

AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE, INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2015

AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc (AAB) is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. AAB is governed by a nine member Board of Directors which is elected annually.

AAB is dedicated to the support and education of people with HIV and the prevention of HIV. AAB provides educational, financial, and emotional support for people with HIV and HIV prevention services in the Baltimore metropolitan area. AAB provides peer counseling and a support services referral line. We maintain an HIV financial assistance program that provides financial assistance for housing, utilities and medical bills.

AAB also administers Project TEA Time and PrEP Up, HIV prevention programs for transgender people and MSM that promote HIV testing and help people get linked to care and treatment, and remain in treatment.

AAB has recently begun advocating for research, treatment and support services for people with hepatitis C virus (HCV). Many people are co-infected with both HIV and HCV. We also advocate for more efficient and more effective treatment services and research programs for people with HIV and HCV as well as fair pricing for newly approved drugs and limited price increases for HIV and HCV drugs.

AAB advocates for more effective treatment and research programs for HIV and HCV. AAB representatives work directly with officials of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including NIAID's AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG), the Johns Hopkins University AIDS Service, the Maryland State Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration, and all leading HIV and HCV pharmaceutical companies in conjunction with many national community organizations.

AAB also provides research and treatment information on our web site to assist people with HIV and HCV and their families, advocates and care providers with essential information on the latest in research and treatment news. (www.aidsactionbaltimore.org)

AAB provides all these services with four full-time and one part-time employees, and our committed volunteers. AAB's administrative expenses for 2015 totaled only 3.5% of total revenues.

PATIENT SERVICES INDIVIDUAL HIV/AIDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

AAB manages an HIV Emergency Financial Assistance Fund which provides immediate assistance to people with HIV who are experiencing a financial crisis as a result of HIV infection. Money is provided for housing and utilities, medical care or other non-reimbursable medical services.

Patients may apply to AAB personally or by referral. The application process is simple and easy, designed to be tailored to individual needs and individual circumstances. Applications are normally acted upon and the funds provided within days of submission.

HIV/AIDS SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Over the years, we have provided funding for the emergency assistance to patients, hospitals and community based organizations serving the Baltimore HIV/AIDS community. AAB has contributed over \$75,000 to Johns Hopkins Hospital HIV Patient Emergency Fund (B. Frank Polk Fund). AAB has provided emergency assistance funding to the University of Maryland Hospital, contributing over \$22,000 for Pediatric and Adolescent HIV/AIDS patient service programs.

AAB has also provided seed money and emergency assistance over the years to organizations such as Chase-Brexton Health Services, Inc., Moveable Feast, Sisters Together and Reaching and AIDS Interfaith Residential Services.

410-837-AIDS HELPLINE

AAB provides a Peer Counseling Program for people at all stages of HIV infection. This program is particularly useful for people who have recently tested positive for HIV or are newly diagnosed with AIDS who need basic information on available services and direction on how to tackle the maze of government entitlement programs. Sometimes the only support necessary is a friendly ear and some guidance. For those times, peer counseling is a phone call away. For a referral on virtually any HIV related problem, referral or concern, the AAB Helpline is available - Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

DROP-IN CENTER AND AIDS LIBRARY

The AAB office on Eager Street in the Mount Vernon area of Baltimore City doubles as a convenient "Drop-In Center" for anyone interested in learning more about AAB's programs and services or about HIV or HCV research and treatment.

AAB maintains HIV and HCV resource information on new treatment and research available at our office for those interested in taking a proactive role in their healthcare.

AAB PUBLICATIONS

AAB has a unique publications program designed to provide essential information to people with HIV and HCV, their families, advocates and care providers.

The first and oldest of AAB's publications is the AIDS Resource Guide. This is the only complete and comprehensive online guide to vital services for every person affected by HIV in the metropolitan area. It lists virtually every HIV information resource, and service provider, as well as essential city and state HIV metropolitan area contact information.

Our Resource Guide provides a primer to help people understand their laboratory results. A glossary of terms common to HIV-related disease is also included.

AAB also provides online information from research conferences and national newsletters. Complex medical issues are covered by community experts and discussed in laymen's terms. We provide a compilation of articles from the best community treatment writers across the country on topics such as new antiviral drugs, side effects, HIV and Aging, AIDS related cancers, neurological complications, Women and HIV as well as exciting new HIV "Cure" research and HCV treatment paradigm changing research information.

HIV COMMUNITY FORUMS

AAB conducts free community forums for people with HIV, their care givers and advocates, and people interested in PrEP in an effort to disseminate much needed treatment and prevention information from scientific conferences and meetings. We have conducted HIV forums since 1994. We have begun to conduct our forums throughout the community in

partnership with other local AIDS service organizations in a continuing effort to outreach to all affected communities.

CLINICAL RESEARCH ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Since its founding in 1987, AAB has been deeply involved in the conduct of clinical research in HIV. The ultimate cure for HIV and HCV will only be found through research. AAB works to make HIV and HCV research more compassionate, safe, relevant to clinical practice, and more broadly inclusive of all people with HIV and HCV.

AAB's program has two goals:

The first is to expedite ethical drug development and make new drugs available to the people that need them the most as quickly and safely as possible. The second is to help educate the affected community in the latest medical and research information in an effort to empower people with HIV and HCV to discuss their medical care with their health providers.

To achieve our goals, AAB works with a variety of institutions, governmental agencies, and the pharmaceutical industry. AAB works with the Maryland State Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration (IDEH), formerly known as the AIDS Administration, the Baltimore City Health Department, the FDA, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and a variety of national research advocacy groups. AAB President, Lynda Dee, has been a member of the NIH's Office of AIDS Research Clinical Trials Review Panel and the NIH's AIDS Clinical Trial Group Executive Committee and Community Constituency Group.

Ms. Dee has also been a member of the Executive Committee of the Forum for Collaborative HIV Research, which brings together experts in cutting edge areas of HIV and HCV research. Ms. Dee was a member of the Community Liaison Sub-Committee for the 5th through the 9th Conferences on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. She is a former Board member of New York's Treatment Action Group, a prominent international AIDS treatment advocacy organization. She was one of the first Co-Chairs of the Drug Development Committee of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition, a national treatment activist organization. Ms. Dee continues to exert pressure on government and industry to study real life strategies for the use of new HIV and HCV drugs as well as their long-term side effects. She continues to advocate with Congress and drug companies to ensure drug safety as well as expedited and ethical development of new HIV and HCV drugs. She has been working on HCV research advocacy since 2008 in an effort to provide promising new drugs to the many people who are co-infected with HIV and HCV and is co-chair of the Maryland Hepatitis Coalition. Ms. Dee also serves locally on the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Advisory Board. ADAP provides lifesaving drugs to Maryland's working poor.

TREATMENT SERVICES ADVOCACY PROGRAM

AAB has taken a leadership role in ensuring that the law in Maryland regarding HIV testing requirements was streamlined in order to remove HIV testing barriers for people who want to be tested. Ms. Dee was a member of the former AIDS Administration Working Group mandated by the Maryland legislature in this regard. This is vitally important as Baltimore City and Maryland rank third and fourth respectively in the US in AIDS cases in their respective geographic categories.

AAB is a leading member of the national Fair Pricing Coalition (FPC), working with the National Association of State AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and the AIDS Crisis Task Force (ACTF) to pressure "big pharma" to price new drugs reasonably and to limit drug price increases. The FPC and ACTF have forced drug companies to provide additional rebates to all national ADAP programs. The FPC has also pressured industry to initiate co-pay reimbursement programs for people with private insurance and free patient assistance

programs (PAPs) for people with no healthcare coverage. Every major HIV and HCV drug manufacturer has agreed to PAPs and co-pay reimbursement programs as a result of the efforts of Ms. Dee and her dedicated FPC colleagues.

AAB is also working with many national advocates to ensure that the newly enacted Affordable Care Act will not interfere with the care and support provided to people HIV through the Ryan White Care Act, a model program for HIV healthcare and support services. We need to ensure that we maintain currently covered HIV services and that the inclusion of all classes of antiviral drugs remain on new drug formularies.

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2015 EVENTS

January

Nominations for Board of Directors
Brother Help Thyself Grant Award Ceremony
T.E.A. Time Meeting

February

Election of Board of Directors
Baltimore City Combined Charity Campaign Acceptance
T.E.A. Time Meeting

March

22nd Conference on Retroviruses & Opportunistic Infections
MD State Combined Charity Campaign Acceptance
T.E.A. Time Meeting

April

MD Hepatitis Coalition Meeting
National HIV/AIDS Strategy Meeting
TEA Time Meeting

May

PrEP Town Hall Meeting
T.E.A. Time Meeting
Direct Mail Drive

June

Annual CARE Meeting
Black Transmen Group Meeting
T.E.A. Time Annual Celebration

July

Gay Pride Parade and Festival
I.A.S. Conference on HIV Pathogenesis Treatment & Prevention
24th International World AIDS Conference
Baltimore Trans Alliance Rally & March

August

Hippo Last Dance Benefit
CAB Meeting
T.E.A. Time Meeting
Black Transmen Group Meeting

September

Initiation of PrEP UP program
National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Brother Help Thyself Grant Application Review

October

Tea in the Valley Benefit
Baltimore Black Pride Celebration
PrEP Town Hall Meeting
Maryland Hepatitis Coalition Meeting
Black Lives Matter Conference

November

Transgender Day of Remembrance
ViiV Healthcare 17th Annual Community Summit
HIV CAB Meeting
Direct Mail Campaign
Thanksgiving Day Outreach

December

World AIDS Day Celebration of Life
12 Days Of Christmas Benefit at the Hippo
MD Hepatitis Coalition Meeting
Christmas Outreach

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Board of Directors, AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Friedman and Associates, P.A.,
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors
Baltimore, Maryland June 2, 2016

The following financial information is excerpted from the Auditor's Report. A complete copy of the Auditor's Report and Accompanying Notes, and/or current financial statement is available upon request by contacting AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc. at 10 East Eager Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 or 410-837-2437. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401 for the cost of copying and postage.

AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE, INC. Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2014 and 2013

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 201,249	\$ 148,872
Contributions Receivable	23,857	28,138
Prepaid Expenses	388	260
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 225,494	\$ 167,270
<u>Furniture & Equipment</u>		
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 59,032	\$ 59,032
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	53,958	51,800
TOTAL FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	5,074	7,232
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>230,568</u>	\$ <u>174,502</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accrued Expense Payable	\$ 3,710	\$3,080
Payroll Taxes Payable	5,370	7,176
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 9,080	\$ 10,256

<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 213,942	\$ 161,281
Temporarily Restricted	7,546	2,965
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 221,488</u>	<u>\$ 164,246</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 230,568</u>	<u>\$ 174,502</u>

AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE, INC.
Statement of Activities
For The Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Un- Restricted</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>	<u>2014 Total</u>
<u>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>				
<u>PUBLIC SUPPORT:</u>				
Contributions	\$ 18,265	\$ 114,263	\$ 132,528	\$ 150,573
Special Events	-0-	62,164	62,164	60,400
Grants-Education	-0-	185,550	185,550	60,575
Total Public Support	<u>\$ 18,265</u>	<u>\$ 361,977</u>	<u>\$ 380,242</u>	<u>\$ 271,548</u>
Net Assets Released from Restriction	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>REVENUE:</u>				
Rental Income	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Investment Income	-0-	54	54	47
<u>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 18,265</u>	<u>\$ 362,031</u>	<u>\$ 380,296</u>	<u>\$ 271,548</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Program Services:				
Public Services	13,684	296,023	309,707	313,110
<u>SUPPORTING SERVICES</u>				
Management and General	-0-	13,349	13,349	10,405
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 13,684</u>	<u>\$ 309,372</u>	<u>\$ 323,056</u>	<u>\$ 323,515</u>
Change in Net Assets	4,581	52,659	57,240	(51,907)
<u>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>2,965</u>	<u>161,281</u>	<u>164,246</u>	<u>216,153</u>
<u>NET ASSETS - END OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 7,546</u>	<u>\$ 213,942</u>	<u>\$ 221,488</u>	<u>\$ 164,246</u>