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ADAP Advocacy Association Seats Board Members

New Faces include Robert “Bobby” Dorsey, Esq. and Shabbir Imber Safdar

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ADAP Advocacy Association today announced that it has seated two new members of its governing Board of Directors. Newly seated board members include Robert Dorsey, Esq. from Washington, DC, and Shabbir Imber Safdar from San Francisco, California. The new board members bring decades of their advocacy experience to the organization.

“Ironically enough, Bobby was very involved behind the scenes fifteen years ago when our organization was first being incorporated so him being seated on our board is quite fitting,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “Bobby is widely respected by his friends and peers, alike. Both his background in the independent and public sectors, as well as his deep-rooted upbringing in our nation’s capital shall serve our governance well.”

“Shabbir has been our ‘lighthouse’ as we’ve navigated the fight against counterfeit medicines and the inherent dangers behind drug importation and potentially undermining our nation’s drug supply chain,” summarized Macsata about his long-time colleague. “Our two organizations have worked very closely over the years on these two interconnected public policy issues, and now Shabbir’s addition to our board of directors will further allow us to raise awareness about the dangers of counterfeits.”

aaa+[®] is governed by a dedicated, diverse volunteer Board of Directors. The organization now benefits from the combined experience of seven HIV-positive members, two current ADAP recipients (plus three former ADAP recipients), two pharmacists, one physician, one nurse (*retired*), one attorney, several influential community activists, two disability rights champions, and one leader in the transgender community. The board of directors includes: **Guy Anthony** of New York, New York; **Wanda Brendle-Moss**, RN of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **Eric Flowers** of Oakland, California; **Lyne Fortin**, B.Pharm, MBA of Montreal, Canada; **Philip A. Haddad**, MD of Shreveport, Louisiana; **Hilary Hansen** of Washington, DC; **Lisa Johnson-Lett** of Birmingham, Alabama; **Jen Laws** of Slidell, Louisiana; **Theresa Nowlin** of Boston, Massachusetts; **Glen Pietrandoni** of Chicago, Illinois; **Shabbir Imber Safdar** of San Francisco, California; **Jennifer Vaughan** of Watsonville, California; and **Brandon M. Macsata** (ex-officio) of New Haven, Connecticut.

William “Bill” Arnold was also named one of the organization’s Director Emeritus, in memoriam.

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Robert ("Bobby") Dorsey is a respected advocate, policy advisor, and leader with expertise in legislative and regulatory research and drafting, lobbying, internal and external stakeholder engagement, and strategic initiative advancement. In his current role as deputy chief of staff for the D.C. Department of Small and Local Business Development, Bobby oversees all legislative and communications priorities and assists the chief of staff with day-to-day agency operations. Previously, as associate state director for AARP District of Columbia, Bobby lobbied the District Council for reforms leading to improved outcomes for older District residents and their families. After receiving a Bachelor of English degree from Williams College, Bobby went on to attend the Howard University School of Law, receiving a Juris Doctorate in 2013. During his time at Howard, Bobby interned with the Office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman where he researched tax issues. He was also a Crowell & Moring Law Fellow at the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, an organization dedicated to providing housing for low-income District residents. Bobby currently sits on the Board of Directors for Gifts for the Homeless, a District-based nonprofit that provides essential clothing to local shelters, soup kitchens, and transitional housing facilities.

Shabbir Imber Safdar has served as the Executive Director of the Partnership for Safe Medicines (PSM) since 2017. Before that he was the Director of Outreach and has served as a consultant to PSM for nearly a decade. Shabbir is passionate about patient safety and the dangers of counterfeits, having seen them firsthand the dangers of counterfeits in countries around the world where a closed, secure drug supply chain doesn't exist. The Partnership for Safe Medicines, founded in 2003, is a not for profit focused entirely on researching the danger of counterfeit drugs in America and educating the public about how to stay safe from them. Today Shabbir leads the Partnership for Safe Medicines team from San Francisco, CA where he lives with his wife and two children. He plays string bass in a bluegrass band for fun.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or its Board of Directors, please email info@adapadvocacy.org.

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About the ADAP Advocacy Association: The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance 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 raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.