



The Trump Administration's HIV Initiative: What Will It Take to End the U.S. Epidemic?

Monday, April 22, 2019
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. **Registration**

10:00 a.m. **Welcome**

Jen Kates, Vice President and Director of Global Health & HIV Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation

Featured Conversation

Admiral Brett Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Panel Discussion

Heather Hauck, Deputy Associate Administrator, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Kendra Johnson, Director, STD/HIV Office, Mississippi Department of Health

Michael Kharfen, Senior Deputy Director, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration, District of Columbia Department of Health

Jesse Milan, Jr., President and CEO, AIDS United

Dr. Melanie Thompson, HIV physician and researcher, Atlanta, GA

Audience Q&A

11:30 a.m. **Adjourn**



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BIOGRAPHIES

Admiral Brett P. Giroir, M.D.

Admiral Brett Giroir is the 16th United States Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services. He serves as the Secretary's principal public health and science advisor, as well as the Secretary's chief opioid policy advisor. He oversees Office of the Surgeon General and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, as well as key public health and science offices that focus on transforming the current "sick-care system" into a "health-promoting system." His office oversees many critical national initiatives, including an historic new plan to end the HIV epidemic in America, the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans; the revised Common Rule; and a cross-agency effort to improve the outcome of patients with Sickle Cell Disease. Previously, Dr. Giroir has served in numerous leadership positions in the federal government and in academic institutions. Most notably, he was the first physician to be appointed as an office director at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). As a pediatric critical care physician, Dr. Giroir cared for critically ill children for 14 years. He continues to bring that hands-on, patient-centered perspective to his work as Assistant Secretary for Health, where his primary goal is leading America to healthier lives.

Heather Hauck

Heather Hauck, MSM, LICSW, is the deputy associate administrator of the HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She was the director of the Division of State HIV/ AIDS Program (DSHAP) in HAB. HAB provides leadership and resources to assure access to and retention in high quality, integrated care and treatment services for vulnerable people living with HIV and their families. Ms. Hauck was the director of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration.

Kendra Johnson

Kendra Johnson is Director of the STD/HIV Office at the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) where she oversees approximately 60 employees and a budget in excess of \$30 Million. She obtained her MPH in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, FL. Kendra led the Epidemiology and Research Branch within the office before transitioning into her current role; and prior to joining MSDH, she worked as an epidemiologist in Florida and Tennessee. She currently directs all STD/HIV programs for the State of Mississippi, including HIV Surveillance and Prevention, Medical Monitoring Project, STD PCHD Grant, Hepatitis C, Ryan White Part B Formula Grant, AIDS Drug Assistance Program Grant, and additional Ryan White Supplemental Grants.

Michael Kharfen

Michael Kharfen has 30 years of experience in public health and human services with federal and local governments and non-profit organizations. He is the Senior Deputy Director of the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration in the DC Department of Health. Kharfen developed the District's condom-distribution program, expanded the District's school-based STD screening program, developed an

award-winning awareness and social-marketing program on HIV/AIDS prevention, established an academic detailing program on HIV and hepatitis testing and implemented innovative programs to promote HIV prevention among older adults and via peer education among youth. Among his priorities are, in collaboration with community partners, developing and implementing the 90-90-90-50 by 2020 plan for ending the HIV epidemic; enhancing the health outcomes for persons living with HIV on the care continuum; promoting innovative and home-grown large-scale prevention strategies, including Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP); improving the timeliness and breadth of data on the epidemics; redesigning the HIV housing program; expanding sexual and TB health services; and strategies to eradicate hepatitis C. Prior to his current position, he served as the Bureau Chief for Partnerships, Community Outreach and Capacity Building and Interim Bureau Chief for STD/TB Control. Previous to District Government, he worked at Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, M&R Strategic Services, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, and served as the director of community affairs for New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins. He is a recipient of a 2013 Cafritz Award for Distinguished DC Government Employees.

Jen Kates

Dr. Jen Kates is Vice President and Director of Global Health & HIV Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, where she oversees the Foundation's policy analysis and research focused on the U.S. government's role in global health and on the global and domestic HIV epidemics. Widely regarded as an expert in the field, she regularly publishes and presents on global health and HIV policy issues and is particularly known for her work analyzing donor government investments in global health; assessing and mapping the U.S. government's global health architecture, programs, and funding; and tracking and analyzing major U.S. HIV programs and financing, and key trends in the HIV epidemic, an area she has been working in for twenty-five years. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Dr. Kates was a Senior Associate with The Lewin Group, a health care consulting firm, where she focused on HIV policy, strategic planning/health systems analysis, and health care for vulnerable populations. Among other prior positions, she directed the Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns at Princeton University. Dr. Kates serves on numerous federal and private sector advisory committees on global health and HIV issues. Currently, she is a member of the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment (CHACHSPT), is an Alternate Board Member of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and serves on PEPFAR's Scientific Advisory Board. She recently served on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Congressionally-mandated evaluation of PEPFAR, and on two IOM study committees commissioned by the White House to inform the implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Dr. Kates received her Ph.D. in Health Policy from George Washington University, where she is also a lecturer. She is also a lecturer at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, a Master's degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts.

Jesse Milan, Jr. JD

Jesse Milan is President & CEO of AIDS United a national organization focused on ending the HIV epidemic in the U.S. through grant-making, policy and advocacy, and capacity building. AIDS United has a 30-year legacy of granting over \$113 million, including \$8 million currently, to over 240 grantees in 38 states and territories, and the 49 members of its Public Policy Council are the leading HIV organizations in the country. A person living with HIV for over 30 years and a recognized leader in the HIV community, Milan serves currently as Chair Emeritus on the Black AIDS Institute board of directors, on the Scientific Advisory Board for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is an officer of the global Funders Concerned About AIDS board, and serves on the Dean's Advisory Council for the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. He is former AIDS Director for the City of Philadelphia and worked 15 years as vice president of two public health consulting firms. He served a five-year appointment as co-chair of the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention, Treatment and Care, and has been designated a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Global HIV/AIDS. A graduate of Princeton University and the New York University School of Law, Milan has served as board chair of five non-profit

organizations and received numerous honors. He has conducted three speaking tours of Africa for the U.S. State Department; has given hundreds presentations; and delivered keynote addresses across the U.S. including at the White House.

Melanie Thompson, MD

Dr. Melanie Thompson is Principal Investigator of the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta (ARCA) where, since 1988, she has led over 400 studies in the areas of HIV treatment and prevention and hepatitis C treatment. Most importantly, she actively cares for people living with HIV and those on PrEP in Atlanta. Dr. Thompson serves as Interim Chair of the Fulton County HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, and Policy Advisory Committee and was Executive Editor of the *Strategy to End AIDS in Fulton County*, published in 2017. She is Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the HIV Medical Association (HIVMA), a national organization representing over 6000 HIV care providers in the US and sits on the Steering Committee of the Ryan White Medical Provider Coalition, which advocates for Ryan White support on Capitol Hill and locally. She is a member of the US Department of Health and Human Services Antiretroviral Guidelines Panel and the International Antiviral Society-USA Antiretroviral Therapy Guidelines Panel, which she chaired in 2010 and 2012. In 2012 she chaired an international panel that published guidelines for Improving Entry Into and Retention in Care and Antiretroviral Adherence for Persons With HIV. Dr. Thompson is a member of the Georgia Department of Public Health's HIV Medical Advisory Committee and its Legal and Ethical Committee. She is a member of the ACT Now, End AIDS Coalition Steering Committee. Dr. Thompson's passion is to contribute to an end to the HIV epidemic through prevention and treatment research, evidence-based policy, and patient-centered medical care.