



ADAP Advocacy Association

aaa+

Attn: Brandon M. Macsata, CEO

PO Box 15275

Washington, DC 20005

info@adapadvocacyassociation.org

www.adapadvocacyassociation.org

ADAP Advocacy Association Releases 2013 Annual Report; Accomplishments tempered by return of more ADAP waiting lists

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 8, 2014) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as aaa+®, today released its 2013 Annual Report. Whereas the AIDS Drug Assistance Program waiting lists were finally eliminated last year, significant fiscal pressures continue to restrict access to appropriate, timely care and treatment in many states. The implementation of the Affordable Care Act is expected to provide some relief, but uncertainty also remains over the possible unintended consequences of the law.

In an ongoing effort to keep the patient voice a central theme during this process, aaa+® worked 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. To that end, aaa+® hosted numerous patient advocacy and educational events were hosted throughout the year.

“The ADAP Advocacy Association’s effort to provide advocacy and educational opportunities for people living with HIV-infection was widely recognized by many ADAP stakeholders; that platform shall be continued moving forward into 2014,” stated **Brandon Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “Despite the success of our organization last year, as well as the advocacy community, in general, we need to remain diligent since ADAP waiting lists have re-emerged.”

According to the National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors, Utah has placed three people living with HIV/AIDS on its ADAP waiting list. Additionally, many cost containment measures, such as reduced drug formularies, previously adopted by the states during the ADAP crisis still remain.

“All of us were thrilled when it was announced that the ADAP waiting lists were eliminated, albeit temporarily, because it reassured us all that advocacy can still have an impact on public policy” summarized Bill Arnold, President & CEO of the Community Access National Network (CANN), and co-chair of the aaa+® board of directors. “But one memorable highlight for many of us who have been doing this work for a long time was presenting former governor and HHS secretary Tommy Thompson with our Lifetime Achievement Award. His acceptance speech reminded everyone why we do this work for a living.”

A copy of the 2013 Annual Report can be downloaded online:

http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/pdf-docs/2014_aaa_Annual_Report_04-01-14.pdf.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or its 2013 Annual Report, please contact Brandon M. Macsata at info@adapadvocacyassociation.org.

#####