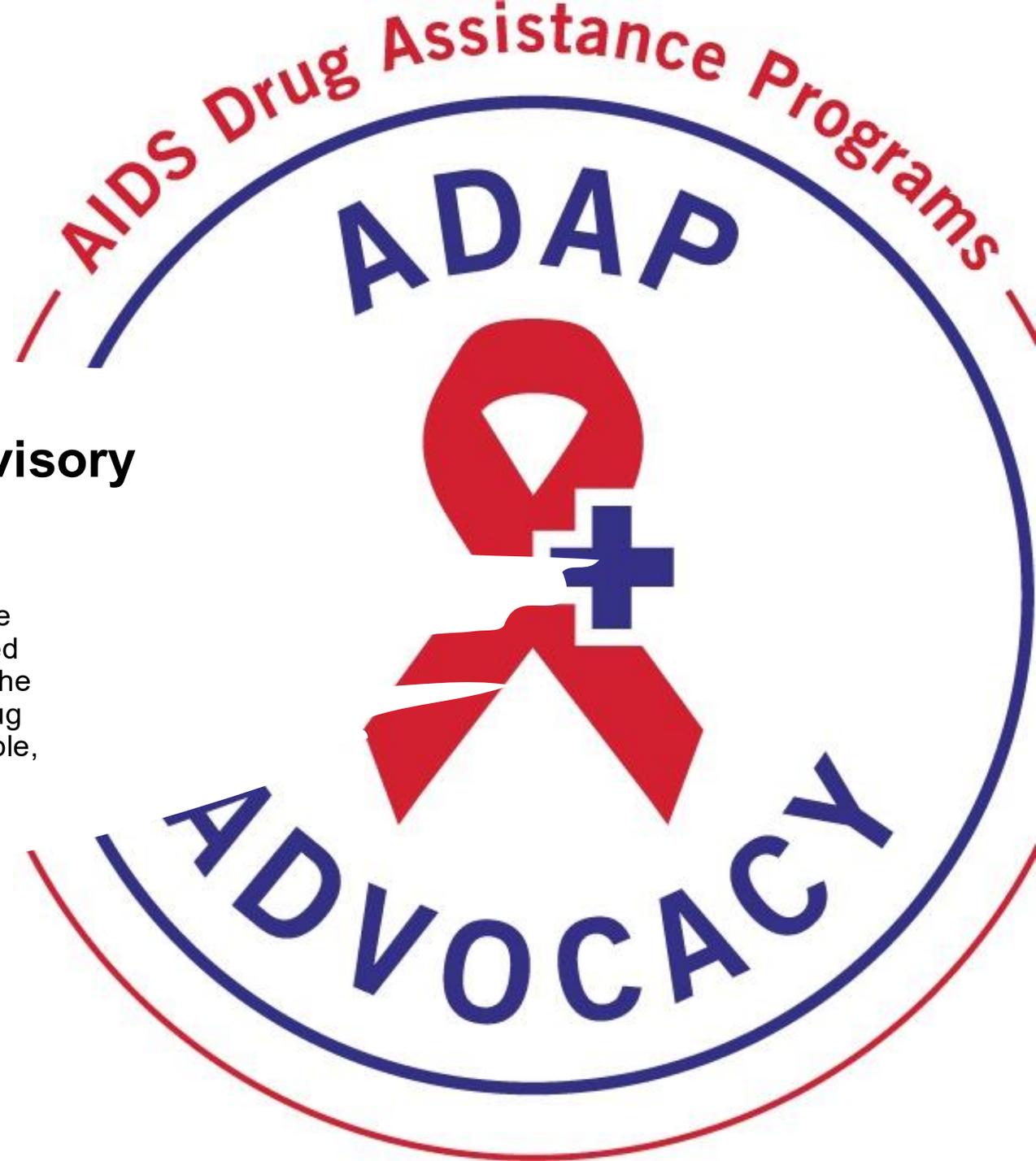




ADAP Drug Formulary Patient Advisory Committee - 2026

ADAP Advocacy works to improve access to timely, appropriate care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS being served by the State AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, including promoting robust drug formularies to best serve the needs of clients. Whenever feasible, ADAP Advocacy strongly supports "open" drug formularies.





Rev. **Alex Garbera, Chair**



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Alexander (Alex) has been a voice for HIV/AIDS since 1986 co-producing Connecticut's first radio interview with a Person Living with AIDS. Having tested positive for HIV in 1987, Alex suspects his viral bloom occurred in the Summer of 1980 when he was in Graduate school working on his Psychology Master's degree. His undergraduate work at SUNY focused on behavioral research and scientific ethics. Alex pursued studies at New York City's New Seminary and was ordained as an Interfaith Minister with a Master's of Spiritual Counseling certified by the New York State Board of Regents. He is one of the original Connecticut ADAP consumer advisory board members. He has participated in both regional and statewide HIV consortia and planning councils, and in 2004 started the first Connecticut multi-media social marketing campaign for long-term survivors of HIV: "Don't Let HIV Run You Down"

Alex also launched the first anal PAP social awareness campaign when it was still very controversial. He is still advocating for better care and treatment as a National Anchor Study consumer advisory board member. He is well known for his many years of persistent advocacy to expand access and eligibility for core HIV medical and supportive services, holistic health, LGBTQTA+ issues, trauma-informed care, health disparities, and intersectionality. He enjoys photography, philosophy, spirituality, exercising, dancing, non-violent communication, and religious studies. He currently serves as the co-chair for the New Haven Mayor's Task Force on AIDS and acting president of The Guardian Health Association.

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Israel Samalot Doval



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Born in Puerto Rico in 1983, **Israel Samalot Doval** has 1 son, 2 daughters, and one granddaughter. He has a bachelor's degree in Theology, a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, and a minor in Psychology. HIV came to live with him in 2013. Since its transmission, Israel became an Activist / Shareholder. He has participated in different conferences carrying the voice of what is happening in his country, training to train others. He was at the Ryan White Summit in Puerto Rico, Washington (AIDS WATCH), Virginia (HINAC5), Puerto Rico (USCHA). He participates in different congresses and gives lectures at them. Currently, he is part of the Planning Group and Coordinator of the Membership and Recruitment Committee of the RW Part B / ADAP Program, Member of the USPLHIV Caucus Political Action Committee, Director of Community Outreach / Interim Director of the Movimiento en Respuesta Al VIH inc.





Daniel D. Driffin, DrPH MPH



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Dr. Daniel D. Driffin, has worked at the intersection of advocacy and assisting communities impacted by HIV for fourteen years across the South. Daniel is the Creator and Senior Advisor of D3 Consulting LLC, a consulting firm to assist small to midsize community-based organizations, health departments, and other programs aligned with the engagement of men of color within healthcare settings not limited to HIV prevention, research, and treatment but also within systems providing increase health literate and culturally connected services.

Daniel received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Morris College and a master's in public health from Morehouse School of Medicine.

As a non-profit creator, Daniel knows the power of community pooling resources to solve problems. Daniel recently completed a doctoral degree in public health from Georgia State University. Daniel hopes to leverage his DrPH training to continue his influence to create community-driven solutions to improve HIV health outcomes for marginalized communities.

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Marcus J. Hopkins



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Marcus J. Hopkins is a long-term survivor living with HIV/AIDS whose work in infectious disease research aims to demystify the often-complex world of health communication and research. A West Virginia native of Appalachia, he serves as the Founder and Executive Director of the Appalachian Learning Initiative whose focus is on improving adult literacy, numeracy, health literacy, and access to public services in the 13-state, 423-county Appalachian Region. He is a dedicated “cat lady” who shares his apartment with his seven cats—Erdrick, Baumren, Squeaker, Pearl, Angelo, Marcello, and Pyewacket. He is also a video game enthusiast, with 34 gaming consoles hooked up to his three televisions who spends his days binge-watching Dark Shadows while he works and listening to audiobooks while he sleeps. Marcus studied Health Communication at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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Chauncey McGlathery, JD



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On a mission to dismantle all barriers to health and wellness, **Chauncey McGlathery** practiced law as a federal civil rights attorney with oversight over police and corrections officers for the City of New York. As a graduate of Auburn University School of Engineering, Howard University School of Law and Beeson Divinity School, Chauncey received additional training in Social Justice Theory and Practice from many institutions including Harvard University, Tufts University, and the Interaction Institute. Most recently, he taught in the African and African Diaspora Studies Department at Boston College.

As a public health policy manager, Chauncey develops and implements voter education and advocacy training, and partners with the agencies to develop a statewide policy agenda and needs assessment for marginalized populations while working with stakeholders and collaborative participants to develop a set of highly strategic, targeted, and achievable advocacy priorities. Chauncey helps the community at large have intersectional conversations between groups that otherwise would not have the opportunity to collaborate.

Chauncey is a natural bridge-builder and looks forward to exploring the structural inequities and epidemic intersections of race, gender, aging, sex work and identity politics. Chauncey remains convinced that as we become more aware of these inequities and intersections within ourselves, we will become more compassionate and inclusive in our everyday interactions and advocacy.

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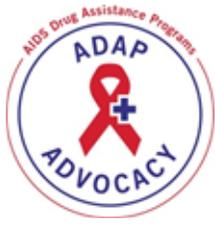
David Pable



David Pable is a 13-year survivor of HIV and currently serves on the Roper St. Francis Healthcare Ryan White Program's Consumer Advisory Board. He also holds a Voting seat on the South Carolina HIV Planning Council, is Chairperson of the Needs Assessment Committee, and is Co-Chair SC Positive Advocacy Committee. He is also a member of the 2015 SC HIV Viral Hepatitis and STD conference and Co-Chair of The Charleston World AIDS Day Committee. Together with Michael Luciano, David co-founded positiveMEN.org in 2012. Work with local and state and federal agencies to improve the lives of people living with and or affected by HIV to ensure that Quality services are continuously monitored to make improvements in care and optimize the use of grant dollars to maximum efficiency. Comfortable speaking with large groups as well as with the media.

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Lepena Reid



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Lepena Reid is a role model of universal hope and healing. Diagnosed with HIV in the late 1980s, she is demonstrating that you can overcome health challenges, improve your quality of life, become resilient, and thrive. She works with individuals, groups, and women at every stage in life to assist them in building confidence, accelerating the liberation of Black cisgender women's human rights, and creating a fulfilling life.

The Founder of (ASK) A Survivors Keys, she is a connector, and her Red Ribbon Earwear Design (RRED) Project does that by developing healthy conversations, increasing awareness, and supporting the HIV community. A certified Trainer and Educator in HIV awareness and prevention, she co-facilitates a national virtual support group for Cisgender Black Women and collaborates with organizations in Florida and nationally.

A dedicated member of several advisory boards and an Honorary member of the National Black Nurse's Association-Tampa chapter, Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC), Florida state lead for AARP, peer educator (BHOF) Bone Health Osteoporosis Foundation, member of the Florida Coalition of Community Health Workers (CHW), Positive Women Network, PWN-USA spokesperson, and 2020 Leading Women Society inductee in 2012 with SisterLove, Atlanta, GA.

Lepena penned a collection of poems entitled "Angel In Divine Service." Her passion and drive to remain healthy and whole as a health & wellness advisor add to her mission and drive. Recently appearing in the 2025 issue of Positively Aware magazine, she shared how practicing daily healthy activities of living are supporting her quest to foster good health and longevity for years to come.





Steven Vargas



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Steven Vargas has been a dedicated HIV advocate since 1989, using his lived experience as an HIV Long-Term Survivor to champion the needs of people living with HIV. Having spent over half his life—29 years—navigating the challenges of HIV, he remains deeply committed to community health planning at the local, state, and national levels.

Steven plays a pivotal role in multiple HIV-related organizations. He is a past Community Co-Chair and current member of the Houston HIV Prevention Community Planning Group and the Secretary and Emeritus Chair of the Latino HIV Task Force. His leadership extends to the Houston EMA Ryan White Planning Council, where he is a past Chair and current Steering Committee member. Additionally, he is a founding member of the oH Project and serves as Chair of the Texas Developmental Center for AIDS Research Community Advisory Board (CAB). On a statewide level, Steven is the Regional Co-Chair of the Texas HIV Syndicate. He chairs the Governance & Data Committee of the Texas HIV Medication Program (ADAP) Advisory Committee. He is also a founding member of the Texas Strike Force.

Nationally, Steven has been a Community Member Panelist on the DHHS Antiretroviral Guidelines Panel for Adults and Adolescents since 2017. His advocacy extends to aging populations with HIV as a founding member and Chair (2020-2023) of the National HIV and Aging Advocacy Network.

In addition to his advocacy work, Steven has been a Facilitator for the English and Spanish versions of NMAC's ESCALATE and ELEVATE programs, having previously worked with their Building Leaders of Color (BLOC) initiative. He has also assisted the Federal Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) with their Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance and Training (CHATT) services.

