

**The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
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## Dr. Patrick Kenny Certified Nurse of the Year Award

*This prestigious award is intended to recognize an ACRN who exemplifies excellence in HIV/AIDS nursing and advances the mission of the HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board.*



Tavell L. Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AACRN, AAHIVS

**Dr. Tavell L. Kindall** is a board-certified family nurse practitioner. He currently works at St. Thomas Community Health Center in New Orleans, LA. He provides primary and specialty care; and education and prevention services to adolescents and adults at risk for or living with a wide array of infectious diseases. He completed the RN and APRN programs at Grambling State University, the DNP degree at the University of South Alabama College of Nursing, and the Ph.D. degree in Nursing Education at the Joseph and Nancy Fail School of Nursing at William Carey University. Dr. Kindall holds several gubernatorial appointments in Louisiana. He represents advanced practice nurses and serves as an executive officer to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. He also serves as a commissioner for the Louisiana Commission of HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment and as a committeeman on the Louisiana COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force. He is active locally and nationally in numerous professional organizations in nursing. He speaks locally and nationally on a wide range of nursing and healthcare topics.

## Richard L. Sowell JANAC Article of the Year Award

*The outstanding article award recognizes an article published in the Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (JANAC) during the period from July 1 – June 30 of the year preceding the annual ANAC conference. The award acknowledges a significant contribution to the literature, the science of caring and nursing interventions in the HIV epidemic. Nominations and selection of the award are completed by the JANAC editorial board.*



Dana D. Hines, PhD, RN

*They Just Don't Get Me: A Qualitative Analysis of Transgender Women's Health Care Experiences*

**Dr. Dana Hines** is former Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the George Washington University. While at GWU, Dr. Hines was a member of the DC Center for AIDS Research and maintained a program of research focused on 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 HIV. In her current role as Chief Nurse Consultant for the Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs (DCHAP) at the HIV/AIDS Bureau, Dr. Hines serves as the senior clinical advisor to the Director and Deputy Director (DCHAP) and provides clinical knowledge of HIV care and treatment to shape the policy and direction of the Division.

## Lucy Bradley-Springer HIV Excellence in HIV Prevention Award

*This award recognizes an outstanding ANAC member who, through HIV/AIDS education, has impacted the lives of those they have instructed whether it be patients/clients and/or families, health care providers, community groups or the general public.*



Bethsheba Johnson, DNP, MSN, APRN, CNS, GNP-BC

**Bethsheba Johnson** is currently employed by Gilead Sciences, Incorporated as the Senior Director for HIV Prevention covering the Western US with a team of 7 persons. Dr. Johnson received her Doctorate in Advance Nursing Practice from the University of Texas Health Sciences Cizik School of Nursing. She received her undergraduate degree from Chicago State University and her Master of Science in Nursing, Post Master's Certification as a gerontological nurse practitioner and predoctoral fellowship in Immunology at Rush University in Chicago, IL

She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and a member of the National Black Nurses Association, National Black Nurse Practitioners, Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, American Nurses Association, and other professional organizations.

## **ANAC Joanne Ruiz Achievement Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice in HIV**

*The recipient is a nurse who is a source of pride to self, peers, patients/clients, and colleagues. The recipient brings knowledge, skill and caring to people with HIV infection and their families and/or significant others. In essence, the award recognizes the nurse you would most like to care for your loved ones.*



Vickie L. Cobb-Lucien, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, AACRN

**Vickie L. Cobb-Lucien** is a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and holds the distinguished title of Advanced HIV/AIDS Certified Registered Nurse. She is a proud Alumna of the University of South Florida, where she earned her Master's degree in Nursing. Vickie has compassionately dedicated 28 years of Nursing in the Central Florida communities. In March 2018, not only as the sole HIV Provider but a novice to HIV care and treatment, Vickie accepted her first patient living with HIV. Now, she currently serves as the Lead HIV Provider at the Health Care Center for the Homeless (Orange Blossom Family Health) a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center where she provides quality Primary and HIV care to the underserved, uninsured, and diversified populations. She diligently collaborated with the interdisciplinary team to develop policies and procedures for the HIV Care program. Additionally, she provides care to adolescents and young adults at a school-based healthcare clinic. Her favorite part of the clinical day is going out on the field during sports practice and educating young girls and boys about sexually transmitted infections and HIV prevention.

Vickie is a member of Black Nurses Rock (BNR) Orlando Chapter and serves as a HIV/AIDS Ambassador. She is also an active member of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) - Orlando Chapter. In November of 2019, she was awarded the Central Florida HIV Trailblazer - Spirit of Excellence Award for her hard work and dedication that she gave unselfishly to the HIV community. She continues to strive for clinical excellence in HIV care and is currently preparing to sit for the American Academy of HIV Medicine's HIV Specialist exam (AAHIVS). Vickie is an exemplar of kindness, humility and compassion. She is guided by the quote, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something....".

## ANAC Frank Lamendola Achievement Award for Nursing Leadership

*This award recognizes an outstanding nurse who has distinguished himself or herself through a major leadership role in HIV research, education, professional services, or scholarly activities. The recipient is a nurse who brings vision, administrative abilities, and commitment to her or his nursing position. In essence, the award is given to the nurse who has had significant and far-reaching impact on nurses and patients.*



Debra A. Kosko, DNP, MN, FNP-BC, FAANP

**Dr. Debra Kosko** received a BSN from University of Texas, a MN-FNP from UCLA, DNP from George Washington University and has dedicated her thirty plus years in nursing to the care and service of persons with HIV/AIDS. In 1986, she provided home care and ICU care to persons with AIDS, when PCP was treated with IV Bactrim shipped from the east coast. As a nurse practitioner, she co-founded the University of Maryland Adult HIV Program that grew to a comprehensive medical, education, and research service for 4,000 patients. She presented her innovative care model at ANACs 1995 Conference entitled “Women and HIV Disease – A Model for Delivery of Primary Care”. Dr. Kosko’s impact has been local, national, and global. She testified before the Maryland General Assembly in support of HIV+ healthcare workers, was a member of the President’s HIV/AIDS Task Force that established National HIV Testing Day, and as a Fellow with the US Agency for International Development, was on the delegation that initiated PEPFAR in Africa. Dr. Kosko has held medical appointments in infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, and Duke and is currently a Clinical Professor at East Carolina University in the College of Nursing and Brody School of Medicine.

## ANAC HIV/AIDS Educator Award

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Sabra S. Custer, DNP, MS, FNP-BC

**Dr. Custer** is an associate professor at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing. In her ten years as nursing faculty, she has taught in the undergraduate and graduate programs, focusing on pathophysiology, pharmacology, and the BSN Capstone course. She regularly mentors and precepts students for research projects related to HIV, HCV, and STIs. In 2017, Dr. Custer received the Clinical Practice Teaching Award, a university-wide teaching award for faculty in nursing, medicine and pharmacy that recognizes achievement in extending clinical education outside the classroom into the practice setting.

Dr. Custer also practices part-time as a nurse practitioner at a large Ryan White clinic, where she provides direct patient care and participates in many other scholarship, research, and educational activities. She often precepts undergraduate and graduate nursing students at the clinic. Since 2015, Dr. Custer has served as one of the lead faculty for an interprofessional education (IPE) program at the clinic. This HIV-IPE program involves students from social work, pharmacy, medicine and nursing in intensive two-week rotations focused on interprofessional practice and HIV care



## ANAC Research/Impact Recognition Award

*The ANAC Research/Impact Recognition Award is awarded to an outstanding individual who has made significant contributions through research regarding (1) individuals and communities affected by HIV, and (2) the quality of care provided to individuals and communities affected by HIV. Contributions may be reflected in scholarship and/or by the implemented impact of the research on HIV nursing care and individuals and communities affected by HIV.*



Rebecca Schnall, PhD, MPH, RN-BC, FAAN

**Dr. Schnall** is a nurse scientist and informatician. She has compiled an extensive program of research focused on understanding the health information needs of individuals in order to improve the access to easy-to-use health-related information for persons living with and at-risk for HIV. Her work supports the premise that the development of information resources tailored to individuals' needs is fundamental for health promotion and disease prevention. This perspective on consumer health informatics supports the health of individuals and has the potential to provide a sustainable public health impact. Dr. Schnall has disseminated findings from her work in top journals in her field, as well as at leading interdisciplinary conferences. Dr. Schnall's work has also been reported on by outlets such as Politico, Healio, The Tech Explorist, and The European AIDS Treatment Group as well as national nursing trade press (i.e., Nurse.com). Through service at CUSON and across the research and professional community, she is advancing the field of consumer informatics nationally and internationally. Finally, Dr. Schnall has extensive mentoring activities of masters and pre-doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty in an effort to train the next generation of nursing research leaders.

## 2020 ANAC DEI Student Mentorship Scholarship

*The goals of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Student Mentorship Scholarship are:*

- *To recognize a student from a diverse racial or ethnic background who has a genuine interest in HIV care across the HIV care continuum and is interested in attending the ANAC national conference.*
- *To establish a mentor/mentee relationship between the recipient and a local member and/or committee member that will continue to develop after the conference.*



Jonathan Paul Lucas, MPH

**Jonathan Paul Lucas** is a public health educationalist with community engagement experience that spans two decades. He has a strong theoretical background in public health with practical experience in academic, community, and clinical settings. Mr. Lucas's primary focus includes public speaking, training, and implementation of various HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs. Currently, Mr. Lucas works at FHI 360 where he provides technical assistance to community-based organizations (CBO) and clinical research sites that implement cost-effective scalable programs and services for populations deemed vulnerable or hard to reach. Special emphasis on patient education, community capacity building, public health advocacy, and management of community engagement programs both domestically and internationally.

Mr. Lucas is currently enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the School of Health and Human Sciences' Public Health doctoral program.

## ANAC Chapter Recognition Award

*The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) Chapter Recognition Award recognizes the outstanding efforts of one of ANAC's chapters in meeting the mission of the organization, which include:*

- *Creating an effective network among nurses in HIV care;*
- *Providing leadership to the nursing community in matters related to HIV disease;*
- *Studying, researching and exchanging information, experiences and ideas leading to improved care for persons with HIV disease;*
- *Advocating for persons with HIV disease; and*
- *Promoting social awareness concerning issues related to HIV disease.*

### Southern Nevada Chapter



## **ANAC Public Service Award**

*This award is given to individuals that have made a significant contribution to public policy or community service. The awardee is selected by the ANAC board of directors and is given at the board's discretion.*

Black Lives Matter Movement



## ANAC Lifetime Achievement Award

*This award is given to a current member of ANAC for outstanding lifetime accomplishments that have enhanced the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. The award is recommended by the ANAC president to the board of directors for approval and is given at the board's discretion.*



Diane Clements-Walton, RN, MS, CNS, CCHS

**Diane Clements-Walton** is a Registered Nurse with over thirty-seven (37) years of nursing experience. As a Clinical Nurse Specialist on the Labor and Delivery Unit at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago (UIC). She participated, in the 076 study of AZT in pregnant mom's and babies. This encouraged her research on HIV/AIDS as chronic disease. Within this study, she addressed the importance of appreciating and understanding cultural diversity, culturally competent and the effects the disease have on pregnant population. Additionally, she utilized her research findings within the community by hosting the Chicago TV show "AIDS HOTLINE" for the Chicago Chapter of Association of Nurses in AIDS Care( CNAC ). Diane answered call in questions from the community separating facts from myths to improve the understanding of HIV/AIDS in the Chicago area.

She has published and have presented numerous presentations focusing on the impact of faith-based diversity, cultural competency, and HIV/AIDS among communities of color and other at-risk populations. She was privilege to attend the global perspective conference of Women's right in Paris, France. Realizing women would forever be considered third class citizens in their cultural, race and religious beliefs. It was noted 75-85%. The women were not allowed to participate in any faith base practices in their countries around the world. Much of Diane reach the article: "Reproductive Health and the Empowerment of Women with HIV/AIDS in the Aftermath of Cairo and Beijing. "was obtain from the conference.

She has retired and now is a consultant for the health needs of children who attend daycare centers. Married to Dr. Thomas Walton RN, DHA with forty -five (45) years of nursing experience. He also has a Doctorate in Health Administration with a focus on health policy.

## Helen Miramontes Advocacy Award

*Helen Miramontes, an inspirational leader at Until There's A Cure Foundation, believed that the mission of Until There's A Cure encompassed so many elements for which she cared deeply – raising funds to provide care and services, to influence education and prevention, and to support vaccine development. Helen was also a consummate teacher and leader who reminds each of us that our ultimate goal has not yet been achieved. Helen always signed her emails --- "We must become the change we want to see in the world." M. Gandhi. Helen Miramontes, a life well lived with an unparalleled legacy. In her honor, we will continue the fight.....until there's a cure....*



Deborah Bowers, MSN, RN, ACRN

**Deborah Bowers** is the Nurse Manager at the Alexandria Health Department (a local health district outside Washington, DC). She has been a Public Health Nurse for over 42 years and has been involved in HIV care/testing/counseling/education/program management since 1985, a member of ANAC since 1989 (2-years on Nomination Committee, in third year on Health and Wellness Committee), and ACRN certified since 1996. She began doing testing and counseling in 1985 and was instrumental in development of an interdisciplinary case management system and "seropositive" clinic in 1989 for a local health department (which won NAACHO awards); a member of their AIDS Speakers' Bureau; and provider of patient, staff, and student education in HIV. She later worked as nurse case manager for the health department's Ryan White funded outpatient program, managed that program for over 12 years, and served as Chairperson of the Northern Virginia Ryan White HIV Consortium for two years during that time. She was co-author of an article "The Crisis of IRIS: What Every Nurse Should Know About Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory Syndrome," published in JANAC in 2011. In her current role as a Nurse Manager, she is responsible for the nursing division at the Alexandria Health Department (over 60 people) and is the primary author and grant manager for their Getting to Zero EIS Grant awarded in 2018. She lives with her dog, Scout in Alexandria, VA, and continues to maintain relationships with several of her HIV patients while managing the nursing division and working on her agency's COVID-19 response Command Staff.