

Panel 2: Using prescription data to support the HIV care continuum

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Dr. Kathy Byrd is a Medical Epidemiologist for CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. Dr. Byrd's main focus is leading the design and conduct of implementation science to increase access to and delivery of HIV care. In this capacity, Dr. Byrd has led "Data-to-Care Rx" projects which utilize prescription data to identify persons with HIV who fail to fill prescribed antiretroviral therapy and to target these individuals for interventions and the implementation of a novel HIV care model that integrates community pharmacists with primary HIV medical providers to improve retention in care and adherence to therapy.

Alina Whitener, MS, CHES; Return to Care Project Coordinator, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Alina Whitener (she/her) is the Return to Care Project Coordinator within the Bureau of HIV and STI Programs (BHSP) at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). She obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in community health from Wayne State University. Alina also holds a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) credential. Since October of 2022, she has been part of the Return to Care Unit as the Project Coordinator, working on various programs to increase and optimize linkage to medical and supportive care for people with HIV throughout the state of Michigan. Previously, Alina was the Continuum of Care Unit Health Educator for the BHSP at MDHHS from 2021-2022. Prior to her time with the MDHHS, she worked in substance use research in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences at Wayne State University for 4 years.

Neha Sheth Pandit, PharmD, AAHIVP; Professor and Vice Chair for Research and Scholarship, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

Neha Sheth Pandit is a Professor and Vice Chair of Research and Scholarship for the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Pharmacy. She completed her PGY1 at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and her HIV Specialty Residency at University at Buffalo. Since the completion of her training she has served as the clinical pharmacist at the University of Maryland Medical System HIV outpatient, THRIVE Program. Her prior practice sites included HIV inpatient services and an HIV/oncology clinic. She has served on the board of a federally-qualified health center and the Advisory Board for the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program. She has also served in various roles for the HIV PRN American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP), and the American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM).

April D. Kimmel, PhD; Associate Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University

April D. Kimmel is Associate Professor (tenured) in the Department of Health Policy at Virginia

Commonwealth University. Her research harnesses big data to inform solutions-focused approaches, including through Data to Care Rx, that optimize health and promote health equity among people with HIV. Dr. Kimmel leads cross-institutional teams of disciplinary experts, policymakers and trainees to advance her research, which is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes of Health. She has received multiple awards for her work, including the Lee B. Lusted Prize from the Society for Medical Decision Making. She holds a PhD in health policy with a concentration in the decision sciences from Harvard University.

Misty Carney, BS, PharmD, AAHIVP; Program Manager, Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program, Maryland Department of Health

Misty Carney is the Program Manager for the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program (MADAP) at the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) where her interests in pharmacy, HIV, and public health intersect. As the Chief of MADAP, Misty ensures that approximately 6,000 Marylanders living with HIV have access to an open formulary of HIV treatment medications with the goal to use treatment as prevention to support the Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan for America (EHE). Prior to arriving at MDH, Misty served her community as a specialty retail pharmacist in Washington, D.C and Suburban Maryland.

Misty is originally from Brownsville, TN and is an alumna of Tennessee State University and Howard University School of Pharmacy. She completed a post-baccalaureate in Public Health and Policy at the University of Maryland School of Public Health and is currently pursuing a master's degree in public health at John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Misty has over 14 years of experience within infectious disease and public health. She serves as a commissioner for the Washington D.C. Regional Planning Commission on Health and HIV and was selected to be a part of the 2022 Bloomberg American Health Initiative Fellowship cohort with an Adolescent Health focus. Misty feels that the most rewarding part of her work is educating her team to help inform and empower their public health work which provides a viable resource that protects and improves the health of the community being served. Particularly, her passion and strengths in HIV are contributing solution driven efforts within the care continuum to positively impact HIV care across the state of Maryland to support the nation's goal of Ending the HIV Epidemic.