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Harlem United Welcomes Kali D. Lindsey as the new Senior Director for Federal Policy and Government Affairs

New York, NY (November 2, 2009) – Harlem United Community AIDS Center (Harlem United) is proud to welcome Kali Lindsey as Senior Director for Federal Policy and Government Affairs beginning November 16, 2009. “I am excited to have Kali join the agency. We have developed a vibrant, cutting-edge policy department focused on addressing key HIV/AIDS policy issues like healthcare reform, routinization of HIV testing, and supportive housing. I look forward to the passion, drive and experience that Kali will bring to our federal portfolio,” said Patrick J. McGovern, President and CEO.

Since opening its doors in 1988, Harlem United has served over 20,000 people in the diverse communities of Upper Manhattan, South Bronx and Brooklyn. The agency provides a full range of medical, housing, prevention and supportive services predominantly to African-American and Latino individuals living with HIV/AIDS, whose diagnoses are often complicated by addiction, mental illness, and homelessness. Harlem United implements a comprehensive model of care that includes HIV testing; treatment and education; primary medical care; substance use counseling; mental health services; and a range of expressive therapies. In 2009, Harlem United provided services to over 6,000 individuals across the agency’s three divisions – housing, prevention and healthcare.

“I am thrilled to be a part of this exciting, forward-looking direct service agency that is grounded in evidence-based, outcome-driven programs,” said Kali Lindsey. He continued “this is a great opportunity to engage in legislative advocacy that’s driven by the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and that results in impactful programs and policies that address the current state of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.”

Prior to joining Harlem United, Mr. Lindsey worked with the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) in Washington, DC where he developed policy position statements reflecting constituency interests, and worked with national coalitions on Ryan White reauthorization, healthcare reform, and appropriations. Mr. Lindsey has spearheaded large state wide initiatives, mobilizing and training PLWHAs to participate in federal advocacy events. He has also served as a Regional Field Organizer for the Human Rights Campaign tracking regional progressive issues and mobilizing grassroots members. Kali began his HIV/AIDS career as a HIV counselor in Detroit, Michigan.

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