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Art Zoccole

is Anishinawbe from Lac des mille Lacs First Nation in Ontario and currently resides in Toronto.

Art has been involved in activism for the last two decades on issues relating to Aboriginal people and HIV/AIDS. His work has also included working in the Aboriginal Housing area as General Manager of Vancouver Native Housing Society, Board member of Lu'ma Native Housing Society for many years.

Art is involved with National HIV/AIDS Social Marketing campaigns in Canada. One with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre on HIV/AIDS Discrimination and the other is the Assumptions Campaign directed at gay men in Canada.

2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations and the Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy are co-hosts of the Indigenous Peoples' Satellite at the XVI International AIDS conference to be held in Toronto in August 2006.

Art has been a member of the Ministerial Council on HIV/AIDS, he and other members of the Council provide advise directly to the Minister of Health.

Art, along with others like Ken Clement and LaVerne Monette are on the National Aboriginal Council on HIV/AIDS, an advisory body to the Public Health Agency of Canada

And is on the Executive Committee of the Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition based in Saskatoon, Sask.

Art is currently the Executive Director of 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations

LaVerne Monette, B.A., LLB.

Provincial Coordinator, Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy

is a two-spirit Ojibway originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba. She is the Provincial Coordinator of the Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy, a provincial AIDS service organization whose mandate is to provide HIV/AIDS information, health promotion and program and service supports for off-reserve Aboriginal people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, their partners, families and communities.

She is a co-founder and past Board Member of 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations and of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network. She currently sits as a member of the National Aboriginal Council on HIV/AIDS, the Ontario Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and is Co-Chair of the Provincial Advisory Committee to the Ontario HIV and Substance Use Training Program.

Prior to her work in HIV/AIDS, LaVerne worked in a number of diverse fields including positions such as the Director of Investigations and Legal Services for Ombudsman Ontario, the Executive Coordinator for the Indian Commission of Ontario, a tripartite negotiations mechanism for the federal, provincial and First Nations governments in Ontario and various community-based positions working in a variety of issue areas with Aboriginal community groups in Ontario.

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Ms. Linda Day, B.A., M.A.

is an Oneida woman who has worked extensively with Aboriginal communities and organizations in Canada and the U.S. Linda was the founding Executive Director of Healing Our Spirit Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Society and the Co-ordinator for the first Indigenous Satellite meeting held at the XIth International AIDS Conference in Vancouver in 1996. She has attended and participated in three of the International Conferences, the most recent one in Bangkok, Thailand. She brings a wealth of knowledge and abilities to this committee acquired over many years of service in the health, education and community development field.

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is the CEO/Editor of the *Aboriginal & Islander Health Worker Journal*. Prior to that she was employed by Streetwize Comics as their first Aboriginal Editor/Writer in mid 1987 and was responsible for producing *It's Aboriginal*, *The ATSID Comic* (voting information), *Bushwize* (HIV/AIDS/STD prevention and drug and alcohol information) and the *Gotta Know* series (six mini comics on HIV/AIDS prevention for Aboriginal communities).

In 1991 Kathy participated in the Commonwealth Youth Program, a scholarship awarded by DEET, to study in a one year program at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. In 1992 she was a consultant to CEIDA, NSW Department of Health, Rozelle Hospital, Rozelle, NSW on the Koori Drug and Alcohol education project that produced a series of four posters dealing with addiction issues: heroin, pills, smoking, alcohol. In 1993 I was employed by NSW Aboriginal Health Resources Co-op as the state HIV/AIDS Co-ordinator. In 1995 I was a HIV/AIDS consultant to the WA Department of Health.

Kathy was employed as a consultant on the State Aboriginal Homes on Aboriginal Land project for the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and in 1997 was a consultant responsible for researching and producing the report about injecting drug use on the Block, sponsored by NSW Users and AIDS Association. For over twenty years she's had direct involvement, personally, politically and professionally with all aspects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic as it affects the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Kathy has been invited to speak at many conferences and events including the 10th International AIDS Conference, held in Amsterdam, Netherlands in 1990 (the first ever Indigenous panel held at any International AIDS conference) and the first world Healing Our Spirit conference in Canada in 1992. In 1999 she accepted an invitation from the King of Jordan to participate in the WCRP World Assembly VII, Common Living, Jordan.

She has been and is still involved in her family's ongoing Native Title matter. Kathy has also completed various educational goals and training programs, and been on a number of committees participating in numerous community projects. Her interests are in everything Goori (Aboriginal); bringing up children who are strong with belief in themselves, having Faith in that higher power that in turn maintains customs, language and Spiritual connections to land.

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J. Kevin Barlow

is Mi'kmaq from the Indian Island First Nation in NB. He is currently Executive Director of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network based in Ottawa ON. Prior to this post, he was Principle Consultant of his own consulting service mostly in the areas of Aboriginal Health and Community Development. Combined skills and experience equal over fourteen years in health related fields and community development. Almost his entire career, including a term as Band Councilor (1987-89) has been dedicated to working for and with Aboriginal people, providing significant knowledge of socio-economic, health, and self-government issues.

National experience further introduced Mr. Barlow to opportunities to partner with all three major Aboriginal groups, the First Nations (on and off-reserve), Inuit and Métis people. This involved Co-chairing with the Assembly of First Nations the former HIV/AIDS Focus Group under Medical Services Branch (now FNIHB), Chair of an Aboriginal Working Group on HIV/AIDS Research and Surveillance, under the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control (now CDIPC). He also sat on the National Task Force on Injection Drug Use, Chaired the 4th Canadian Aboriginal Conference on HIV/AIDS and Related Issues and was both a former Chair and Executive Director of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN).

These roles have broadened his knowledge of and commitment to overcoming many of the challenges facing Aboriginal people. During Mr. Barlow's tenure as Executive Director for the CAAN, the renewal of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS occurred which again led to

partnerships with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal stakeholders. In identifying and positioning Aboriginal issues, he authored the discussion paper "Elements of an Aboriginal AIDS Strategy" while managing four national projects including the CAAN Injection Drug Use Project, a Social Marketing Assessment, the first National Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Day and a National Skills Building Forum.

Managing the Atlantic First Nations AIDS Task Force (AFNATF) as well as national experiences afforded opportunity and ability to build consensus. His leadership helped maintain a coalition of six Tribal Councils, thirty-four First Nations and others in the Atlantic to build the AFNATF. Mr. Barlow feels privileged to have served in numerous capacities that have contributed to social changes, for Aboriginal people in general, and those living with addictions and/or HIV/AIDS in specific. His career has shown leadership by raising the profile of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS issues.

Mr. Barlow also serves on the Board of the Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program under Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS. The program is one of the ACADRE (Aboriginal Capacity And Developmental Research Environments) Centers funded by the Institute of Aboriginal Peoples Health (IAPH) with the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR). Recent efforts involved researching and writing the Aboriginal Strategy on HIV/AIDS in Canada, as well as various research projects for the Aboriginal Healing Foundation. He has extensive experience developing various resources, including Young Eagles Challenge for youth, and Circle of Knowledge Keepers for inmates, both are peer education manuals.

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lives in New Zealand and works at Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, the National Institute of Research Excellence in Maori Research and Development at the University of Auckland where he is closely involved with a range of research initiatives.

He has an extensive background in Maori public health research and is currently involved in research into HIV/AIDS, sexuality and Maori men's health. He has worked in the education sector for many years as well as in the government policy sector and community based

organisations within the health sector. He is also closely involved in community initiatives related to HIV/AIDS and sexual health

Through his community networks, Clive has a very good understanding of community priorities and needs with regard to research. He also has practical experience of working with policy and other agencies in order to facilitate effective research outcomes.

Clive serves on the boards of Te Puawai Tapu, the New Zealand AIDS Foundation and the Human Rights Foundation. He is committed to working for the human rights of people who are marginalised and whose voices are often overlooked and ignored.

He has spent many years living overseas and has recently returned to live in Auckland with his partner Terry who is descended from the first Chinese settler of Australia and from English convicts. They have a nine year old son who plays rugby and the saxophone.

In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, socialising with friends and going out dancing all night.