

New York State Hepatitis C Elimination Task Force Task Force Member Bios

Matthew Akiyama, MD, MSc

Assistant Professor of Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Matthew Akiyama, MD, MSc, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Akiyama is a physician-investigator whose research focuses on hepatitis C among socioeconomically marginalized populations with an emphasis on the intersection of hepatitis C and the criminal justice system. Dr. Akiyama is the recipient of NIH and institutional funding to develop and test innovative strategies to improve the hepatitis C care cascade among individuals with justice-involvement and people who inject drugs. Dr. Akiyama is also active in correctional and community-based advocacy and leadership. Dr. Akiyama has served as an expert consultant for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, National Hepatitis C in Corrections Network, and National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors, among others. Dr. Akiyama completed an Infectious Diseases Fellowship at New York University and a Master of Science in Medical Anthropology at University College London in London, England.

John Barry

Executive Director of the Southern Tier AIDS Program (STAP)

John Barry is a University of Chicago graduate with a degree in Social Service Administration and is a licensed social worker. John has 30 years of experience in the fields of HIV, substance use treatment and mental health in both direct service and administrative roles. John has also taught as an adjunct instructor at both SUNY Cortland and Binghamton University. John is currently the Executive Director of the Southern Tier AIDS Program (STAP). STAP was one of the initial three pilot sites for the state's Drug User Health Hub initiative and STAP staff have conducted published research on Hepatitis C and injection drug use in rural areas.

Jack Beck

Director, Prison Visiting Project

Jack Beck joined the staff of the Correctional Association (CA) in 2004. Jack manages all aspects of the Prison Visiting Project's work, facilitates prison visits, writes reports and policy materials, directs legislative strategy, and supervises staff. Jack is also a representative for incarcerated individuals on the Academy of Medicine Institutional Review Board and has consulted with federal officials about regulations concerning research on incarcerated individuals. Prior to joining the CA, Jack was a Senior Supervising Attorney at the Prisoners' Rights Project of the Legal Aid Society for 23 years, specializing in medical care issues, with focus on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. Jack is a nationally-recognized expert on prison health care and a member of several coalitions concerned with medical and mental health care in prisons that advocate for improved care for people in prison. Jack received a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and a Bachelor's in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

David Bernstein, MD

Chief of the Division of Hepatology, Northwell Health University and Long Island Jewish Medical Center; Director, Sandra Atlas Bass Center for Liver Diseases at Northwell Health; Vice Chairman of Medicine for Clinical Trials at Northwell Health; Professor of Medicine and Education at the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine

David Bernstein, MD, is the Chief of the Division of Hepatology at Northwell Health University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center and Director of Sandra Atlas Bass Center for Liver Diseases at Northwell Health. Dr. Bernstein is the Vice Chairman of Medicine for Clinical Trials at Northwell Health and is a Professor of Medicine and Education at the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine. Dr. Bernstein has extensive experience in the academic setting, as well as developing and implementing policies and best practices in hepatology for hospital and outpatient care. Dr. Bernstein received a medical degree from SUNY- Stony Brook, in Stony Brook, NY in 1988 and completed postgraduate training with an internal medicine internship and

residency at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York. Dr. Bernstein completed a gastroenterology fellowship and a hepatology fellowship at the University of Miami Affiliated Hospitals in Miami, Florida.

Gale Burstein MD, MPH

Erie County Commissioner of Health; Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Jacobs School of Medicine

Gale Burstein, MD, MPH, is the Erie County Commissioner of Health and a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Jacobs School of Medicine in Buffalo, NY. Dr. Burstein chairs the Erie County Opioid Epidemic Task Force. In 2017 Erie County experienced a decline in opioid related deaths. Dr. Burstein participates in writing national adolescent health guidelines and has been published in scientific peer review journals. Dr. Burstein received a MD from Jacobs School of Medicine in Buffalo, NY; completed pediatric residency at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH; received Adolescent Medicine fellowship training at University of Maryland and completed an STD Prevention fellowship and Masters in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. As a CDC medical officer, Dr. Burstein worked on adolescent STI prevention programs and policy and rapid HIV testing implementation.

Eli Camhi, MSSW, LMSW

Owner, Generative Resources, LLC

Eli Camhi, MSSW, LMSW, is currently the owner of Generative Resources, LLC, a consulting firm that provides assistance to healthcare payers and providers. For the past 25 years Eli has been engaged and employed in organizations that either provide primary care or managed care to the HIV community in New York City. From June 2001 to May 2017 Eli managed Select Health, a Medicaid HIV Special Needs Plan first at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and then at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. From 1993 to May 2001 Eli served as Administrative Director of the AIDS Center at Montefiore Medical Center. Eli is also a fiscal consultant to the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Eli received a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988, is a published author, a member of the National Association of Social Workers and a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Don C. Des Jarlais, PhD

Professor of Epidemiology, Social and Behavioral Sciences at College of Global Public Health New York University; Adjunct Faculty of Psychiatry and Preventive Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Guest Investigator at Rockefeller University in New York

Don C. Des Jarlais, PhD, is a leader in the fields of AIDS and injecting drug use and has published extensively on these topics including articles in: New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Science and Nature. Dr. Des Jarlais is active in international research, having collaborated on studies in many different countries and serves as consultant to various institutions, including the CDC, NIDA, the National Academy of Sciences, and the World Health Organization. Dr. Des Jarlais' s research has received numerous awards, including a New York State Department of Health Commissioner's award for promoting the health of persons who use drugs. Dr. Des Jarlais has formerly served as a Commissioner for the National Commission on AIDS, as a Core Group Member of UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Injecting Drug Use and as a former member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Scientific Advisory Board.

C. Virginia Fields, MSW

President and CEO, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA)

C. Virginia Fields, MSW, was appointed the President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (NBLCA) in 2008. C. Virginia brings to the position over eighteen years of experience as an elected official in New York City and has garnered widespread praise as a consensus builder around city, state and national policy issues. Under C. Virginia's leadership, NBLCA has grown to include twelve national chapters and over 150 partnerships, including working with a broad spectrum of health, civic, public, social justice and community leaders, persons living with HIV/AIDS, faith-based organizations and other

stakeholders, helping to expand NBLCA's national and local programs. NBLCA's Core focus areas include community mobilization; counseling, testing and linkage to care; capacity building and technical assistance; advocacy and policy; and leadership training and development. C. Virginia spearheaded establishment of the National African American Hepatitis C Action Day and annual "State of HIV in Black America" Conference. Appointments include the AIDS Advisory Council and Governor Cuomo's *Ending the Epidemic* Task Force. C. Virginia earned a BA Degree from Knoxville College, a Master's in Social Work from Indiana University and a Sixth Year Certificate in Administration from New York University. C. Virginia is a recipient of numerous honors and awards for leadership in health, education, social justice and economic issues. C. Virginia resides in New York City.

Ray Ganoë

President/CEO, Evergreen Association, Inc.

Ray Ganoë currently serves as the President/CEO of the Evergreen Association, Inc. The Association includes The Pride Center of WNY, Community Access Services and Evergreen Health. Ray has over 25 years of experience working in the field of HIV and substance abuse. Currently Ray's organizations have 450 employees and an \$80 million annual budget and serve the eight counties of Western New York. Ray has a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration, a Bachelor of Social Work, is a Health Leadership Fellow, a Harvard Business school graduate and has a CASAC (retired). Ray is a recipient of the Buffalo Ambassador Award, the WebMD Excellence in Service award and has received the Distinguished Service Award from the NYS Commissioner of Health for exceptional accomplishments in HIV Service Delivery. Ray is the Treasurer of SNAPCAP and serves on the NYS Governor's Hepatitis C task force, the U.B. Dean's Advisory Council and the Board of Buffalo United Artists.

Clifton Garmon, MSW

Senior Policy Analyst, VOCAL-NY

Clifton Garmon, MSW, is the Senior Policy Analyst at VOCAL-NY and monitors, examines, and promotes policies designed to improve the quality of life for marginalized communities, while engaging and educating elected officials across the state through grassroots lobbying. Clifton's work is particularly focused on advocating for the health and well-being of people who use drugs, coordinating VOCAL-NY's statewide organizing efforts and hepatitis C elimination throughout New York State.

Annette Gaudino

HIV/HCV Project Co-Director, Treatment Action Group

Annette Gaudino, HIV/HCV Project Co-Director, Treatment Action Group, works to advance hepatitis C elimination across U.S. jurisdictions, with special attention to the needs of people who use drugs and incarcerated people. Annette serves on the Steering Committee of the NY State Hepatitis C Elimination Campaign, is a member of the National Hepatitis Corrections Network (NHCCN), and in 2014 was a founding member of the NY State Hepatitis C Coalition. Annette was previously Statewide Coordinator for the Campaign for NY Health, contributing to the passage of the NY Health Act single-payer bill through the State Assembly for the first time in 20 years. Annette has over 25 years of experience in the LGBT, HIV/AIDS, and harm reduction movements.

Pete Hill

Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties, Inc.

Pete Hill is an enrolled member of the Cayuga Nation, Heron Clan and currently the "All Our Relations" Project Director at Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties, Inc. (NACS). Pete has worked at NACS for over 26 years, spending most of that time with several youth and community programs addressing alcohol/substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, teen pregnancy prevention, and HIV risk reduction. Pete has integrated many Native American cultural teachings and approaches into program design, evaluation, and strengths-based approaches. Pete has also been heavily involved with the

development of new approaches and initiatives such as the “All Our Relations” Project to help the community to move beyond the impact of historical traumas and related factors that have negatively impacted the inter-generational health and vitality of Native American people.

David Holtgrave, PhD

Dean, School of Public Health, University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY)

David Holtgrave, PhD, has served as the Dean of the School of Public Health, University at Albany, State University of New York since March 2018. Dr. Holtgrave is also an appointed SUNY Empire Innovation Professor. From August 2005 through February 2018, Dr. Holtgrave served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Holtgrave also held joint appointments in the Johns Hopkins schools of medicine and nursing. Dr. Holtgrave has worked extensively in the field of HIV prevention since 1991 and research has focused on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of HIV prevention interventions and the translation of those study findings to HIV prevention policy. Dr. Holtgrave previously served as member and then vice-chair of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS during President Obama’s Administration. Prior to Dr. Holtgrave’s position at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Holtgrave was a professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, served as Director of the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention – Intervention Research and Support at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and was a faculty member at the Center for AIDS Intervention Research at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Holtgrave has authored or co-authored over 300 professional publications.

Brad Hutton, MPH

Deputy Commissioner, Office of Public Health, New York State Department of Health

Brad Hutton, MPH, received a Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University and Master of Public Health from the University at Albany School of Public Health, where Brad also completed all requirements except the dissertation for a PhD in epidemiology with concentrations in infectious disease and chronic disease epidemiology. Brad has been with the New York State Department of Health for twenty-four years, and currently serves as the Deputy Commissioner for Public Health. Brad oversees the Centers for Community Health and Environmental Health, the AIDS Institute, the Department’s Public Health Laboratory (the Wadsworth Center), the Office of Health Emergency Preparedness and Office of Public Health Protection. Previously, Brad directed the Department’s Center for Community Health, the Bureau of Early Intervention, and its Cancer Services Program. Brad has served on several committees that advise the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on cancer control and served on the Institute of Medicine’s Committee to Improve Mammography Quality. Brad is also the Commissioner’s Designee to the Drinking Water Quality Council, a new advisory body created in legislation in SFY 2017-18.

Christine Kerr, MD, AAHIVS

Medical Director of HIV and Hepatitis Programs for Hudson River HealthCare, Inc. (HRHCare)

Christine Kerr, MD, AAHIVS, is the Medical Director of HIV and Hepatitis Programs for Hudson River HealthCare, Inc. (HRHCare), a network of 30 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) serving nearly 150,000 predominantly low-income patients living throughout an 11-county region of New York State’s Hudson Valley and Long Island. Dr. Kerr has been providing direct HIV care in the Hudson Valley for 10 years, and currently, provides clinical oversight for the Health Center’s *Genesis* program of HIV care and treatment, which serves more than 1,000 patients living with HIV. Dr. Kerr’s areas of expertise include: treatment of HIV and Hepatitis C in the community setting, care of the underserved, immigrant health, and program development and evaluation. In addition to having a significant leadership role with HRHCare, Dr. Kerr continues to provide direct care for patients living with HIV and/or Hepatitis at FQHC service sites throughout the Hudson Valley. Dr. Kerr also serves as the co-chair for the New York State Quality Advisory Committee for the Department of Health’s AIDS Institute, is a co-chair of the Johns Hopkins-AIDS Institute Guidelines Committee for Treatment of Hepatitis C, and serves on the Medical Care Criteria Committee.

Jacquelyn Kilmer**CEO, Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc.**

Jacquelyn (Jacqui) Kilmer is the CEO of Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc., a nationally-recognized non-profit organization with a 30-year history of serving the underserved in Harlem and beyond. Harlem United provides quality community-centered healthcare and supportive housing for those experiencing homelessness, chronic physical and mental health conditions, suffering from substance use disorder and those living in circumstances of extreme poverty. Jacqui joined Harlem United in 2010, after returning to New York from Denver, Colorado. While in Denver, Jacqui was a partner in a large regional law firm and provided pro bono legal representation, lobbying and advocacy work for Colorado AIDS Project and a coalition of AIDS service and related organizations. Prior to being appointed CEO, Jacqui was Harlem United's Chief Operating Officer and Chief Compliance Officer. Jacqui holds a JD from the University of Denver College of Law, a BA in Economics and MA in Political Science from Stony Brook University. Jacqui is a member of the NYS AIDS Advisory Council, and served on the Mayor's Supportive Housing Task Force and Crisis Prevention and Response Task Force. Jacqui serves on the Board of Directors of Amida Care, New York's largest special needs managed care plan.

Charles King**CEO, Housing Works, Inc.**

Charles King is one of the founders and the CEO of Housing Works, Inc. a community-based, not-for-profit organization that provides a full range of services including housing, health care, mental health, chemical dependency services, legal, advocacy, and job training and employment for homeless men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic conditions. Charles served on the governing body of UNAIDS as a member of the NGO Delegation to the PCB and was Co-chair of the NYS End of AIDS Task Force. Charles is currently the co-chair of the Ending the Epidemic Subcommittee of the NYS AIDS Advisory Council, co-chairs the ACT Now: End AIDS Coalition, a national ending the epidemic coalition, and co-chairs the Visioning Committee of the National AIDS Housing Coalition, which has now produced eight research and policy summits to generate research proving the efficacy of housing as an HIV intervention and turning that research into policy initiatives. Charles holds both a Law Degree and a Master of Divinity from Yale University, and is an ordained Baptist Minister.

Terry D. Leach, PharmD**Vice President of Pharmacy Services, Amida Care**

Terry Leach, PharmD, serves as the Vice President of Pharmacy Services for Amida Care, a private, non-profit community health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to Medicaid members with chronic conditions, including HIV/AIDS and behavioral health disorders, as well as people of transgender experience and people experiencing homelessness, regardless of HIV status. Dr. Leach is responsible for strategic, clinical and operational direction of the plan's pharmacy benefits. Dr. Leach directly oversees the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM), the Preferred Drug List, Treatment Adherence, Utilization Management and the Hepatitis C Management Programs. Dr. Leach advocates for identification and treatment of individuals with Hepatitis C and presents nationally on health plan coverage, cost management and successful treatment of hepatitis C. DR. Leach is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor, Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences at Touro College of Pharmacy. Dr. Leach received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Ohio Northern University and completed a residency at OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Ronni Marks**Founder, Hepatitis C Mentor and Support Group (HCMSG)**

Ronni Marks has been working to raise awareness of Hepatitis C for over twenty years. Ronni's journey started as a patient when diagnosed in 1996, a time when there was little known about Hepatitis C. Ronni became a patient advocate, and the organizer and facilitator of a Hepatitis C support group at NYU Medical Center in

NYC which lasted for eighteen years. Ronni worked with patients from the Interferon era through the DAA's. In 2011 Ronni founded the organization, The Hepatitis C Mentor and Support Group-HCMMSG. After several unsuccessful attempts with other treatments, four years after being treated with the new DAA's, Ronni was told the HCV virus was no longer detected. This reinforced Ronni's mission to help ensure that everyone would have the same opportunities. HCMMSG is an organization that addresses the lack of education and supportive services for people affected by Hepatitis C, and co-infected with HIV. It provides trainings for patients, healthcare providers, community-based service providers, and staff of hospitals, clinics and other organizations nationwide. Ronni serves on numerous advisory boards and the NYS steering committee for the elimination of Hepatitis C.

Denis Nash, PhD, MPH

Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology at the CUNY School of Public Health; Founding Executive Director of CUNY's Institute for Implementation Science in Population Health; Associate Director, Einstein-Rockefeller-CUNY Center for AIDS Research; Director, Implementation Science and Health Outcomes Core of the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at Columbia University

Denis Nash, PhD, MPH, is an epidemiologist with over 20 years of experience and leadership in conducting epidemiologic studies. Dr. Nash's central interests include infectious diseases, the field of public health surveillance and the use of public health surveillance data to conduct rigorous assessments of programmatic effectiveness and the impact of policies on health. Dr. Nash has worked extensively in domestic and international settings conducting large-scale, 'real-world' epidemiologic studies examining key outcomes among persons with HIV infection. Dr. Nash is Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology at the CUNY School of Public Health. Denis has worked at the forefront of the emerging field of implementation science, and is the founding Executive Director of CUNY's new interdisciplinary Institute for Implementation Science in Population Health. Dr. Nash has published over 150 scientific articles on research primarily funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Nash is the Associate Director of the Einstein-Rockefeller-CUNY Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and Director of the Implementation Science and Health Outcomes Core of the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at Columbia University. Dr. Nash also serves as a standing member on the National Institutes of Health study section review panels, led the development of New York's Ending the Epidemic Dashboard system, which tracks the progress of Governor Cuomo's initiative to End New York's AIDS Epidemic by the end of 2020, teaches courses in Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Public Health Surveillance, and has mentored over 75 masters students, doctoral students, and post-doctoral fellows training in epidemiology, public health and implementation science.

Daniel Raymond

Deputy Director, Planning and Policy, Director, Harm Reduction Coalition

Daniel Raymond has worked in the field of harm reduction for over two and a half decades. Daniel joined Harm Reduction Coalition in 2003 and became Policy Director in 2005. Currently, Daniel serves as Harm Reduction Coalition's Deputy Director of Planning and Policy, and oversees the organization's policy, capacity-building, and overdose prevention departments. Daniel works with federal, state and local officials, advocates, and providers to expand critical drug user health interventions, including overdose education and naloxone distribution, syringe access programs, medication-assisted treatment, HIV and hepatitis C care and treatment, and quality health care for people who use drugs. Daniel has served as chair of the Injection Drug Users Health Alliance, the Washington Heights CORNER Project Board of Trustees, and the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable Steering Committee. Daniel has also served on Governor Cuomo's Heroin and Opioid Task Force, the Food and Drug Administration's Antiviral Drug Advisory Committee, the American Medical Association Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement Hepatitis C Workgroup, and the AASLD/IDSA Hepatitis C Guidance Panel.

Luis Scaccabarrozzi, MPH**Vice President and Senior Director of Health Policy and Advocacy, Latino Commission on AIDS**

Luis Scaccabarrozzi, MPH, is originally from Peru. Luis started working in Public Health serving as a volunteer community educator and research recruiter for Movimiento Homosexual de Lima as the HIV epidemic began to impact gay/bisexual men and trans women in Peru. Luis also participated in public health campaigns related to Child Nutrition and Vaccination, Planned Parenthood and Sexual Health Education through the Public Health Department at Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos. In the U.S., Luis has worked at community-based organizations in Chicago, New Jersey and New York, as well as having had the opportunity to work within health departments and private health centers. Currently, Daniel serves as Vice President and Director of Health Policy & Advocacy at the Latino Commission on AIDS, leading the policy, communications and community mobilization initiatives at the city, state and federal level, and worked closely with initiatives related to Ending the AIDS Epidemic in NY by 2020 and Act Now: End AIDS Coalition. Luis also works on some of the Commission's social messaging, organizational development and research focused initiatives with Latino older adults living with HIV, U=U, PrEP, and Gay/Bi Men's related research.

Gloria Searson, ACSW**Founder, Coalition on Positive Health Empowerment (COPE)**

Gloria Searson, ACSW, has over 25 years of professional experience working in the field of HIV and 20 years working in hepatitis C. Gloria was employed by a leading organization in treatment education, NATAP for 10 years. Gloria went on to work with all types of populations including women, MSM, the transgender community, and seniors. Gloria has worked as a treatment educator and Director of Treatment Education, as an advocacy relations manager, supervised an HIV clinic serving over 800 patients, and as Director of Community Health. Gloria formed COPE, the Coalition on Positive Health Empowerment, in 2010 after working as a supervisor at North General Hospital. Having obtained multiple perspectives in the field of HIV and HCV, Gloria is considered an expert in the field and has experience in public health, for profit business, and non-profit organizations.

Andrew Talal, MD, MPH**Professor of Medicine, University at Buffalo, State University of New York (SUNY)**

Andrew Talal, MD, MPH, is a physician-scientist with more than 20 years' experience in hepatitis C virus (HCV), especially in disenfranchised populations, such as substance users. Dr. Talal is currently Professor of Medicine at SUNY, University at Buffalo and has developed a translational liver research center and biorepository with funding from the Kaleida Health Foundation at the university. Furthermore, Dr. Talal is the principal investigator on a 5-year award from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute to study telemedicine-based HCV treatment among patients on opiate agonist therapy. The study consists of 12 telemedicine sites across New York State conducting integrated treatment of HCV and opiate addiction disorder. Dr. Talal also conducts numerous industry-sponsored clinical drug trials that operate within the liver center. As a researcher Dr. Talal has published over 115 papers on topics such as HCV, telemedicine, drug metabolism and the social determinants of health. Dr. Talal's research also led to the development of liver fine needle aspiration as a diagnostic technique for liver sampling. Dr. Talal is committed to using emerging technology combined with a deeper understanding of the social determinants of health in the treatment of HCV and other conditions in disenfranchised populations.

Jeffrey J. Weiss, PhD, MS**Associate Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**

Jeffrey J. Weiss, PhD, MS, is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Weiss is the Director of the *Respectful & Equitable Access to Comprehensive Healthcare* (REACH) Program in the Division of General Internal Medicine. REACH is a community outreach and primary care-based harm reduction treatment program providing stigma-free care, including HCV treatment, to persons who use drugs. Dr. Weiss has worked for 25 years in the United States and Europe as a licensed clinical

psychologist providing care to persons with infectious diseases; conducting research on behavioral interventions to improve their quality and length of life including strategies to improve medication and treatment adherence; and providing education and mentorship to medical providers and public health professionals. Dr. Weiss's NIH-funded research studies led to the development of the open-access, web-based Psychosocial Readiness Evaluation and Preparation for hepatitis C treatment (PREP-C) assessment tool which has been accessed by over 1800 health care professionals from around the world and shown to improve rates of HCV treatment initiation among HIV/HCV co-infected persons. Dr. Weiss's current research focuses on the intersection of HIV, HCV, and the opioid crisis and he serves as a co-Investigator on two HCV elimination studies in Kentucky.

Terri L. Wilder, MSW

Director of the HIV/HCV Center of Excellence at the Mount Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine

Terri L. Wilder, MSW, is the Director of the HIV/HCV Center of Excellence at the Mt. Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine in New York City. Funded by the New York State (NYS) Department of Health AIDS Institute, the Center has created HCV clinical education tools for medical providers across NYS, including an HCV testing clinical card, HCV testing law video, HCV and women of child bearing age public service announcement, and HCV testing implementation action kit. In addition to creating clinical tools, the center convenes an annual HCV preceptorship and produces free HCV trainings, conferences, and webinars. In 2014 Terri served on the New York Governor's Task Force to End AIDS and was recognized by POZ magazine in 2017.

Ann Winters, MD

Medical Director, Viral Hepatitis Program, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Ann Winters, MD, is the Medical Director of the Viral Hepatitis Program at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH). In this capacity Dr. Winters oversees viral hepatitis surveillance and applied research, policy and program development and implementation, program evaluation, provider training, community outreach, and public awareness initiatives. is responsible for updating and implementing the NYCDOHMH's Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plan, covering adult hepatitis B and all hepatitis C activities in coordination with both internal and external partners. Dr. Winters oversees viral hepatitis surveillance and capacity building initiatives, including development of new approaches to using surveillance data to measure patterns of care and impact of interventions and a current NYCDOHMH initiative to eliminate hepatitis C among people living with HIV. Dr. Winters received Am Medical Degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and completed an Internal Medicine residency at Weill Cornell.

Ashely Zuppelli, PharmD

Director of Innovation Services, Trillium Health

Ashley Zuppelli, PharmD, received a PharmD from University at Buffalo, School of Pharmacy and completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency at Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Zuppelli is a credentialed pharmacist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine and is certified by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties in Ambulatory Care. Dr. Zuppelli is a core member of Monroe County Partnering to End the HIV Epidemic, also known as MCPeE. Dr. Zuppelli is an Adjunct Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Wegman's School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College and serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students from St. John Fisher, University at Buffalo and D'Youville College. Dr. Zuppelli serves as the Director of Innovation Services at Trillium Health and oversees the Hepatitis C and Pre- and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Programs. Dr. Zuppelli was recognized by Rochester Business Journal as a 2018 40 Under 40 honoree and is also certified in New York State to provide patient care through collaborative drug therapy management and administer immunizations.