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A Congressional Briefing Preventing HIV/AIDS in the United States: A Focus on CDC's HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs

Speaker Biographies

Mr. Carl Schmid: Director of Federal Affairs, The AIDS Institute (*Washington, DC*)
(Moderator)

Carl Schmid has been Director of Federal Affairs for The AIDS Institute since February 2004. Prior to his current position, he served as a consultant to a number of HIV/AIDS and gay civil rights organizations. He has worked in Washington for over 20 years, and began his public policy work in the oil and gas industry, which continued through 2003. Mr. Schmid is co-chair of the AIDS community's Budget and Appropriations Coalition; he co-chaired the Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization Work Group, and is active in coalitions that advocate on Medicaid, Medicare, HIV Prevention, ADAP and Hepatitis issues. He is a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and Chairs its Domestic Subcommittee. Mr. Schmid earned a B.A. in Public Affairs and a M.B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Richard Wolitski, PhD: Acting Director, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (*Atlanta, GA*)

Richard Wolitski, PhD is the Acting Director, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Wolitski began his career conducting HIV prevention research in 1986 at California State University, Long Beach. Over the past two decades, he has studied HIV-risk behavior and interventions to reduce this risk in a wide range of populations including men who have sex with men, injection drug users and their sex partners, commercial sex workers, incarcerated men, homeless persons, and people living with HIV. He has played key leadership roles in a number of important HIV prevention trials including the AIDS Community Demonstration Projects (Community PROMISE), the Seropositive Urban Men's Study (SUMIT), Project START, and the HUD-CDC Housing and Health Study. Dr. Wolitski has been the lead author or a co-author of more than 85 scientific publications, co-editor of three books, and currently serves on the editorial board of *AIDS and Behavior*. He received his PhD in Community Psychology from Georgia State University and his master's degree in Psychology from California State University, Long Beach.

Julie M. Scofield: Executive Director, National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (*Washington, DC*)

Julie Scofield joined the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) as their first Executive Director in February 1993. Under Ms. Scofield's leadership, NASTAD has grown from a staff of one, to a highly respected national HIV/AIDS organization of over 30 FTEs and major programs in the areas of HIV prevention and surveillance, care and treatment, racial and ethnic health disparities, viral hepatitis, government relations, and global HIV/AIDS technical assistance. Prior to opening NASTAD's national office, Ms. Scofield served as legislative assistant in the State of New York Office of Federal Affairs. Ms. Scofield represented the state on science and technology and health issues including HIV/AIDS policy and funding before Congress and the Administration from 1987 to 1993. Scofield served on the legislative staff of former U.S. Representative Stan Lundine from 1981 to 1987. Scofield is a graduate of Buffalo State College.

Suzanne Miller: Public Policy Associate, The AIDS Institute (*Washington, DC*)

Suzanne Miller joined The AIDS Institute in November 2006 as a Public Policy Associate. In this position, she addresses domestic HIV/AIDS policy issues before Congress and the Executive Branch and has a particular interest in HIV/AIDS prevention policies. Prior to her current position, Ms. Miller participated in internships with Human Rights Campaign, AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth, & Families and Planned Parenthood Los Angeles. She also spent a summer volunteering at an HIV/AIDS non-governmental organization in Ghana. Ms. Miller graduated in 2005 from the University of California, Los Angeles with a B.A. in Women's Studies.

Marjorie J. Hill, PhD: Chief Executive Officer, Gay Men's Health Crisis (*New York, NY*)

Dr. Marjorie J. Hill is the Chief Executive Officer of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), the nation's oldest AIDS service and advocacy organization. Dr. Hill previously served as GMHC's Managing Director for Community Health where she had responsibility for the Women's Institute, the Institute for Gay Men's Health (IGMH) and coordination of agency wide community level health promotion initiatives. Prior to her tenure at GMHC, Dr Hill was the Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of HIV/AIDS at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). Dr. Hill formerly served as a Commissioner for the New York State Workers' Compensation Board and as Director of the NYC Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community in the Dinkins' Administration. A licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Hill has consulted and lectured on issues of cultural diversity, HIV/AIDS in communities of color, conflict resolution, organizational devolvment and homophobia. Dr. Hill currently serves on the board of the Public Health Association of New York, as Senior Advisor to the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Research, Columbia University and on the Editorial Board of POZ magazine.