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ADAP Advocacy Association Releases HIV/HCV Co-Infection ADAP Summit Final Report; Offers short-term and long-term recommendations to improve access to care for patients living with both HIV-infection and HCV-infection

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 5, 2013) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**[®], today announced that it has released the Final Report from its “HIV/HCV Co-Infection ADAP Summit” – which was held in partnership with the [Community Access National Network](http://www.cann.org) (CANN) in Las Vegas, NV earlier this year. The purpose of this Final Report is to convey some of the programmatic changes, improvements and reforms that could improve access to care for patients living with both HIV-infection and HCV-infection, including leveraging the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) to better serve the needs of the consumers/clients.

“Many in the public health community specializing in the care and treatment of HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis C have cautioned that the impending rise in co-infection rates will have major implications on our health care delivery system,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “The Final Report shall spark a much-needed dialogue about how we can best prepare to meet the needs of both under-served populations, and prevent as few patients as possible from falling through the cracks. 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 HIV/HCV Co-Infection ADAP Summit convened a day-and-a-half roundtable on April 25th–26th with 16 panelists representing various stakeholder groups – including consumers/patients, state agencies, advocacy organizations, pharmacies, pharmaceutical companies, social workers, physicians, allied-health professionals, and policy experts.

“There are many positive changes coming with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, but there also remain a lot of unknowns,” summarized **Bill Arnold**, President & CEO of the Community Access National Network, which operates “Hepatitis: Education, Advocacy & Leadership” as one of its flagship programs. “The Summit aimed to assemble a think tank of forward looking thinkers to hash out the emerging challenges that will be facing patients co-infected with HIV and HCV. The Final Report demonstrates the success behind our objective.”

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_2013_agenda.html, or to download the report, go to <http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/publications.html>.

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