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Biographical Information

Walter Chow

Walter Chow is from the Boston, Massachusetts area. With a degree in Public Health, he has worked his entire career as a Public Health Advisor - 31 years now - for the Centers for Disease Control (U.S. CDC), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. He has been assigned to state health department settings for the CDC in five locations, including Los Angeles, California and New York City for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Control programs and Atlanta, Georgia for the Tuberculosis Control program. He also received one international assignment for the CDC's Global AIDS Program working with the Ministry of Health of Botswana. Walter has been at the CDC headquarters since 1985, working first in epidemiology and infection control training. Since 1990, he has been in his current position as a Project Officer providing technical assistance, consultation, and support to State Health Departments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which the CDC funds, in their efforts to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate their HIV prevention programs. In 1993, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of the HIV prevention community planning process for the United States. In 1999, Walter provided training to the Hong Kong Department of Health AIDS Office, along with NGOs and other major community stakeholders, on the HIV prevention community planning process. He continues to consult for the Hong Kong Department of Health.

Paul Loberti

Paul Loberti has been working in the health care field for over twenty years. Currently he is the Chief Administrator of the Office of HIV & AIDS at the Rhode Island Department of Health. He also directs Viral Hepatitis prevention efforts for the state and is the Hepatitis C Director. He has been in this position for approximately ten years, and has also directed efforts related to the Office of Communicable Diseases at the Department as well. He has worked in the health care field as an administrator, lobbyist, program designer, lecturer, planner, author, educator, researcher, consultant, trainer and health/social marketing specialist. Some of his current activities include directing all public health activities associated with HIV provision of care, HIV prevention, surveillance, evaluation, monitoring and review of funded projects, capacity building, community planning and specific minority initiatives. He is also a Co-chair of the HIV Community Planning Group for HIV Prevention, a founder and project officer for REACH (a capacity building program), as well as a steering committee member for the Global AIDS Task Force. He has published numerous articles and abstracts pertaining to HIV and wellness, and has been a keynote speaker at several national conferences. He received his Master's degree in Public Health from Boston University School of Medicine/School of Public Health and is a Providence College alumnus. He lives in Rhode Island with his wife Audrey and daughter Aria Mia.

Charlene Maguire

Charlene Maguire is a native of Woonsocket, Rhode Island and taught Math and Science at the sixth grade level for 25 years in that community. In 1995 Ms. Maguire began building community support and a network of collaborators to begin addressing the lack of resources for persons with HIV/AIDS in Northern Rhode Island. Ms. Maguire founded the Agape Center, a support and resource center for persons living with HIV/AIDS, in 1998 using donated space from the local health clinic and \$1000 from the Woonsocket Rotary Club International. Ms. Maguire served as volunteer director of Agape for nearly five years prior to the agency merging with Family Resources Community Action, a well-established social service agency sharing a similar mission. The Agape Center is now known as one of the most innovative and welcoming services for this population in the region. Ms. Maguire continues to seek collaborations in the state and community that enable Agape to act as a conduit, by inviting other local and regional agencies to provide their services at Agape.

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Ed Tepporn is a HIV Program Coordinator for the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), a national advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, program, and research efforts to improve the health and well-being of Asian American and Pacific Islander (API) communities. Ed first became involved in HIV prevention in 1995 through an internship at St. Louis Effort For AIDS (EFA). Since then, he has served in various roles including: Outreach Coordinator and Director of Education at EFA, Community Co-Chair of Missouri's Statewide HIV/STD Prevention Community Planning Group, Associate at Aplomb Consulting, and Technical Assistance Trainer at the Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center. In 1999, Ed had the opportunity to spend a month at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the Price Fellowship for HIV Prevention Leadership. Ed has helped to convene several national meetings and networks among various Asian & Pacific Islander subpopulations, including the National Meeting on HIV Prevention in Southeast Asian Communities, the HIV+ Asians & Pacific Islanders Network, and a national training for Asian & Pacific Islander HIV prevention community planning group members. In his current role at APIAHF, Ed feels privileged to work with inspiring individuals from the United States and the US-affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions to build the capacity of communities and organizations to address the often-overlooked impact of the HIV epidemic among Asians and Pacific Islanders.