



Biographies

Patrick Packer – Executive Director, SAC

Patrick currently serves as the Executive Director of the Southern AIDS Coalition and has over ten years experience working on prevention techniques and programs for faith communities, youth, communities of color and incarcerated HIV-positive populations. Most recently, Mr. Packer has been a program manager for the School of Nursing, Department of Genetic Research and Department of Preventive Medicine at University of Alabama at Birmingham. He also served as a National Coordinator for the Alpha AIDS Education Initiative and directed one of the largest CDC-funded prevention research programs for African American MSMs.

Evelyn Foust, M.P.H. – Co-Chair, SAC & Director, Communicable Disease Branch, N.C. Division of Public Health

As Branch Head of Communicable Diseases for North Carolina's Division of Public Health, Evelyn Foust is responsible for the oversight of federal and state services for HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases. Ms. Foust's team have worked to facilitate the growth of grassroots community-based agencies to deliver non-traditional, accountable and accessible HIV/STD prevention and care services across North Carolina.

Kathie Hiers – Co-Chair, SAC & Chief Executive Officer, AIDS Alabama

As CEO of AIDS Alabama, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and supportive services to low-income persons with HIV/AIDS as well as education, outreach, and testing, Kathie Hiers ensures that all 67 counties in Alabama receive service. Ms. Hiers is frequently called upon to speak on AIDS housing, advocacy, and service issues. She has been a featured speaker for many press conferences and congressional briefings on the Ryan White CARE Act and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program.

Bambi Sumpter-Gaddist, Dr.P.H. – Board Member, SAC & Executive Director, S.C. HIV/AIDS Council

Dr. Bambi Gaddist is the Executive Director of the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council and serves as a Board Member of the Southern AIDS Coalition. Dr. Gaddist completed Doctoral studies in the areas of Human Sexuality and Family Life Education at the University of South Carolina. For the past 28 years she has worked in the area of human sexuality with a specific focus on the health disparity issue, HIV/AIDS and the prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

Beth Scalco, LCSW – Government Vice Co-Chair, SAC & Director, HIV/AIDS Program, Louisiana Office of Public Health

Beth Scalco serves as the State AIDS Director for the Louisiana Office of Public Health. Ms. Scalco is the former Chair of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and was nationally recognized for her efforts in rebuilding the HIV/AIDS program in Louisiana following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Thomas Liberti – Board Member, SAC & Chief, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Florida Department of Health

As Chief of the Bureau of HIV/AIDS in Florida since 1997, Tom Liberti has been instrumental in developing one of the nation's most comprehensive programs for HIV/AIDS surveillance, education, prevention, early intervention, counseling, testing, care, and treatment. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention and Treatment.

Shannon Hader, M.D. – Senior Deputy Director, D.C. Dept. of Health, HIV/AIDS Administration

Dr. Shannon Hader is the Senior Deputy Director for the District of Columbia Department of Health, HIV/AIDS Administration. Dr. Hader was detailed to the Department of State as the Senior Scientific Advisor for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, during which time she established the public health evaluation infrastructure for the \$15 billion worldwide program. Dr. Hader completed her undergraduate degree at Stanford University, medical school at Columbia University, and residencies in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Duke University.



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Heather Hauck, M.S.W. – Board Member, SAC & Director, M.D. Department of Health/Mental Hygiene, AIDS Administration
Heather Hauck is the Director of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene AIDS Administration, which leads statewide public health efforts to reduce HIV transmission in Maryland and help Marylanders with HIV/AIDS live longer and healthier lives. Ms. Hauck is currently the Chair-Elect of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and serves on NASTAD's Executive Committee, Membership Committee, and the NASTAD Global Program Ethiopia team. She has a Master of Social Work degree from the National Catholic School of Social Service, Catholic University of America.

Kathryn Hafford, M.S.N. – Board Member, SAC & Director, Division of Disease Prevention, V.A. Department of Health
Kathryn Hafford is the Director of the Division of Disease Prevention in the Virginia Department of Health. The division manages all aspects of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, refugee health, and pharmacy services for the Virginia Department of Health. Ms. Hafford has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Duke University and a Master of Science in Nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has worked in various consultant and management positions within the Virginia Department of Health for more than 30 years.