

A. Cornelius Baker served for the past five years (January 2000 through December 2004) as the Executive Director of Whitman-Walker Clinic, the leading provider of prevention, treatment, research and social services to people living with HIV disease and the gay and lesbian population of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. From 1996-2000, Mr. Baker served as the Executive Director of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA). Mr. Baker joined NAPWA in 1992 as the organization's first director of public policy.

Mr. Baker's work addressing the HIV epidemic has included serving as a member of the CDC Advisory Committee's Subcommittee on Monitoring the Epidemic; member of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Gay and Bisexual Men of Color Prevention Needs Assessment of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; and co-chair of the 1994 U.S. Public Health Service Minority AIDS Conference. He is currently a member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Panel on Clinical Practices in the Treatment of HIV. He has previously served as a member of the U.S. Public Health Service/Infectious Disease Society of America's Working Group on the Prevention of Opportunistic Infections and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on HIV, STD and TB. In 2000, he was a founding member of the National Coalition for LGBT Health and was elected as co-chair of the group's first governing executive committee.

He brings additional experience with HIV policy issues from his work as Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the National AIDS Program Office (NAPO). As a Schedule C appointee of President George H.W. Bush's Administration, Mr. Baker acted as an External Liaison Officer from 1989-1992. He was responsible for establishing and maintaining a relationship with state and local government agencies, non-public institutions and advocacy groups.

In 1989, Mr. Baker served on the Bush/Quayle Transition Team as a volunteer staff assistant to Ron Kauffman, the Deputy Assistant to the President for Personnel at the White House. Previously, he was administrative assistant to District of Columbia council member Carol Schwartz.

As a volunteer community leader, Mr. Baker is a former president and fundraising chairman of the Brother, Help Thyself gay and lesbian community giving campaign of Washington and Baltimore and was vice-chair (1995-96) of the Metropolitan Washington Regional HIV Health Services Planning Council. In 1993, he received the Courage Award at the Washington AIDS Walk for

outstanding leadership in living with HIV disease. In 1998, his accomplishments were honored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association, which presented him with the Diego Lopez Award for leadership in HIV/AIDS advocacy. He was the first recipient of the American Foundation for AIDS Research Award of Courage for Community Building (2000) and the National Association of People with AIDS, Braveheart Award (2000). He was honored by Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington for his support of women's health and community leadership. He has been recognized by The Human Rights Campaign (2003) and the Washington, DC Gay and Lesbian Activist Alliance (2005) for distinguished service to his home community.

Mr. Baker is a native of central New York and received his undergraduate degree at Eisenhower College/Rochester Institute of Technology.