus of Dr. Hart's research is to understand complex interactions between drugs of abuse and the neurobiology and environmental factors that mediate human behavior and physiology. He is the author or co-author of dozens of peer-reviewed scientific articles in the area of neuropsychopharmacology, co-author of the textbook, *Drugs, Society, and Human Behavior*, and a former member of a NIH grant review group. Dr. Hart was recently elected to Fellow status by the

American Psychological Association (Division 28) for his outstanding contribution to the field of psychology, specifically psychopharmacology and substance abuse. In addition to his substantial research responsibilities, Dr. Hart teaches undergraduate and graduate courses and was recently awarded Columbia University's highest teaching award.

Keith C. Harvest has been an Essex County Assistant Prosecutor since 1988. He is currently the Chief Assistant Prosecutor responsible for overseeing the pre-indictment functions of the office which includes Complaint/Intake, Central Judicial Processing, Grand Jury, Extraditions and Remand Court. Keith's responsibilities also include the Juvenile Trial courts, Drug Court, the Community Justice Unit and the Victim/Witness Unit. His prior assignments have included Director of the Homicide Unit, Director of the Juvenile Unit and Director of the Narcotics /Major Crimes Unit. Prior to joining the Prosecutors office, Keith served six years in New York City as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorneys Office. Keith is a frequent lecturer on Trial Advocacy for the National District Attorneys Association at the Ernest F. Hollings National Advocacy Center located at the University of South Carolina. After graduating from college, Keith worked for the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. Keith was a principle participant in the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program that occurred in Newark, New Jersey. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Williams College located in Williamstown, Massachusetts and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Howard University School of Law located in Washington, D.C.

Daliah Heller is the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care, and Treatment at the New York City Health Department, where she has worked since 2006. Daliah has worked in public health and substance use for the past fifteen years, and prior to joining the Department, she served for nine years as the Executive Director of a leading community-based harm reduction organization in the South Bronx. She holds a PhD in Social Welfare from City University of New York, a Master's in Public Health from Columbia University, and completed her undergraduate studies at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

M. William Howard, Jr. has sought to apply his faith toward transforming the human condition. As the elected youth leader of the Sumter County (GA) Voters League in 1961, he was engaged in the first massive voter education and registration drive in Southwest Georgia. As a national staff member of the (Dutch) Reformed Church in America; as Moderator of the Programme to Combat Racism of the World Council of Churches; as President of the National Council of Churches; and as President of the American Committee on Africa, he was deeply involved in a wide-range of Human Rights and anti-colonial campaigns in the US, Southern Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia. He was denied visas to South Africa until after Nelson Mandela was released in 1990; in 1979, with the late Dr. William Sloane Coffin, Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and the late Leon-Etienne Cardinal Duval, he ministered to US personnel being held hostage in Iran; and with Reverend Jesse Jackson, he helped to secure the release of US Navy pilot, Robert O. Goodman from Syria. Having spent much of the 70's and 80's focusing upon international affairs, in 1992 he turned to more domestic concerns when he assumed the presidency of New York Theological Seminary, a graduate school of theological education devoted to leadership development for church workers in the New York metropolitan region. Dr. Howard was called to pastor Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, NJ in 2000, where for him the challenges facing residents in America's third oldest city have become central. Bethany Cares, Inc., founded shortly after his tenure began in Newark, is a community-development corporation that enhances the church's outreach capacity, and currently serves families and young people from all walks of life, including those who are incarcerated.

David M. Kennedy is the director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. He is the author of *Deterrence and Crime Prevention: Reconsidering the Prospect of Sanction*, co-author of *Beyond 911: A New Era for Policing*, and a wide range of articles on gang violence, drug markets, domestic violence, firearms trafficking, deterrence theory, and other public safety issues. He directed the Boston Gun Project, whose "Operation Ceasefire" intervention was responsible for a more than sixty per cent reduction in youth homicide (continued next page)

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victimization and won the Ford Foundation Innovations in Government award; the Herman Goldstein International Award for Problem Oriented Policing, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Webber Seavey Award. He developed the "High Point" drug market elimination strategy, which also won an Innovations in Government Award. He helped design and field the Justice Department's Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative, the Treasury Department's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Drug Market Intervention Program. He is the co-chair of the National Network for Safe Communities, which includes more than 50 jurisdictions – among them Los Angeles, Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Boston, Providence, High Point, North Carolina, Newark, and the states of California and North Carolina – and is dedicated to reducing crime, reducing incarceration, and addressing the racial conflict associated with traditional crime policy. His next book, *Don't Shoot*, will be published by Bloomsbury in the fall of 2011.

David Kerr established Integrity House, the nationally recognized premier provider of substance abuse treatment and support services, in 1968 in one of the toughest inner cities, Newark, N.J. This important work emanated from David's experiences as a New Jersey State Parole Officer and as a response to the growing heroin epidemic and living with addicts in recovery for two years in the late 60's. In 1981, Kerr authored the first national definition of the Therapeutic Community treatment modality, and today Integrity House stands as a national and international prototype for drug addiction recovery. More recently, Integrity House has instituted its Initiative for Women & Children, which offers new and larger facilities and strategies to address the unique challenges and obstacles encountered by female addicts, especially those with children. Integrity House, now with locations in Newark and Secaucus, N.J., provides treatment and services to 1,400 addicts per year, to reclaim their lives, health and personal dignity. Kerr has been appointed chair of The Mayor's Task Force on Addiction in Newark and is recognized on a local, state and national level as a leader in drug addiction recovery.

Donald MacPherson is the author of Vancouver's groundbreaking *Four Pillars Drug Strategy* that precipitated a broad public discussion on issues related to addiction. The strategy called for new approaches to drug problems based on public health principles and advocated a coordinated approach including prevention, treatment, harm reduction and enforcement initiatives. In 2007 he received the Kaiser Foundation National Award of Excellence in Public Policy in Canada. In 2009 the City of Vancouver was awarded the Canadian Urban Institutes *Secure City Award* for the Four Pillars Drug Strategy. In 2009 MacPherson was awarded the Richard Dennis *Drug Peace Award* for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Drug Policy Reform by the Drug Policy Alliance in the United States.

Garry McCarthy became a New York police officer in July 1981 and quickly rose through the ranks, commanding three separate precincts: the 20th on the Upper East Side, the 33rd in Washington Heights, and the 70th in Flatbush. In recognition of his outstanding leadership, McCarthy was appointed as deputy commissioner of operations in 1999, where he served as the principal crime strategist for the department. During his seven year tenure, the Police Department saw a progressive decline in murders. In 2005, the NYPD recorded 540 murders, representing the lowest in New York's history since 1963. In September of 2006, McCarthy was tapped to lead the Newark Police Department. Under the McCarthy's leadership, the Newark Police Department has become stronger, smarter, and better equipped, resulting in a significant reduction in crime in the city. Murders are down 10 percent, shootings are down 30 percent, and overall crime is down 9 percent.

Fred D. Mitchell is the Regional Development Director for UNCF, the nation's largest private provider of scholarships and other educational support to minority and low-income students. In this capacity, Mitchell oversees the operations and fundraising activities in UNCF's offices located in New York, New Jersey, Minneapolis, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, and is responsible for raising more than \$10,000,000 across the five offices in support of UNCF's national campaign. Before joining UNCF in 2001, Mitchell was Midwest Area Director with Western Union Financial Services in Chicago IL. While in Chicago, Mitchell served on several boards, including

Big Brother/Big Sister of Metropolitan Chicago, DuSable Museum of African History and South Central Community Services. He also served as a Trustee at Quinn Chapel AME church for three years. Mitchell has received numerous awards for his work in the community, and was honored with the key to the City of Indianapolis prior to him leaving in 2005.

Ethan Nadelmann is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization in the United States advocating for drug policies grounded in science, compassion, health, and human rights. Nadelmann was born in New York City, received his BA, JD, and PhD from Harvard, as well as a M.Sc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics, and then taught politics and public affairs at Princeton University from 1987 to 1994. He has authored two books on international criminal law enforcement – *Cops Across Borders* and (with Peter Andreas) *Policing the Globe* – as well as many dozens of articles on drug policy in publications such as *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Science*, *International Organization*, *National Review* and *The Nation*. Described by *Rolling Stone* as "the point man" for drug policy reform efforts, Ethan Nadelmann is widely regarded as the outstanding proponent of drug policy reform both in the United States and abroad.

Dr. David Nathan is originally from the Philadelphia area and graduated *magna cum laude* from Princeton University. He received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where he distinguished himself in the development of medical education software. He subsequently entered the McLean Hospital Residency Training Program of Harvard Medical School. In his final year at McLean, Dr. Nathan served as Chief Resident of the Bipolar and Psychotic Disorders Program. In this capacity, he supervised residents on the inpatient service and founded an outpatient clinic with senior clinicians and residents. In 1998, Dr. Nathan came to Princeton and began his private practice. Dr. Nathan is the Director of Continuing Medical Education for the Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS) and the Director of Professional Education for PHCS's Department of Psychiatry. He also serves on the hospital's biomedical ethics committee. Dr. Nathan is board certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and

he is a Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association. He remains involved in teaching as a Clinical Associate Professor at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He has published numerous articles in the psychiatric and lay press.

Dr. Robert Newman is the former President and CEO of Continuum Health Partners, Inc., a \$2.2 billion hospital network in New York City. Prior to the creation of Continuum in 1997 he was CEO of the Beth Israel Health Care System for 20 years. He is now President Emeritus of Continuum and Director of The Baron Edmond de Rothschild Chemical Dependency Institute of Beth Israel Medical Center. For almost 40 years Dr. Newman has played a major role in planning and directing some of the largest addiction treatment programs in the world – including the New York City Methadone Maintenance and Ambulatory Detoxification Programs, which in the mid-70s treated over 33,000 patients annually. He has also been a strong addiction treatment advocate in Europe, Australia and Asia. Throughout his career he has championed the right of drug-dependent persons to treatment access and choice of provider, and the right to be cared for under the same conditions as those applied to the management of all other chronic medical conditions. Dr. Newman graduated with honors from the University of Rochester (NY) School of Medicine and Dentistry, and has a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. He is Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health and Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

Beny J. Primm, M.D., has been the Executive Director of the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation of Brooklyn, New York since its inception in 1969. As one of the largest minority non-profit community based substance abuse treatment programs in the country, the A.R.T.C. provides a multi-modality service and treatment program for approximately twenty-three hundred men and women who are primarily members of severely underserved populations. Pursuant to the corporation's commitment to treatment related research, collaborative endeavors are currently in progress with the National Institute on Drug Abuse/Veterans Administration, Augouron Pharmaceuticals, and Glaxo SmithKline. Since 1983, Dr. Primm has served as President of the

Urban Resource Institute, a non-profit organization that was established to provide supportive social and medical services to critical populations within New York City. Dr. Primm was appointed to the Presidential Commission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic in 1987. Dr. Primm has served special committees on drug and alcohol problems for the W.H.O. on several occasions and has represented state and federal governments at special meetings in other European, and African countries, and the Caribbean. He is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Minority AIDS Council and is the 1st vice chairman of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. Dr. Primm has been a frequent consultant to the Drug Abuse Policy Office of the White House, beginning with the Nixon Administration, which established the first National Drug Policy Office. In 1989 Dr. Primm was appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to direct the Federal government's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

Joyce A. Rivera M.A., has extensive experience in qualitative research methods, grants management and community organizing. As the Founding Executive Director of St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction (SACHR) she has developed and tailored behavioral interventions that are effective and culturally appropriate in promoting and sustaining behavior change among substance users. Ms. Rivera has a B. S. in Health Planning/Administration and an M.A. in Political Science. After completing her coursework for the Ph.D., Ms. Rivera conducted ethnography on the first (1986-90) national epidemiologic study of HIV/AIDS among injection drug users. While working alongside drug market elites in the South Bronx, Ms. Rivera helped lay the community and institutional foundation for legalization of syringe exchange in New York City. Among her many presentations, she co-authored "SACHR: An example of an integrated, harm reduction drug treatment program," published in the Journal of Substance Abuse (2003). Ms. Rivera was a founding board member of the National Harm Reduction Coalition and its parent the Harm Reduction Working Group; of the North American Syringe Exchange Network; New York Needle Exchange Network; and former board member and chair of the Latino Commission on AIDS. Ms. Rivera's work has been recognized by the NYSDOH/AIDS Institute (1993), Chai Project (1994), Drug Policy

Foundation (Robert C. Randall Award for Achievement in the Field of Citizen Action, 1996), Latino Commission on AIDS (Fuerza Award, 1997), and most recently, by Puerto Rican Initiative to Develop Empowerment (PRIDE, 2010). Ms. Rivera is a former National Science Foundation Fellow. Since Fall 2009, she is an adjunct lecturer in the Anthropology Department, John Jay College, CUNY.

Richard W. Roper, a public policy consultant, has had a long career in public affairs, during which he has held senior level positions in local, state, regional, and federal government agencies and has had experience in nonprofit organizations, and in academic research, teaching, and administration. He retired as a senior executive at the Port Authority of NY & NJ in 2010 where he served as director of the agency's Planning Department from 2007 to 2010 and as director of the agency's Office of Economic and Policy Analysis (1992-95) as well as director of the agency's Office of Business and Job Opportunity (1996). Prior to his Port Authority and private consulting experience, Mr. Roper was for 12 years on staff at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. There he served as assistant dean, director of the Program for New Jersey Affairs, executive director of the Council on New Jersey Affairs, and lecturer in Public and International Affairs. Before Princeton, from 1978-1980, he served in the Carter Administration as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce and then as director of the Department's Office of State and Local Government Assistance. Roper currently serves on the board of several key organizations that impact the quality of life of New Jersey residents. He is on the board of Newark's Economic Development Corporation, the Brick City Development Corporation, the Fund for New Jersey, La Casa de Don Pedro, a social welfare organization serving the Latino community and others, and the NJ Institute for Social Justice, he is President of University Heights Charter School's board of trustees, and is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct.

Vivian Sanks-King specializes in healthcare law, including representation of doctors, dentists and nurses. Prior to going into private practice in 2006, she served as Vice President and General Counsel at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the nation's
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largest free standing academic health center. She also previously served as Assistant Dean of Students at Seton Hall University School of Law and an Associate Counsel at the Newark Board of Education. She presently serves as a trustee of Leadership Newark, Seton Hall University School of Law Board of Visitors, New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute, Bethany Baptist Church and the Lew Sanks King Justice Fund. Previously, she served for over 15 years as a trustee for Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey, as a trustee and president of the Community Health Law Project, and as a trustee of the Garden State Bar Association.

Deborah Peterson Small wants you to know that she is a native New Yorker. Ms. Small's political education and social activism began early, after high school she organized the first SUNY-wide voter registration campaign. After a year as an outreach worker for a community based organization in Buffalo, she returned to New York with her infant son and entered the City College of New York as a student in the alternative legal education program started by the late civil rights attorney Haywood Burns. From there she attended Harvard University as a joint degree student in law and public policy. After several years as a corporate attorney working in the private sector, she found her way back to her true passion – public interest work. She served as Chief of Staff to a member of the New York State Assembly representing one of the poorest neighborhoods in New York City and immersed herself in the issues that had

initially propelled her towards a legal career. A few years later she became Legislative Director for the New York Civil Liberties Union, in that capacity she lobbied the state legislature on behalf of the poor, disenfranchised and incarcerated. It was during this period that she became an ardent advocate for drug policy reform as she became increasingly aware disproportionate impact of the “war on drugs” on poor communities. Her commitment to drug policy reform propelled her to the Drug Policy Alliance, where she served as Director of Public Policy & Community Outreach. Over the past decade Ms. Small has been at the forefront of the national movement seeking to change our nation's failed drug policies. Ms. Small is an internationally recognized leader in the drug policy reform movement and has been a major catalyst in engaging communities of color and their leaders to address the negative impacts of the war on drugs. In 2004, she founded Break the Chains. The mission of Break the Chains is to help build the movement in Black and Latino communities in support of alternative drug policies grounded in compassion, public health and human rights.

Alex Stevens is Professor in Criminal Justice at the University of Kent, where he teaches on comparative criminology, drug policy and drug-related crime. He has worked on issues of illicit drugs and drug treatment in the criminal justice system since 1991. He led the QCT Europe study, a six country research project on alternatives to imprisonment for drug dependent offenders. His publications include a 2010 article on drug decriminalization in Portugal for

the *British Journal of Criminology*, a book on *Drugs, Crime and Public Health* and an edited volume called *Crossing Frontiers: International Developments in the Treatment of Drug Dependence*, as well as many policy reports and articles on issues of drugs and crime. He is also a board member of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy.

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