# ITEM HL3.04 - CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT #1

#### **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OR ADVICE**

Toronto Urban Health Fund Review Panel recommended community membership:

## **Aboriginal Member**

1. Allen Woodhouse – HIV Expert

## **HIV Experts**

- 1. Zahra Bolouk
- 2. Ciro Bisignano
- 3. Guy Mian
- 4. Andrea Westbrook
- 5. Allen Woodhouse

## **Alternate HIV Expert**

Dakarayi Chigugudhli

## **Harm Reduction Experts**

- 1. Chaudhry Ahmed
- 2. Beth Collison
- 3. Marc-Andre Hermanstyne
- 4. Mary Elizabeth Lindsey
- 5. Stephanie Moulton

### **Alternate Harm Reduction Expert**

**Lindsey Jennings** 

#### **Child and Youth Resiliency Expert**

- 1. Sahar Golshan
- 2. Julia Gonsalves
- 3. Jordana Rovet
- 4. Danielle Sutherland
- 5. Dorene Weston

## **Alternate Child and Youth Resiliency Expert**

**Enrique Robert** 

# Toronto Urban Health Fund Review Panel Candidate Biographies

**Ahmed, Chaudhry** is currently a Harm Reduction Drop-in Coordinator at Street Health Community Nursing where he delivers harm reduction services, overdose prevention services and education on HIV/HCV and other blood borne illness. He was previously at the Flemington Health Centre and Kinza Hospital in Pakistan working in a Diabetes Prevention Program and a Drop-In program. He has a Bachelor's of Health degree and was the Recipient of Community Volunteer Service Award in 2014.

**Bisignano, Ciro** is a returning member of the review panel and is currently Legacy Project Coordinator and Supporter Research Coordinator at the Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment where he is coordinating training sessions, providing peer mentorship support and coordinating administrative functions with the research team. He was a Youth Support Worker at the AIDS Committee of Toronto and Research Associate for the Community Champions HIV/AIDS Advocate Mobilization Project. He has experience addressing the sexual health needs of newcomer immigrant, refugees and non-status persons and experience conducting community based research. He was also involved as committee member of Opening Doors Toronto and Latinos Positivos Ontario addressing the needs of people living with HIV.

**Bolouk, Zahra** is currently Manager of Harm Reduction at Sistering and previously the Women's Community Development Coordinator at the AIDS Committee of Toronto working with women who use substances. She has a doctorate degree in medicine and a Master degree in Public Health and had the privilege of being able to work at different levels of the health system, including Health Policy, Primary Care, Harm Reduction, Mental Health, Public Health, and Sexual Health, in both Canada and internationally. She has focused her career working with vulnerable populations including prisoners, factory workers, training Afghan refugees to be Rural midwifes and co-designed a national curriculum on Health Crisis Management focusing on supporting women and children from sexual abuse during disasters.

Chigugudhli, Dakarayi is the founder of Women Empowering Positive Women. She has a Master's degree in Critical Disability Studies as well as a graduate certificate in Non Profit Leadership & Management. She has more than five years of experience in providing health education as well as project development, implementation and evaluation. She has participated as a steering committee and advisory committee member on a variety of community based research projects. She has received numerous accolades and awards for her work and commitment to empowering women living with HIV, most recently receiving the 2018 Outstanding Community Dedication Award from Inspire Awards.

**Collison, Beth** is a returning member and is currently an Addiction Therapist at Breakaway Addiction Services, Satellite Opiate Treatment Clinic. She has a Master of Social Work and co-authored a research project on youth engagement in HIV prevention strategies. With over 17 years of experience in social work, her current work interfaces healthcare, mental health services, community agencies, criminal justice and child and welfare system. She has participated in various committees including the Toronto Women Substance Use Network, Adult Survivor of Child Sexual Abuse

Network, Research Group on Drug Use, and the Toronto Withdrawal Management System.

**Golshan, Sahar** is currently a Program Manager at Canadian Roots Exchange and a part-time Grants Writer at SKETCH Working Arts. She is a Youth Community Leader with over five years of employment experience in the youth community sector where she supports youth organizations develop funding proposals, designs and facilitates antiracism and decolonization workshops for Indigenous and racialized youth, and manages various youth leadership projects. She has an Honor's Bachelor of Arts degree and has experience working at the provincial, national and international levels working to address indigeneity, diversity and youth social justice issues.

Gonsalves, Julia is a returning member and is currently the Director of Operations at Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre, where she oversees their children and youth programs, community outreach, communications and the development of the new George Chuvalo Community Centre. She has had 16 years of experience delivering community programs and services, including children's afterschool and camps, early years, youth programs (including those for Trans and LGBTQ2SI youth). She was previously the grants manager at Canadian Women's Foundation. She currently sits on the Board of Centre for Independent Living in Toronto.

Hermanstyne, Marc-Andre is a returning member of the review panel where he served as co-chair for two funding cycles and is currently the Outreach Worker at Ve'ahavta's Mobile Jewish Response to Homelessness outreach van. He was formerly the Harm Reduction Coordinator at the Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention (BlackCAP). He is a member of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's Harm Reduction Advisory Committee, is a Director of Board of the Central Toronto Community Health Centre. He has experience working with clients from diverse cultures and backgrounds including clients dealing with issues such as homelessness, drug addictions, alcohol addictions, mental health, physical abuse, and emotional abuse.

Jennings, Lindsey is currently the provincial Hepatitis C Program Coordinator with PASAN. She has over ten years of experience working in community and social services, with a focus on HIV, Hepatitis C, and the criminal justice system. She has worked with the John Howard Society of Toronto as a Reintegration Worker and the Salvation Army as a Residential Support Worker. She has an honors diploma from the Social Service Worker program at Humber College and has extensive experience volunteering with the Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy as well as FEAT for Children and Youth.

**Lindsey, Mary Elizabeth** is currently Program Manager at Accommodation, Information and Support Inc. where she supervises an interdisciplinary team for supportive housing. She has a Masters in Social Work and holds certificates in several therapeutic modalities. She has extensive experience providing community support, supportive counseling, as well as organizational policy and program development that focuses on poverty and systemic service gaps.

**Mian, Guy** is currently Program Manager of the HIV-STI program at the Centre Francophone, board member of Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development

(ICAD) and committee member of various working group including the Francophone HIV/AIDS Working Group; KTE Forum for African, Caribbean and Black People Living with HIV/AIDS; and Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment (CAAT). He has Master Degree in Public Health and a Doctorate in Medicine and has worked in addressing the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV and care management of HIV positive newborns.

**Moulton, Stephanie** is currently the Provincial Harm Reduction Outreach Coordinator at PASAN (Prisoner's AIDS/HIV Support & Action Network. She is a registered Social Service Worker and has over 6 years of experience with the community based response to harm reduction across multiple sectors including working with people within the criminal justice system, older adults and those in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas in the City of Toronto.

Robert, Enrique is a returning member of the review panel, and currently is the Executive Director of Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre, and has extensive experience in non-profit administration and governance. He is a human rights attorney by training and is committed to implementing policies and programming on social inclusion, anti-oppression and anti-racism. He has experience working to provide dropin services, providing basic needs for visible minorities and providing housing to the homeless through his work at the Open Door Centre and Rooms Registry, Harbourfront Community Centre and Homes First Society. He was Chairperson for the Board of Directors for the Toronto Neighbourhood Centres and has extensive experience with grant making through his volunteer work with United Way Toronto, Maytree Foundation, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Rovet, Jordana presently works as the Harm Reduction Program Coordinator at Skylark Children, Youth, and Families (formerly Delisle Youth Services). She has a Masters of Social Work. Jordana brings experience working to improve access to mental health and health services for youth involved with substance use and or sex work. Coupled with her work in youth engagement and outreach, Jordana has also accumulated experience in community capacity building and has worked with various stakeholders to identify gaps in service delivery around harm reduction. Jordana also has experience conducting needs assessments for community groups, and has been involved in grassroots advocacy initiatives, including for the Moss Park Overdose Prevention Site.

**Sutherland, Danielle** is a returning member and is currently the Curriculum Development Manager at Skylark Children, Youth, and Families (formerly Delisle Youth Services) where she manages knowledge translation and implementation into the community as well as oversight of internal capacity building in the areas of drug prevention, harm reduction, implementation science, licensing, as well as learning and behaviour change. She has a Masters of Social Work and has a strong history of working in youth resiliency particularly with LGBTQ youth and LGBTQ families.

**Westbrook, Andrea** is currently a Social Worker at the Adult Inpatient Mental Health unit at St. Joseph's Health Centre. She is a Mental Health Clinician, Psychotherapist, and Registered Social Worker with a focus on HIV, Hepatitis C, schizophrenia, psychosis, substance use, anger management, trans and gender-diverse clients, and working with sex offenders. She has diverse experience in research, program

development, evaluation; leadership in knowledge sharing and mentorship. She also has extensive community involvement in the HIV sector including Board President at the Teresa Group and various committee work addressing: combination prevention services for HIV-negative men who have sex with men; developing a toolkit on Young Women's HIV Prevention with the Canadian AIDS Society; Research Assistant at the HIV Prevention Lab at Ryerson University; evaluating PHA Engagement in Poz Prevention for Gay Men at the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation; developing Childcare Subsidy Guidelines for the Toronto HIV/AIDS Network; and advising on Access Project for the Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC).

Weston, Dorene is a returning member and co-chair of the 2018 Review Panel. She is the owner and consultant of Full Circle Consulting where she has had extensive experience working with agencies around program design and evaluation, as well as organizational development and delivery. She has a Master of Business Administration. In addition to consulting, her work experience spans a variety of settings including working as a Program Consultant for the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, the Associate Director, Non-profit Management and Leadership Program, Schulich School of Business, and as the Interim Executive Director, Harmony Hall Centre for Seniors. The majority of her consulting work has been in the non-profit sector with a focus on newcomers. She currently sits on the Community Advisory Council of the Michael Garron Hospital and the Cecil Community Centre Board of Management.

**Woodhouse, Allen** is an Indigenous Wellness worker. He holds a diploma in Social Services, Addictions Counseling and Policing. Allen has worked in Health Promotion, Community Capacity Building, Program Development and Community Development. Allen has sat on a youth Committee and Community Social Services Board. Allen also brings front-line experience in HIV/AIDS related service provision and harm reduction.