

Appendix A

National Women's Health Network improves the health of all women by developing and promoting a critical analysis of health issues in order to affect policy and support consumer decision-making. The Network aspires to a health care system that is guided by social justice and reflects the needs of diverse women.

Frannie Peabody Center is committed to compassionate care for the community infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS in Maine. The Center helps the community face and fight the realities of the disease by providing prevention education and direct services, including housing, information, education, advocacy, and counseling services. The Center treats the whole person with dignity, care and compassion.

Mardge H. Cohen, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Rush Medical College, is a Senior Physician at Stroger Hospital in Chicago and was the Director of Women's HIV Research until from 2000-2007. She founded the Women and Children HIV program at Stroger Hospital, which serves 1,200 women, partners and children affected by HIV. Dr. Cohen is a leading HIV researcher and principal investigator in the Women's Interagency HIV Study, the largest ongoing study investigating the impact of HIV on women. She has authored dozens of publications on women and HIV and is the recipient of numerous awards. Currently, Dr. Cohen is involved in an initiative to provide rapid HIV testing in all Illinois delivery rooms. Since 2004 she had traveled to Rwanda to offer HIV treatment and primary care to women infected with HIV during the 1994 genocide. She currently also works as a physician at Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

Howard Minkoff, MD, FACOG, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, SUNY-Brooklyn, is a nationally recognized leader in the field of Maternal and Fetal Medicine, specializing in the field of high-risk pregnancies. His work and research in HIV and sexually transmitted diseases is known both nationally and internationally. He has authored more than 300 scientific articles, book chapters, research abstracts, clinical presentations, and multimedia educational tool. He is currently a distinguished professor at SUNY Downstate and chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY, since 1997. He also serves on the PHS panel that establishes guidelines for HIV care of pregnant women and has received the Assistant Secretary of Health Award for Service, related to his work for women with HIV.

ACT UP Philadelphia is an AIDS coalition to unleash power.

African Services Committee is a multiservice agency dedicated to assisting immigrants, refugees and asylees from across the African Diaspora. Programs address the needs of newcomers affected by war, persecution, poverty, and global health inequalities. African Services provides health, housing, legal, educational, and social services to 10,000 people each year. Expanding HIV prevention and access to AIDS treatment and care is central to their mission. African Services has taken this work from Harlem to the frontlines of the global pandemic and now operates three HIV clinics in Ethiopia.

AIDS Foundation of Chicago is a local and national leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS, collaborating with community organizations to develop and improve HIV/AIDS services; funding and coordinating prevention, care, and advocacy projects; and championing effective, compassionate HIV/AIDS policy.

Alliance of AIDS Services – Carolina serves people living with HIV/AIDS, their loved ones, caregivers and communities at large, through compassionate and non-judgmental care, prevention, education and advocacy.

American Medical Students Association is committed to improving health care and healthcare delivery to all people; promoting active improvement in medical education; involving its members in the social, moral and ethical obligations of the profession of medicine; assisting in the improvement and understanding of world health problems; contributing to the welfare of medical students, premedical students, interns, residents and post-MD/DO trainees; and advancing the profession of medicine.

Black Women’s Health Imperative seeks to improve the health and wellness of Black women by providing health resources and information, community health and wellness education, promoting advocacy and health policies, and interpreting and issuing reports on relevant research about the health status of America's Black women. The Black Women’s Health Imperative offers its members culturally appropriate tools and information to be an informed and empowered healthcare consumer. ((It i s the aim of the Imperative to harness the collective power of Black women by bringing together individual women and affiliated women's organizations together around a common health agenda. Utilizing its structure of affiliated organizations, the Imperative is well positioned to create new ways of working together to help establish a national agenda on health disparities for Black women. The Black Women’s Health Imperative’s goal is to create awareness among our key constituencies, work collaboratively with our community in the sharing of health information and build the capacity of African American women to advocate for and secure the preventive care and treatment they need.

Chicago Women’s AIDS Project provides prevention education, advocacy and support for women at risk or living with HIV in the Chicago area in order to empower women to get the support, information and services they need to take control of their own health, and to live as fully and as productively as possible.

Circle of Care is committed to the provision of quality comprehensive family-centered care and services for HIV(affected women, children, adolescents, and their families and to the prevention of HIV disease in these populations.

Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (“CHAMP”) mobilizes people living with HIV, community activists, policy advocates, academics and researchers in our country, and links them with allies around the world. CHAMP arms a new generation of leaders with tools and resources to challenge and change HIV/AIDS prevention policies; to attack the root causes

HIV Law Project is the leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS. Recognized for their commitment to accountability, innovation and collaboration, the HIV Law Project works in the heart of communities, to help individuals and families help themselves.

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP) is Maine's only provider of free and low-cost immigration information and legal assistance to low-income Maine residents. ILAP's skilled legal assistance helps Maine's immigrants keep their families together, gain protection from persecution and domestic violence, attain residency and work authorization, and become proud U.S. citizens.

Liberty Research Group is an all-volunteer agency advocating for those individuals living with HIV/AIDS from all segments of communities of color and those less served in low-income communities throughout the USA.

National AIDS Fund reduces the incidence and impact of HIV/AIDS by promoting leadership and generating resources for effective community responses to the epidemic. Through its unique expanding network of Community Partnerships, NAF supports over 400 grassroots organizations annually which in turn provide HIV prevention, care and support services to underserved individuals and populations most impacted by HIV/AIDS including communities of color, youth and women.

National Association of People with AIDS is the oldest national AIDS organization, as well as the first network of people living with HIV/AIDS in the world. NAPWA believes in making a difference in the lives of its constituents by providing information and resources, telling the collective stories in HIV from the past, present, and future, and being the trusted independent voice of people living with HIV.

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health ("NLIRH") is the nation's leading voice on Latina reproductive rights and justice. NLIRH works to ensure the fundamental human right to reproductive health and justice for Latinas, their families and their communities through public education, community mobilization and policy advocacy.

The Rebecca Project for Human Rights strives to reform child welfare, criminal justice, and substance abuse policies that impact the lives of vulnerable families. The Rebecca Project frames the pervasiveness of violence against women and girls, the draconian conditions that too often characterize maternal incarceration, and the dearth of access to health and healing for mothers and their children, as fundamental human rights violations.

Twin States Network has been providing support, education and prevention services to people in Vermont and NH impacted HIV and Hepatitis C for 18 years.

Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Disease (WORLD), The U.S. Positive Women's Network, connects HIV-positive women, their families, allies, and

communities to one another through peer-based education, support, advocacy, and leadership development.

Women Rising Project is dedicated to nurturing leadership, fostering self-empowerment, promoting health, improving quality of life, building community, and advocacy for HIV+ women and their families. The Project works to strengthen women with HIV and AIDS through programs and activities that provide education, connection, support, empowerment and advocacy.

Women Together for Change Project was created in 2003 by and for HIV-positive women infected and affected by HIV/AIDS on the island of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Their goal is to empower to enhance women lives so that women can better address the challenges, stigma and discrimination faced in living with HIV/AIDS in a small rural community.

Jeff Berry (Director of Publications, Test Positive Aware Network & Editor, Positively Aware Magazine) Chicago, IL. Mr. Berry has been a member of TPAN since 1990, and began working as a volunteer in July of 1992. He joined the staff in November of that year as production assistant for Positively Aware magazine. He went on to oversee advertising and distribution of Positively Aware, and served as webmaster for the agency's website for five years. He was appointed Interim Editor of Positively Aware in September 2004, and promoted to Director of Publications and Editor of Positively Aware and Positively Aware en Español in April of 2005. He was the first recipient of the TPAN Award of Excellence in 2003. Jeff is an member of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC), and currently serves as co-chair of ATAC's Drug Development Committee, and is also a member of the Fair Pricing Coalition. Mr. Berry is a speaker and presenter for various community educational forums, panels and presentations, and has contributed to several otherspeaker and presenter for various community educational forums, panels and presentations. He has contributed to several other HIV-related publications and websites, including The Body.

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women and children, work and pregnancy, pregnancy complications and women's health, fertility control, HIV and illegal drug use in pregnancy. Dr. Chavkin is a recent recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship for research on policy responses to declining birth rates in an international context.

Leslie Gise, MD, Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii and medical staff at Maui Memorial Medical Center, is Past President of the Hawai'i Psychiatric Medical Association, District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association. She has also served as a Staff Psychiatrist at the Maui Community Mental Health Center for twelve years. For eight years she was a Consulting Psychiatrist to the Malama Family Recovery Center on Maui, treating drug and alcohol addicted pregnant and parenting women—one of the few gender-specific addiction treatment centers in the state. Dr. Guise held a private practice for thirty years and taught at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine New York City in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science and Psychiatry. She specialized in the psychology of medical illness and women's mental health. She also worked in the obstetrical outpatient department, ran a screening program for postpartum depression and worked with HIV-infected pregnant women. She is a Past-President of two national professional organizations, a reviewer for many journals, a member of several professional organizations and has many publications. She has made presentations all over the world and has been quoted extensively in the media.

Sean Strub is a long-time social justice activist and writer who founded the award-winning POZ magazine and POZ.com, the leading information source for and voice of people with HIV. Strub was executive editor of POZ for ten years and is today one of the nation's most prominent spokespersons for the rights of people with HIV/AIDS. Strub has written extensively on corporate social responsibility, the people with HIV/AIDS empowerment movement, criminalization of HIV and other issues. He has received numerous awards and honors from national and local AIDS organizations, community and professional groups, including the AIDS Action Foundation's National Leadership Award, the Cielo Latino Companero award from the Latino Commission on AIDS and Being Alive's Spirit of Hope award.