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## **ADAP Advocacy Association Holds Annual Meeting in Washington, DC; Names Two New Board Members**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 4, 2009) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today announced that it has seated two new members to its Board of Directors, as well as returned three previous members. The **aaa+** Board of Directors voted unanimously to seat newcomers **Glen Pietrandoni** of Deerfield, Illinois and **Joey Wynn** of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, both known for their activism in their respective communities.

During its 2009 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, **aaa+** also re-elected three of its board members: **William “Bill” Arnold** of the Community Access National Network, **Dr. Phil Haddad** of the Internal Medicine Department at Louisiana State University School of Medicine and **Duane Malone** of A Brave New Day. Now they will be joined by Pietrandoni from Walgreens Pharmacy, and Wynn from Broward House.

“As an active member of the HIV/AIDS community and a pharmacist, I am proud to serve on the Board of Directors of the ADAP Advocacy Association,” said Glen Pietrandoni of Walgreens Pharmacy. “I firmly believe that all people living with HIV/AIDS deserve the same access to the required medications and pharmaceutical care, regardless of their ability to pay.”

Glen Pietrandoni, R.Ph, is a 1979 graduate of the St Louis College of Pharmacy. After a decade as an owner of a small chain of independent pharmacies in Chicago, he joined Walgreens as a store manager and pharmacist at various locations throughout the Chicago area. With the advent of early HIV therapy in the late 1980s, Glen addressed the needs of this community by establishing a relationship with a nearby physician's practice devoted to treating HIV patients and by understanding the unique needs of this population. In 1996, Walgreens opened its first HIV-focused pharmacy inside the Howard Brown Health Center, the Midwest's largest gay and lesbian healthcare center, which provides primary patient care, case management, social services, and research under one roof. Glen served as Pharmacy Manager for the Walgreens site at Howard Brown Health Center until 2003. As Walgreens expanded its HIV services and locations, Glen moved into the corporate office to manage nationwide HIV and hepatitis patient programs and services throughout the company's enterprise of retail, specialty, and other business units.

Glen has received numerous awards and recognition for his work in HIV and community pharmacy, including Pharmacist of the Year from *Drug Topics Magazine* in 1998 and 1999, and Volunteer of the Year for Test Positive Aware in 2002. Glen is a member of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, the American Academy of HIV Medicine, the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, and supports numerous AIDS service organizations across the country.

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Stated Joey Wynn about his appointment: “The Ryan White Care Act has been one of the most important programs available to assist people finding out about their HIV status in getting the healthcare they need to stay healthy and productive members of society. Within that comprehensive program is the ADAP Program; it offers life saving drugs to be distributed to those most in need, allowing them to maintain or improve their health condition.”

He further stated, “I have been privileged to participate in the Ryan White process for the past 18 years. Once a consumer of services, and enrolled in ADAP, I know first-hand how the program can allow people to get stabilized, return to health, and return to work. I hope my experiences both as a consumer and a provider are helpful to the board in advocating for those in need of this vital program. I look forward to healthy debate, and vigorous advocacy on behalf of the ADAP Advocacy Association’s board.”

Joey Wynn is a person living with HIV for over 22 years. In 1994, he was involved in the start up of the first Ryan White (Title 1 / Part A) Outpatient HIV Special Immunology Services (SIS) Department at Mercy Hospital in Miami, Florida. In 1996, he joined Florida AIDS Action, a statewide advocacy agency involved throughout Florida to provide medical treatment information & education for both consumers and physicians. Increasing the awareness of State politicians for the need to increase state funding for HIV related services, especially AICP, was another main goal accomplished while at FLAA. He then served for 5 years as the Ryan White Patient Care Administrator for the Broward County Health Department’s AIDS Program office, overseeing provision of \$20 million of HIV services for two clinics four pharmacies and seven subcontractor agencies throughout Broward County. Since then he worked for over 5 years in the Statewide Medicaid HIV Disease management program, Positive Healthcare, as the statewide Community Relations Director. He now works at Broward House, Broward’s Oldest & Largest AIDS Service organization, providing medical care, substance abuse rehabilitation, mental health, and social services for people living with HIV and addressing their long term housing needs.

Joey is a 14 year member of the Florida ADAP workgroup. He also was a member of the Florida Statewide Medicaid Advisory group and also a past President of the People With AIDS Coalition (PWAC) in Miami Dade County in 1994. He has worked on various Pharmacy formulary panels and workgroups over the past 15 years, and developed a Ryan White funded analysis of Pharmacy efficiency / effectiveness evaluations for the Broward EMA, comparing Florida EMAs cost & utilization models with Florida ADAP.

**aaa+** is governed by a dedicated, diverse volunteer board of directors. The organization now benefits from the combined experience of five HIV-positive members, one ADAP recipient (plus three former ADAP recipients), one physician, one pharmacist, one religious leader, eight influential AIDS community activists and leaders, and one lifelong disability rights champion. The board of directors includes: Michelle Anderson of Dallas, Texas, Elmer L. Cerano of Lansing, Michigan, James Albino of Washington, DC, Duane Malone of Jackson, Mississippi, Arch-Bishop Joyce Turner Keller of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Joey Wynn of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Philip A. Haddad, MD of Shreveport, Louisiana, Glen Pietrandoni of Deerfield, Illinois, William E. Arnold of Washington, DC 20009, and Brandon Macsata (ex-officio) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**aaa+** promotes and enhances the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. **aaa+** works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to assure that access to services recognize and afford persons living with HIV/AIDS to enjoy a healthy life.

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