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ADAP Advocacy Seats Board Members

New Faces include Erin Darling and Marcus A. Wilson

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – ADAP Advocacy today announced that it has seated two new members of its governing Board of Directors. Newly seated board members include Erin Darling from Washington, DC, and Marcus A. Wilson from Orlando, Florida. The new board members bring decades of their advocacy and industry experience to the organization.

“Erin’s addition to our Board of Directors further strengthens our focus on solid policy-driven solutions to public health, in general, and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and AIDS Drug Assistance Program, specifically,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of ADAP Advocacy. “Erin has earned the reputation as a forward-thinking partner among her industry colleagues, and she has consistently applied that thinking to support patient advocacy and engagement at the federal level. Erin has been one of our strongest allies for nearly a decade.”

“Marcus offers both the industry and patient perspective, as he takes the next step in supporting our organization, which he has also done for nearly a decade,” further summarized Macsata about his long-time friend. “Marcus is known for his ability to weave through the complex systems that define our complex, fragmented healthcare ecosystem, always seeking ways to remove barriers to access care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS.”

ADAP Advocacy is governed by a dedicated, diverse volunteer board of directors. The organization now benefits from the combined experience of eight HIV-positive members, two ADAP recipients (plus three former ADAP recipients), one pharmacist, two attorneys, three pharmaceutical company representatives, one nurse (*retired*), and several influential AIDS community activists and leaders.

The board of directors includes: **Guy Anthony** of New York, New York; **Wanda Brendle-Moss**, RN of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **Robert Dorsey**, Esq. of Washington, DC; **Erin Darling**, Esq. of Washington, DC; **Eric Flowers** of Oakland, California; **Lyne Fortin**, B.Pharm, MBA of Montreal, Canada; **Hilary Hansen** of Washington, DC; **Lisa Johnson-Lett** of Birmingham, Alabama; **Jen Laws** of Slidell, Louisiana; **Theresa Nowlin** of Boston, Massachusetts; **Shabbir Imber Safdar** of San Francisco, California; **Jennifer Vaughan** of Watsonville, California; **Marcus A. Wilson** of Orlando, Florida; and **Brandon M. Macsata** (ex-officio) of Nags Head, North Carolina.

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Erin Darling currently serves as AVP of Federal Policy for Merck. In this role, Erin is responsible for leading the company's U.S. policy and alliance development teams, which develop and implement advocacy and policy strategies on federal health care legislative and regulatory issues. She works extensively on Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal program coverage and payment issues, drug pricing and transparency, health care reform, therapeutic area specific policy issues such as in infectious disease and oncology, and various other health care policy issues. Before coming to Merck in 2007, Erin worked in private practice as a health care lawyer with two Washington, D.C. law firms. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Children's Inn at NIH, the civic engagement organization All in Together, and the HIV+Hep Policy Institute. Erin has a J.D., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. in Political Science with Distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Marcus A. Wilson (He/Him) is the Senior Director, Community Engagement and Patient Advocacy, U.S. Virology at Gilead Sciences, Inc. Marcus has enthusiastically contributed to ending the HIV epidemic and improving health equity globally for more than two decades. His work with national advocacy organizations has protected patient and physician choice, increased equity in healthcare, and improved access to life saving therapies. Marcus is an active member of the LGBTQ+ community. He has served on the boards of AIDS Foundation Chicago, Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus, and currently serves on the boards of AIDS United, ONYX, and LLC. Marcus has provided support and guidance to numerous community organizations utilizing his policy and advocacy knowledge and esteemed relationships. In his free time, Marcus enjoys international travel, spending time with family and friends, and volunteering within his community. He is a native of Detroit, MI who currently resides in Orlando, FL with his partner, Steven.

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

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About ADAP Advocacy: ADAP Advocacy's mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. ADAP Advocacy 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.