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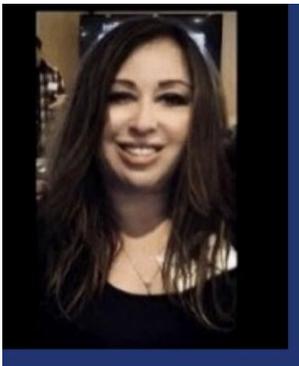
Pierre Arty, MD, *Housing Works*



Pierre Richard Arty, M.D. was born in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, and was raised in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended Columbia College of Columbia University where he graduated after completing a Pre-Medical concentration in Political Science. He later attended S.U.N.Y. Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn. After completing an Internal Medicine Residency at Kings County Hospital, in Brooklyn, N.Y., he pursued a Fellowship in Addictive Medicine, followed by a residency in Psychiatry at the same institution. He held the position of Director of the Kings County Addictive Disease Services from 2003-2004 and subsequently took on the position of Deputy Executive Director of Kings County Hospital's Behavioral Health Department from 2004-2008. He received the Executive Director's Award for services to the Kings County Hospital in 2004 and held the position as Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at S.U.N.Y. Health Science Center at Brooklyn from 2000-2008. He has received numerous

awards for his help in improving medical care to the East Flatbush community including the AMS Outstanding Community Service Award from the Aesclepius Medical Society. He is Board Certified in Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine. With his broad knowledge base, he is able to provide expertise in the field of psychopharmacology to address issues such as Mood Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, along with Psychosis. He currently holds the position as Chief Psychiatric Officer for Housing Works where he provides psychiatric supervision, and direct psychopharmacological treatment for adults and those with Chemical Dependency. In addition, he is in charge of the Wellness program at Housing Works. He is an active member of the Medical Missions Team at The Brooklyn Tabernacle, and travels to other nations to provide medical and spiritual care to the underserved. He is a Board member of World Compassion Fellowship, an international humanitarian and development organization whose mission is to provide holistic development and care for the individual, the family, and the community. He is the author of the book *Life and Death and the Things in Between*, published in 2017.

Carol Katz Beyer, *Families for Sensible Drug Policy*



Carol is an empathetic and culturally sensitive professional with international expertise in both family advocacy and healthcare administration. Inspired by lived experience and the personal journey of her two children, Bryan and Alex, Carol founded Families for Sensible Drug Policy, to better serve the needs of families around the world affected by the complex issues surrounding substance use, harmful drug policies and preventable overdose. As a mother and a healthcare professional, Carol is fully present to how the injustices and inequities in our laws create harms for our families impacted by substance use -- and further recognizes that Black and Brown communities are disproportionately impacted by the influences of criminalization and racism that are interwoven into the traditional addiction treatment model. She believes the same best practices and interventions accessible in every other complex health condition should be made available to individuals who use drugs, [that

may or may not be problematic] and that drug policy reform is central to a path forward for a happier, healthier and more harmonious society.

Carol was honored and privileged to represent the family voice for the United States in the 2019 Global Commission on Drug Policy's annual report. Her testimony about losing two of her beloved sons to fatal overdoses was featured—along with only six other people from around the world—to spotlight the harms inflicted upon our families through prohibition and the War on Drugs. She served on the board of her local Drug Awareness Committee, which received an honorary recognition from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) as a model for how communities can mobilize their efforts in raising awareness and prevention. Carol has interviewed countless families whose ardent stories bear testimony that calls for a paradigm shift towards compassionate pragmatism, one that embraces comprehensive care and progressive solutions based on science, humanity, public health, and human rights. She is excited to celebrate the recent milestone of her third son, Devin's, college graduation with a bachelor's degree in criminology, and unites in solidarity with global friends, partners, and stakeholders, dedicated to making the world a better place for generations to come. Originally from New York City, Carol is now at home in Verona, NJ with her faithful companion, Boomer. She loves animals, is an admitted Scrabble nerd, and her commitment to self-care through meditation.

Rob Bannon, *Bannon Consulting Services, LLC*



Rob Bannon endeavors to advance the role of nonprofit organizations in the health care system to improve outcomes for individuals with complex health conditions and socio-economic challenges. He founded Bannon Consulting Services, which brings together experts in public health, finance, policy, and program planning. The firm works across the nonprofit, public, and private sectors to develop innovative models of community-based health, housing, and human services with an emphasis on addressing social determinants of health such as racism, homelessness, and poverty. Since 2011, the firm has secured more than \$200 million to plan and implement programs for vulnerable populations that improve health outcomes, enhance the quality of services, and reduce costs. Prior to founding Bannon Consulting, he was the Managing Director at the Hudson Planning Group, a nonprofit consulting firm that leveraged public and private grant funding to build the capacity of nonprofit organizations in New York City. He worked for four years in the public sector as the Administrator for Health Services for a supportive housing program and as a Health Program Planner at the San Francisco Department of Public Health. He started his career in philanthropy at the Open Society Foundations' criminal justice program. He earned his masters in public administration and bachelors in urban studies from New York University.

Lauri Cole, *NYS Council for Community Behavioral Health Care*



Lauri Cole, MSW, is the Executive Director of the New York State Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, a position she has held since 2003. The NYS Council is a statewide membership association representing the interests of nearly 100 community-based mental health and substance use disorder/ addiction prevention, treatment and recovery organizations including freestanding agencies, hospitals, and local governmental units. The NYS Council provides training, technical assistance, and government representation at the federal, state and local level for its members. Ms. Cole is an advocate and lobbyist for underserved individuals and the organizations that serve them, bringing new policy and programmatic initiatives, as well as innovative reforms, to the behavioral health service delivery system. The National Council for Behavioral Health recognized her work to improve behavioral health care treatment and services through statewide advocacy and presented her with their 2020 Individual Achievement in Advocacy Award. As Executive Director, she is responsible for advocating on behalf of members, developing policy positions, and communicating positions to the government, state and federal agencies, and external forums. She also works to prepare the members for new models of care by coordinating educational forums and sharing information. Prior to joining the NYS Council, Ms. Cole served as Executive Director of the Council on Homeless Policies and Services in New York City, and as Assistant Executive Director for the Association for Community Living/ACLAIMH in Albany. In addition to her nearly 25 years of work in advocacy, she also worked for more than a decade in clinical and administrative positions in local human service agencies throughout the Capital District. Ms. Cole is currently a board member with the National Council for Behavioral Health. She represents the interest of the membership by serving

on numerous state workgroups including Value Based Payment and the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team's Behavioral Health Workgroup. Ms. Cole received her Master's in Social Welfare and her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the State University of New York at Albany.

Jeremy Douglas, *Housing Works*



Jeremy Douglas is the Vice President of Behavioral Health Integration at Housing Works where he oversees the agency's therapeutic programs focused on mental health and substance use at five New York City locations, including programs focused on outpatient mental health treatment, harm reduction focused substance use treatment, and short-term psychotherapy for individuals receiving primary medical care within the agency's various clinic locations. Additionally, Mr. Douglas serves as an Adjunct Section Instructor at Simmons University in Boston, MA, where he teaches Human Sexuality and Social Work Practice to graduate students in the social work program. Having served as a leader at Housing Works for several years, Mr. Douglas has also worked in programs focused on helping individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and he has spent significant time providing direct practice as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Prior to Housing Works, Mr. Douglas also worked with families involved in the child welfare system at Staten Island Mental Health Society. A graduate of Norfolk State University (BA, Psychology), Mr. Douglas has an MSW Degree in Social Work from New York University.

Devon Dudley, *Exponents*



Devon Dudley is a 37-year old Brooklyn native. Devon was perinatally infected and came to Exponents seeking services in 2012 where he completed the agency's flagship program, ARRIVE, an HIV Prevention Education/Harm Reduction/Recovery Readiness initiative. After completing ARRIVE, Devon enrolled in several additional initiatives at Exponents, including our drug treatment program. Upon completion of our treatment program, staff quickly took note of his kind, helpful demeanor and subsequently Devon was approached for a peer position in 2015. As an African American heterosexual male, Devon's candid discussions about his HIV status and his struggle with alcohol and subsequent harm-reduction based recovery inspired many walking through the doors of Exponents. Devon is currently in the process of fulfilling the requirements to become a state-certified Peer Worker while continuing to assist some of the agency's hardest to reach individuals. He's also father to his

four-year old son, Mason.

Emma Fabian, MSW, *Evergreen Health*



Emma holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University at Buffalo. In her position at Evergreen Health, she oversees harm reduction and drug user health services at sites in Buffalo and Jamestown, NY. She participates in several local and statewide workgroups that are addressing issues that impact people who use drugs, including buprenorphine and Hepatitis C prevention and treatment. She is also a part time instructor at the University of Buffalo School of Social Work and a local activist.

Judy Griffin, Reach Medical



Judy Griffin is board-certified in internal medicine and works as a primary care physician and buprenorphine provider at REACH in Ithaca, NY. She serves as the Director of Research at REACH Medical and is the Director of the Rural Health Equity Training Collaborative (RHETC), affiliated with Cayuga Medical Center. Dr. Griffin also holds an appointment as a Clinical Instructor in Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and is a member of the Criminal Justice-Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board for Tompkins County.

Mark Green, MD, Psych Garden



Mark Green, MD is a psychiatrist specializing in addictions treatment. Originally trained in London, he completed residency and fellowship at Cornell Medical Center. He has been on Faculty at Cornell, Vermont and Harvard Medical Schools, conducted research at Rockefeller University and lectured nationally on harm reduction, evidence-based and emotion-focused therapies, opiate treatment and other addiction topics. Mark has run outpatient and residential treatment programs and systems in several states and currently owns Psych Garden in Belmont MA which provides evidence-based, family-focused and harm reduction treatment.

Patricia Lincourt, NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)



Patricia Lincourt currently serves as the Associate Commissioner for Addiction Treatment and Recovery Services at the NYS Office of Addiction Supports and Services. In her role, she oversees Medicaid Managed Care policy and implementation, treatment policy and innovation, treatment metrics development, recovery centers, and peer service integration. She has over 30 years of clinical and administrative experience in addiction, mental health, and child welfare settings. Her interests include implementation of evidence-based practice, service integration and financing of substance abuse services to improve outcomes.

Marc Manseau, MD, NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)



Dr. Marc Manseau serves as the Chief of Medical Services for the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports. Appointed to this role in April 2019, he serves on the agency's Executive Team and provides medical consultation and leadership on topics related to agency policy, the certified-and-funded addiction treatment provider system, and agency-operated clinical services. A key priority for Dr. Manseau thus far has been to expand access to person-centered care including medications for addiction treatment, both within and outside New York's addiction treatment system. Dr. Manseau also led the agency's infection control and services delivery response during the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure that access to addiction treatment remained intact while protecting patients, staff, and the public health. Prior to joining OASAS, Dr. Manseau served as the Associate Medical Director for Adult Services at the New York State Office of Mental Health. In addition to other responsibilities, he

worked to help New York's mental health system better address co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Dr. Manseau graduated with a degree in Human Biology from Brown University, where he also earned a Master's in Public Health. He completed medical school at the Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. After graduating from general psychiatry residency training at the New York University School of Medicine, he completed a fellowship in Public Psychiatry at Columbia University. He then worked as an Attending Psychiatrist in the Bellevue Hospital Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic, as well as the psychiatrist/medical director for Bellevue's OnTrackNY program, an intensive, recovery-oriented intervention for the first-episode psychosis population. In addition to his clinical responsibilities at Bellevue, Dr. Manseau participated in research related to early intervention for psychosis, schizophrenia, and co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders including cannabinoid use. Dr. Manseau is currently appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the New York University Langone School of Medicine, as well as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and works clinically as a per diem psychiatrist at a Federally Qualified Health Center in New York City. Dr. Manseau is certified in General Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and in Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. He has conducted research, published, and presented extensively on various public health and policy-related topics, including occupational health, HIV and mental health, homelessness in New York City, integration of behavioral health and primary care services, behavioral health treatment disparities, the role of prevention within psychiatry, cannabinoids and mental health, substance use and schizophrenia, the opioid crisis, and the social determinants of mental health. He is currently a fellow at the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the Preventive Psychiatry Committee of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP), a psychiatric think tank.

Joyce McMillian, *JMAC for Families*



Joyce McMillian is a thought leader, advocate, activist, community organizer, and educator. Her mission is to remove systemic barriers in communities of color by bringing awareness to the racial disparities in systems where people of color are disproportionately affected. Joyce believes before change occurs the conversation about systemic oppression that creates poverty, and feeds people of color into systems must happen on all levels consistently. She completed a restorative certificate program at the New School and says change will not happen independently of healing. Her ultimate goal is to abolish systems of harm while creating concrete community resources.

Joyce leads child welfare family engagement and advocacy efforts at Sinergia Inc. Prior, she was the Program Director at Child Welfare Organizing Project (CWOP) where she created a community space, to educate the community about restorative practices to empower, affirm, transform and heal communities of color that have been traumatized by systemic injustices. Joyce is an active member of The West Harlem Democrats, a board member at Families Together NYS, A board member at Women's Prison Association (WPA), and Movement for Family Power, Co-chair W134th Community Association, a NYC County Committee Member, a Supreme Court Judicial Delegate and an Advisory Committee member at The Center for New York City Affairs (CNYCA) at The New School, where she also has a visiting fellowship. As a visiting fellow Joyce explores ways to strengthen the parent voice in child welfare and has led a series of public events (speaker series) where panelists discussed not just the problems but suggested solutions. In addition Joyce has a Fellowship with Law4Black Lives where she is exploring what it means to divest in systems while investing in communities. Joyce is a former fellow with The National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls where she reimagined communities without system harm. Joyce is the Founder of Parent Legislative Action Network (PLAN) a coalition that won monumental change to New York's State Central Registry. Joyce is always willing to be a supporter of and a voice for systemic change by testifying for City Council at City Hall, lecturing and panel discussions at Columbia University, NYU, Hunter College, Montclair University CUNY Law School, Cornell University, Harlem Hospital, New York City affairs at the New School and many other institutions. In addition, she has also appeared in various media interviews with Al Jazeera, NYTimes, ABC Channel 7, Politico, ICPH (Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness), short stories and documentaries etc.

Erin Miles Cloud, *Movement for Family Power*



Erin Miles Cloud, founding co-director of Movement for Family Power, is a dedicated advocate for families who are policed by the Foster System. She has represented over 400 parents in child protective proceedings and supervised many more at the Bronx Defenders. In addition to her work as a supervising attorney, Erin also was a Team Leader and special projects coordinator at the Bronx Defenders. As a Team Leader she managed an interdisciplinary team of advocates, and her special project involved the close supervision of cases where women were drug tested at birth, and the test results were used as the primary allegation of neglect. These cases represented an intersection of drug policy and reproductive justice that required advanced litigation. In 2018, Erin was a lecturer at law at Columbia University School of Law, and the Co-Director of the Holistic Defense Clinic. She also serves on the NYS Dept of Health's AIDS Institute and the NYC Department of Health's Sexual and Reproductive Justice Community Engagement Group. Both committees examine the intersection of health systems, with race and structural inequality. Erin is also a collaborator for Black Mamas Matters Alliance. Erin received her JD from Fordham University School of Law, where she was a Stein Scholar for Public Interest, and an Ann Moynihan Fellow for law and integrated Social Work. She holds a B.A. from Emory University in Spanish Language and Dance. Before attending law school, she was a public school teacher in Baltimore. The work for Erin is personal. As a Black mother of two children, she recognizes that her actions and mothering are scrutinized a different level than her white peers. She has seen CPS police and surveil members of her own family.

Alexis Pleus, *Truth Pharm*



In 2014, Alexis Pleus lost her oldest son Jeff to a heroin overdose and as a result of that experience, founded Truth Pharm, a nonprofit organization with a focus on raising awareness, reducing the stigma, educating and advocating to reduce the harms caused by substance use. The organization is deeply committed to social and racial justice issues as they move forward in addressing the current overdose epidemic, but with the goal of ultimately ending the War on Drugs.

Donald R. Powell, *Exponents*



Donald R. Powell has worked in the field of human services for 29 years. His particular interest is working with marginalized communities (e.g. homeless, substance using, LGBTQI). Mr. Powell began his career in Human Services in 1992 working with HIV infected men and women reintegrating into the community from incarceration. Donald worked for over a decade with the nation's oldest organization for Black Gay Men, where he developed programming and training initiatives that sought to reduce stigma and affirm the lives of the men who sought services within the agency. He is a former member of both the NYS & NYC HIV Planning Groups. Mr. Powell is also a first-year scholar of the Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership, a fellowship initiative of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the Association of Schools of Public Health. He holds a Masters in Human Services from Lincoln University, the nation's oldest HBCU and is currently studying for his CASAC. In his present position as Sr. Director of Programs & Development for Exponents, he works with members of the executive management team to identify resources, secure funding and address technical assistance needs and oversees the development of policy initiatives related to substance use treatment, incarceration and increasing the quality of life of the LGBT community. He is the Sr. Administrator for the agency's CDC-funded initiatives and serves as Principal Investigator for

two SAMHSA program that fund a Recovery Community Center and implements HIV/Substance Use/Hepatitis C prevention. Mr. Powell was diagnosed with HIV in 1990 and was released from a NYS correctional facility in 1992. Mr. Powell has worked to organize several functions within the House/Ball Community, including the 25th Anniversary Icon House of Infiniti Ball held at the Legendary B.B. King's House of Blues in October, 2015. He has also lectured and moderated discussions on respectful engagement of the House/Ball Community for institutions including the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA) and the Northeastern Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NeATTC). He has served on the Board of Directors of the Urban Coalition for HIV Prevention Services, a national technical assistance agency, working in jurisdictions with the highest rates of HIV infection and is a member of the Ryan White Planning Council of NYC, where he chairs the the Integration of Care committee and serves as a member of the Executive Committee.

Joyce A. Rivera, ABD, MA, *St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction*



Joyce A. Rivera, ABD, MA, has worked for over 30 years on U.S. drug policy and its intersectionality with health, mass incarceration, disease prevention and social justice. Ms. Rivera conducted ethnography on the first (1986-90) national study of HIV/AIDS among injection drug users. In 1990, she laid the community and institutional foundation for enacting and regulating syringe exchange in New York City. As the Founding Executive Director of St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction (SACHR) she develops and adapts behavioral interventions that are effective and culturally appropriate to promoting and sustaining behavior change among substance users. 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 has been a founding board member of the National Harm Reduction Coalition; the North American Syringe Exchange Network; the New York Needle Exchange Network;

and, at the Latino Commission on AIDS, she chaired the board (1994-1997). Ms. Rivera's work has been recognized by the NYSDOH/AIDS Institute (1993), Drug Policy Foundation (Robert C. Randall Award for Achievement in the Field of Citizen Action, (1994), the Latino Commission on AIDS (Fuerza Award, 1995) the Puerto Rican Initiative to Develop Empowerment (PRIDE, 2010), by the Bronx Borough President (2011) and LatinoJustice (2017). Ms. Rivera is a former National Science Foundation Fellow. She is completing her Ph.D. in public policy at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Samuel Roberts, PhD, *Columbia University*



Samuel Kelton Roberts, PhD (@SamuelKRoberts) is Associate Professor of History, Sociomedical Sciences, and African American Studies (Columbia University School of Arts & Sciences and the Mailman School of Public Health). He is also a former Director of Columbia University's Institute for Research in African American Studies (IRAAS), and writes, teaches, and lectures widely on African American history, medical and public health history, urban history, and the history of social movements. His widely acclaimed first book, *Infectious Fear: Politics, Disease, and the Health Effects of Segregation* describes the historical roots of contemporary health inequities and shows how the political economy of health, urban geography, and racialization of the late 19th and early 20th centuries had resounding impact on the fates of Black migrants and their communities for decades thereafter. Roberts serves on the boards of the Alliance of Families for Justice and the Legal Action Center, among

others, and is a co-founder of the National Black Harm Reduction Network. In 2013-14, Dr. Roberts served as the Policy Director of Columbia University's Justice Initiative, where he helped to coordinate the efforts of several partners to bring attention to the issue of aging and the growing incarcerated elderly population (leading to the publication of *Aging in Prison: Reducing Elder Incarceration and Promoting Public Safety* in 2015). At Columbia, Dr. Roberts leads the Center for Science and Society's Research Cluster for Historical Study of Race, Inequality, and Health. He also is the host of the public health and justice podcast, *PDIS: People Doing Interesting Stuff*, and the co-host of *Black Lives in the Era of COVID 19*. Roberts currently is writing a book tentatively titled "To Enter a Society Which Doesn't Want Them": Race, Recovery, and America's Misadventures in Drug Policy. He tweets from @SamuelKRoberts.

Benita Roth, *State University of New York, Binghamton*



Benita Roth is a professor of sociology, history, and women's studies at Binghamton University (State University of New York, Binghamton) and director of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program. She works on the nexus of social protest, gender, race/ethnicity, and sexuality. Her most recent book is *The Life and Death of ACT UP/LA: Anti-AIDS Activism in Los Angeles from the 1980s to the 2000s*, which was published in 2017 by Cambridge University Press. Her current work is on grassroots, harm reduction-oriented anti-opioid epidemic protest.

Deena Smith, *Housing Works*



Deena Smith is a New York transplant by way of Virginia, moving to NY after receiving her MSW at Howard University in Washington, DC. Deena currently is the Quality Assurance Specialist at Housing Works after having served as the Director of OASAS Services at the agency. Previously, Deena worked at Mental Health Service Corp as a Supervising Social Worker providing clinical supervision and training to emerging clinicians in behavioral health treatment across settings in NYC. Deena has an array of experience in the mental health and substance use fields, including working at a PROS program in East New York as well as working several years in HIV care, helping to grow and develop a Ryan White A grant program. Currently, Deena is also an Adjunct Professor in Columbia University's online MSW program and Rutgers University's MSW program.

Tom Smith, *The Alliance for Positive Change*



Tom has 14 years of harm reduction experience including outreach, syringe exchange, naloxone training, HIV/HCV testing, group facilitation, and harm reduction counseling. He is currently the Associate Director of Prevention at The Alliance for Positive Change Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center.

Max Sepulveda, *Housing Works*



Max Sepulveda, MPA, is the Managing Director for Harm Reduction Services at Housing Works (HW). Since his tenure at Housing Works in 2009, he has been involved in the provision of care coordination services for Ryan White Part A program participants. On December 2012, Mr. Sepulveda commenced to oversee several harm reduction programs providing syringe exchange services, harm reduction education, HIV/HCV/STD prevention interventions, Hepatitis C care navigation, and care coordination services to marginalized populations. In addition to managing HW's ReCharge Program providing Methamphetamine harm reduction services to MSM and transgender individuals in NYC.

Cheyenne Stewart, MPH, *EngageWell IPA*



Cheyenne Stewart (pronouns they/she) is a Special Projects Manager with EngageWell IPA, a group of NYC nonprofit organizations working together to offer coordinated, integrated treatment options for marginalized New Yorkers. Cheyenne believes that healthcare is a human right, including social determinants of health such as housing and economic security. They managed EngageWell's recent HCBS Infrastructure Project to increase access to Home and Community-Based Services across the five boroughs and in 2019 organized New York State's first Transgender-Affirming Primary Care Clinical Preceptorship for primary care providers in under-resourced areas. Cheyenne holds a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Jennifer Talley, PhD, *The Center for Optimal Living*



Jennifer Talley is the Assistant Director of The Center for Optimal Living, a treatment and professional training center in NYC. Dr. Talley specializes in the treatment of trauma and co-occurring substance misuse and works from an integrative harm reduction psychotherapy framework. Together with Dr. Andrew Tatarsky, Dr. Talley leads trainings and workshops on integrative harm reduction psychotherapy and offers consultations to organizations and individuals. Dr. Talley was previously the Assistant Director of the Concentration in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling at the New School for Social Research.

Andrew Tatarsky, PhD, *The Center for Optimal Living*



Andrew Tatarsky developed Integrative Harm Reduction Psychotherapy (IHRP) as a radical alternative to the traditional disease model-based abstinence-only approach to treating the spectrum of risky and addictive behavior. IHRP brings relational psychoanalysis, CBT and mindfulness together in a harm reduction frame of acceptance, compassion, empowerment and collaboration. The therapy has been described in his book, *Harm Reduction Psychotherapy: A New Treatment for Drug and Alcohol Problems*, and a series of papers. Dr. Tatarsky holds a doctorate in psychology from the City University of New York and is a graduate of New York University's Postdoctoral Program in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. He is Founder and Director of the Center for Optimal Living in NYC, a treatment and professional training center based on IHRP; a founding member and Past-President, Division on Addiction of New York State Psychological Association, and a member of the Medical and Clinical Advisory Boards of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.

Marcy Thompson, *The Alliance for Positive Change*



Marcy Thompson, Chief Strategy Officer for the Alliance for Positive Change, has worked diligently on behalf of diverse communities impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic for nearly 20 years and advocated on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses in New York City through involvement in community planning in partnership with government agencies, medical institutions, Managed Care Organizations/Special Needs Plans, Health Home/PPS Networks and a multitude of service organizations. Marcy is a long-term voting member of the NYC HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council & currently serves as Co-Chair of the Needs Assessment Committee. Throughout the years, she has participated in several state & city-wide forums including but not limited to: DOH MRT Health Home-Managed Care Workgroup, AIDS Institute Technical Assistance Group, iHealth Inc., CCMP HH Governance & Operations Committee, NYP PPS IT Financial Committee, MSPPS Clinical Quality Committee and OCHPPS Strategic Advisory Workgroup. In addition, Marcy participated in the Health Home Learning Collaborative, Greater NY Hospital Association (GNYHA) DSRIP Care Plan-RHIO Collaboration and served on the FPWA AIDS Leadership Coalition Steering Committee.

Joe Turner, JD, *Exponents*



Joseph R. Turner, JD, is the co-founder and current President/CEO of Exponents, Inc., in New York City. Exponents is the first known harm reduction substance use treatment program, beginning in 1988. Exponents is founded on the principles of "engagement, community and advocacy." Abstinence is not required for admission, participation, or completion of any of Exponents programs, which have served over 10,800 NYC substance users. Mr. Turner was born and raised in Brooklyn's Brownsville, and continued his path through the streets, drugs, prison, treatment, wellness, and activism. As an attorney, Mr. Turner has worked for Harlem Legal Services, National Conference of Black Lawyers, and in a private practice that focused on the representation of political prisoners, criminal defense, and community development. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer of Harlem United, Executive Director of the Fountain Avenue Community Development Corporation, and Chairman of the Board of Friends of Recovery – New York (FOR-NY). He has provided consultant services to various social justice organizations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Exodus Transitional Services and co-chair of the OASAS Recovery Implementation Team. Mr. Turner's recovery and activism is anchored and maintained upon the same harm reduction principles as Exponents: "meeting folks where they are...but not leaving them there."

Leonardo Vando, MD, *Mindbloom*



Dr. Leonardo Vando is a Board-Certified Psychiatrist and Addiction Psychiatrist with over 15 years of experience in treating the full spectrum of psychiatric and addictive disorders. He specializes in treating complex conditions requiring integration of genetic, metabolic, cultural and psychosocial data points in order to achieve reduction of symptoms and promote healing. Dr. Vando has been at the forefront of ketamine use in clinical practice, developing intramuscular protocols to achieve rapid results and minimize adverse events for treatment-resistant depression and addictive disorders, with a focus on increasing access to treatment in low-income communities. He is also contributing to the field of psychedelic medicine through his work and research on microdosing for mental illness. He attended Sacred Heart University as a chemistry undergrad and received a medical degree from Ponce School of Medicine. He trained as a psychiatrist and addictionologist in NYC's Beth Israel Medical Center. He currently resides in New York, where he has worked in private practice for over a decade.

Justine Waldman, MD, *Reach Medical*



Justine Waldman is Board Certified in Addiction Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. For 15 years she practiced emergency medicine primarily in Ithaca, NY. Her interest in medicine has always been driven by access to care and health equity issues. In 2005, she spearheaded the opening of the Ithaca Free Clinic, a volunteer multidisciplinary clinic open to the uninsured. In 2014, she was part of the Harm Reduction Team that gave recommendations for the Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy. Since her involvement on that team, she has focused most of her work on health equity. In December of 2016, she began providing medical services at the first Health Hub at a Syringe Exchange Program in New York state at the Southern Tier Aids Program in Ithaca. At the Health Hub, Dr. Waldman provides Low Threshold Medication Assisted Therapy, Hepatitis C treatment, and acute care to People Who

Use Drugs. She is currently the CEO of Reach Medical in Ithaca, NY, a medical practice offering integrated primary care and low threshold harm reduction services for people who tend to face stigma in the current medical system. Reach Medical offers full primary care, medication assisted therapy with buprenorphine, Hepatitis C screening and treatment and medical cannabis. Reach Medical is a tax exempt PLLC under The REACH Project, a non-profit providing Respectful Equitable Access to Compassionate Health.

Deborah Yuelles, *The Alliance for Positive Change*



Deborah Yuelles is the Director of Peer Training at the Alliance for Positive Change; she oversees Alliance's foundational peer training curriculum and coordinates their New York State HIV Peer Certification and recovery coaching certification trainings and services. She has been living with HIV for 30 years and has been long-term substance use recovery for over 26 years. She received her Master's in Community Health Education from Brooklyn College and began her 25-years at the Alliance as a peer worker. Deborah's career and work with peers and clients exemplifies the power of employment to increase the quality of life and growth and development for people living with HIV.