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ADAP Advocacy Association Releases ADAP Solutions Summit Final Report; Offers short-term and long-term recommendations to alleviate crisis facing the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 24, 2012) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**[®], today announced that it has released the Final Report from its “ADAP Solutions Summit” – which was held in partnership with the [Community Access National Network](http://www.cannetwork.org) (CANN) in Washington, DC earlier this month. The purpose of this Final Report is to convey some of the programmatic changes, improvements and reforms that could enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) to better serve the needs of the consumers/clients. There were 3,097 people living with HIV/AIDS on ADAP waiting lists in 10 states, as of April 12, 2012 – including 503 people in Florida, 957 people in Georgia, 11 people in Idaho, 368 people in Louisiana, 4 people in Montana, 220 people in Nebraska, 124 people in North Carolina, 0 people in South Carolina, 0 people in Utah and 910 people in Virginia.¹

“The Final Report represents yet another important step toward bringing this nearly four-year crisis to an end,” summarized **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “It doesn’t end the conversation, but rather continues it by putting on the table some concrete solutions designed to improve the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs. The report includes both short-term, and long-term recommendations; we couldn’t have achieved this milestone without the expertise of the people who graciously volunteered their time, and ideas.”

The ADAP Solutions Summit convened a day-and-a-half roundtable on April 2nd-3rd with 42 panelists representing various stakeholder groups – including consumers/patients, State AIDS Directors, advocacy organizations, pharmacies, pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), pharmaceutical companies, social workers, physicians, allied-health professionals, federal and state agencies and policy experts. Sixteen states were represented, including 7 states with current or previous ADAP waiting lists.

The Final Report is a collection of ideas and recommendations, which are not necessarily reflective of the views or opinions of every panelist who participated on the roundtable. To learn more about the summit online, go to http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/events_04_2012_agenda.html, or to download the report, go to <http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/publications.html>.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or its ADAP Solutions Summit, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by phone at (305) 519-4256 or email at info@adapadvocacyassociation.org.

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¹ National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors, The ADAP Watch, April 12, 2012.