

# 2024 National HIV and Hepatitis Technical Assistance Meeting

“Call to Action: Investing in BIPOC Leadership”

Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington D.C. | October 16-18, 2024

## AGENDA

Wednesday, October 16, 2024	
<b>7:30 AM – 4:30 PM</b> West Registration Desk	<b>Registration Open</b> Registration closed for lunch from 12:00 – 2:00 PM.
<b>7:30 AM – 9:00 AM</b> Regency Ballroom	<b>Buffet Breakfast Provided</b>
<b>8:00 AM – 4:30 PM</b> Ambassador Ballroom	<b>Exhibit Space Open</b>
<b>9:00 AM – 10:25 AM</b> Regency Ballroom	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>  Speaker: <b>Stephen Lee, MD</b> , NASTAD Executive Director  <b>Plenary Session: Black Women in Public Health Leadership: Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges</b> NASTAD’s Board Chair, Clover Barnes (District of Columbia), issued a challenge to the membership to center Black women and BIPOC leadership in efforts to end the HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and intersecting epidemics. During this plenary session, a panel of Black women leaders in public health will share stories about their successes and challenges navigating the public health workforce and implementing HIV, hepatitis, and drug user health programs. They will also share insights on centering Black women as a key population in our efforts to end the epidemics.  Moderator: <b>Clover Barnes, RN</b> , DC Department of Health Speaker: <b>Rhondette Nickson, PhD</b> , CDC/NCHHSTP Speaker: <b>Dziko Singleton</b> , Health Brigade Speaker: <b>Elle Lett, PhD</b> , Center for Applied Transgender Studies Speaker: <b>Kayla Quimbley Young, MPH</b> , Quimbley Consulting Firm, LLC
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<p><b>5:00 PM – 6:30 PM</b> <i>Empire Patio</i></p>	<p><b>Networking Reception</b></p>

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<p><b>9:00 AM – 10:25 AM</b> Regency Ballroom</p>	<p><b>Plenary Session: Federal Partners Roundtable</b> Key partners from the White House, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) join a discussion roundtable facilitated by NASTAD. Federal partners will provide brief remarks and engage in Q&amp;A with health department participants.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Stephen Lee, MD</b>, NASTAD Executive Director Speaker: <b>Francisco Ruiz, DrPH</b>, Office of National AIDS Policy Speaker: <b>Jonathan Mermin, MD</b>, CDC/NCHHSTP Speaker: <b>Laura Cheever, MD</b>, HRSA/HAB</p>
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**Plenary Session: A National Strategy to End the Syndemic of HIV, STIs, and Viral Hepatitis and its Impact on Indigenous Communities**

*This session will honor and center the work of Indigenous people and communities who are impacted by HIV, viral hepatitis, and the impact of infectious disease on people who use drugs. We will hear from speakers who are leading the charge in addressing the unique challenges faced by Indigenous populations in accessing prevention, care, treatment, and support to address these intersecting epidemics. Through advocacy and community-driven solutions, we will explore the ways in which Indigenous communities are working to implement a first of its kind, population-focused Indigenous HIV/AIDS Syndemic Strategy and its critical role in the national response to the syndemic. We will also discuss the importance of culturally competent and holistic approaches to prevention, treatment, and care that consider the historical racism, trauma and systemic barriers faced by Indigenous people.*

*Speaker: Rick Haverkate, MPH, HHS/Indian Health Service*

*Speaker: Philomema Kebec, JD, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*

*Speaker: Kerry Hawk Lessard, MAA, Native American LifeLines*

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**Plenary Session: Leveraging Research Partnerships Across Academia, the Public Health Workforce, and Community Partners**

*Public health leaders working to end intersecting HIV and hepatitis epidemics benefit greatly from minimizing silos and maximizing partnerships with peers from varied disciplines. This plenary will highlight successful research partnerships, while addressing existing partnership gaps – particularly among community leaders. Facilitated discussion will particularly call out the need for better allyship with and among researchers who identify as BIPOC, transgender, and/or queer. As an action item following this session, participants will be asked to consider what research collaboratives their health departments have explored or may be willing to explore soon.*

*Moderator: **Jennifer Lee, PhD**, Eternal Liberation, LLC*

*Speaker: **Mildred Williamson, PhD**, University of Illinois Chicago*

*Speaker: **Aima Ahonkhai, MD**, Harvard University*

*Speaker: **M. Pease**, Trans Maryland*