

Appendix 1: 2023 Toronto Urban Health Fund Review Panel Members Appointed by the Medical Officer of Health

Prevention of HIV through sexual transmission

Eric Peters
Bomi Daver
Colin Johnson
Chimene Boyes

Harm Reduction

Paula Tookey
Signe Dewar
Chana Weinstein

Child and Youth Resiliency

Rose-Ann Bailey (Evaluation)
Margaret Nansumba (Epidemiology)
Ahmad Ezzeddine
Vikki Huang

Indigenous

Raymond Johnson-Brown
Steven Roberts
Waabshkaa Mkwa
Kerrigan Beaver

TUHF Review Panel Candidates' Biographies:

Prevention of HIV through sexual transmission

Eric Peters is the Manager of Health Promotion at the Gay Men's Sexual Health Alliance within a provincial scope - gay men's sexual health, to include HIV prevention, HIV/STBBIs prevention, testing, and treatment, and Mpox (formerly called Monkey pox) vaccine promotion. He has 26 years of experience in the HIV/AIDS sector.

Bomi Daver is a graduate student and holds a Master's in Public Health. He started as a front line worker and moved into management. He has been actively involved in HIV related research, proposal and grant writing and program development for organizational and peer programming. He's been involved in the AIDS sector for 15 years. He has also been on several boards of HIV/AIDS's organizations. He believes and leads with emotional intelligence.

Colin Johnson For the last 40 years has advocated for human rights especially for Black, Queer, HIV + communities. Colin is the Chair of THRA (Toronto Harm Reduction Network) and sits on several HIV and Harm Reduction Boards and Committees. He has been a co-facilitator with the Ontario Harm Reduction Network for the past 9 years where he provides expert information on harm reduction, drugs, and best practices.

Chimene Boyes is a Community Health Worker-Harm Reduction Client Navigator at South Riverdale Community Health Centre. She has extensive experience working in harm reduction, addictions treatment and homelessness services. She provides harm reduction education and supports to a diverse inner-city population.

Harm Reduction

Paula Tookey is the manager of the Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) at South Riverdale Community Health Centre. They have been working for over 30 years as a front line worker and participated on numerous committees and working groups.

Signe Dewar has several years of experience in the Harm Reduction field. She's worked as a peer worker, a Harm reduction Worker and Overdose Response Worker for different organizations. She is a social activist for people who use drug and holds an MA in Political Sociology.

Chana Weinstein works at Unison Health & Community Services as a Harm Reduction Worker and is responsible for three satellite sites that provide harm reduction supplies and supports to high needs areas. She has also worked with incarcerated individuals while at the John Howard Society of Toronto. She has experience with funding proposals. She currently is on the board for the Kensington-Bellwoods Legal Clinic.

Child and Youth Resiliency

Rose-Ann Bailey is a returning TUHF Review Panel member. Rose-Ann Bailey has worked with several AIDS Service Organizations and is currently a Diversity, Equity Inclusion Specialist with the Toronto Police Service, focused on Equity, Inclusion, and Human Rights. Rose-Ann also holds a Masters of Education from York University with a focus on Program Planning and Evaluation.

Margaret Nansumba is a returning TUHF Review Panel member. She currently works at Endeavour Consulting for Non-Profits. Previously, she worked with University of Ottawa as part of the research team to help strengthen organizational capacities for health research and knowledge mobilization among ACB communities across Canada. She also worked with AIDS Bereavement and Resiliency Program of Ontario (ABRPO) to evaluate the newly developed e-learning module system that was aimed at better supporting frontline healthcare workers and ASO communities. Margaret brings expertise in carrying out community-based research projects, and evaluations focused on HIV prevention, and child and youth resiliency.

Ahmad Ezzeddine is currently working as an Intake and Admin Assistant supporting the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO). He has volunteered as a peer support navigator with several Toronto-based AIDS service organizations. He was part of the Youth Sexual Health and HIV/STI Prevention in Middle Eastern and North African Communities (YSMENA) research study team as a research assistant focused on the unique barriers to sexual health services for MSM and Trans people living in Ontario who identify as Middle Eastern or North African. He's now on the community advisory team with the Canadian Community-Based Research (CBRC) for the U equals U national campaign.

Vikki Huang is a Masters of Social Work student with knowledge of HIV, harm reduction, and substance use issues in Toronto. She has worked as an outreach worker using harm reductionist approaches. Vikki has done community consultation for AIDS Committee of Toronto. She has completed her placement with Family Service Toronto working on program evaluation. As a placement student at Unity Health Toronto Vikki worked on a policy related to abuse. She's worked with Egale Canada sitting on the Intervention Action Committee against 2SLGBTQ+ dating violence.

Indigenous

Raymond Johnson-Brown is a grant recipient, grant reviewer, community advocate, indigenous wellness expert and a service provider. They have board experience, as well as experience with community engagement, policy/program development, facilitation and Indigenous Social Work. Their contribution to the panel is in the application of two-eyed seeing and supporting a balanced perspective that combines lived and professional expertise.

Steven Roberts is a harm reduction service provider. He also has experience in health promotion and capacity building in the AIDS Service Organization sector.

Waabshkaa Mkwa Waabshkaa Mkwa is a member of the Ojibwe Nation originally from Fort William First Nation. He is a member of the Bear Clan and speaks Ojibwe. He has been living and working in Toronto serving the unhoused population in the downtown core, and bringing addiction, harm reduction and HIV education to First Nation communities. His contribution to the panel is to bring his culture-based knowledge and experience to the table to help First Nation's community-based organizations provide spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health options to our diverse communities.

Kerrigan Beaver is an Anishnaabe woman who has experience with HIV research, is a community social worker and has been an outreach worker. They have completed reviews for pharmaceutical HIV organizations.