

## Panel 2 – Women, HIV and Trauma in the Current Healthcare Environment

### Dana D. Hines

Dana Hines, PhD, RN is the Chief Nurse Consultant for the Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs at the HIV/AIDS Bureau. In her role as Chief Nurse Consultant, Dr. Hines serves as the primary senior advisor to the Director and Deputy Director and provides clinical knowledge of HIV care and treatment to shape the policy and direction of the Division. Prior to joining HRSA, Dr. Hines was an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the George Washington University, where she was a member of the DC Center for AIDS Research. Her research interests include social determinants of health, health disparities and strategies to improve access to care among sexual and gender minorities — transgender women in particular — living with or at risk for HIV.



### Nicole Pepper

Nicole Pepper, MSSW is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 15 years' experience working with people with HIV, focusing on women, youth and co-occurring disorders. She is the Social Services Supervisor at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Mother Child Adolescent HIV Program and a Doctoral Candidate in Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use in a joint program at UCSD and San Diego State University. Nicole serves as Project Coordinator for E2i: Using Evidence Informed Interventions to Improve Health Outcomes among People Living with HIV, a HRSA-funded collaboration with AIDS United and the Fenway Institute. Her work is rooted in trauma informed care, harm reduction and evidence informed interventions. She believes in an approach to wellness that recognizes that the individual, their environment, and policy are inextricably linked. Nicole's diverse experience includes medical social work, clinical services, research, policy and advocacy, teaching, and administrative and supervisory roles, including grant writing and program development and evaluation. These experiences illuminate the direct impact that systems informed by research and policy have on the health of vulnerable individuals and have inspired her commitment to addressing disparities and the health and dignity of people living with HIV and people who use drugs.



### Dottie Dowdell

Dottie Dowdell, MHS has over 20 years of experience in the human services field. She is the President of Creative Training and Development, Incorporated a company that is committed to building stronger organizations and communities by providing agency specific training programs that are designed to creatively enrich learning and development. She is a part-time lecturer at the Rutgers, School of Social Work, where she teaches courses on HIV/AIDS, Groups at Risk and Diversity and Oppression. She has worked with Department of Children and Families in New Jersey for 13 years as an Educational Program Development Specialist which includes the development and facilitation of a variety of trainings



pertaining to Child Welfare Issues. Dottie has presented at the National Social Work Conference in 2015, Self-Care is Quality Care. She helped draft New Jersey's first Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need. She assisted with the development of two national training programs, Building Leaders of Color - BLOC & Growing Leadership Opportunities for Women-GLOW for the National Minority AIDS Council and the Human Resources Services Administration. Because of her commitment to her community she has served as a board member for NJ Women and AIDS Network which was the first women specific AIDS service organization in the state NJ. She has also served on the board for LifeTies Incorporated which serves youth in crisis that are abused, neglected, homeless and/or living with HIV/AIDS.

She has been recognized for her dedication and devotion to the community by The White House (The Office of AIDS Policy), The Senate and General Assembly, Mercer County Board of Freeholders, The Whitney Houston Foundation for Children Inc. and a host of other community-based organizations, schools, correctional institutions, and medical facilities.

### [Michele R. Decker](#)

Michele R. Decker, ScD, MPH, is a Bloomberg Professor of American Health and Associate Professor of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. A social epidemiologist by training, her research addresses gender-based violence and other social determinants of women's health, with an emphasis on prevention, health implications, and response strategies. Her work includes trauma-informed clinic- and community-based interventions to mitigate the health and social impact of violence, as well as primary research to understand the mechanisms by which violence influences HIV risk and care trajectories. Much of this work involves marginalized populations including adolescents, urban women, and those involved in transactional sex or sex work. She directs the Women's Health & Rights Program of the Center for Public Health & Human Rights, and co-leads the Gender Equity and Justice thematic area of the Alliance for a Healthier World, a Johns Hopkins University Signature Initiative.



### [Ann Namkung Lee](#)

Ann Namkung Lee, MPH is the Assistant Director of the Basic Sciences Program (BSP) in the Division of AIDS (DAIDS), National Institutes of Allergy, Immunology and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH). In this role, Ms. Lee is responsible for operational and programmatic management across BSP. Ms. Lee is also part of the leadership team at DAIDS that directs NIAID's participation in the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative. Prior to this, she was the Team Lead of the Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR) Program and was a CFAR Program Officer for 17 years. Ms. Lee earned her Master of Public Health in epidemiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1997.

