

## Announcing Transitional Board of Directors for Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention

Thank you to the 80 members who joined in person and online, community supporters and partners who attended the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Special Member's Meeting. This meeting focused on putting in place a Transitional Board to help guide the organization and stabilize operations

We are pleased to announce that the Member's approved the implementation of a Transitional Board of up to seven (7) Directors, for a term not to exceed 12 months or until the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce you to the 4 elected nominees to the Transitional Board, they are:



**Camille Orridge.** Earlier in her career, Camille held various positions at the Home care Program for Metropolitan Toronto and in early 2007, went from there to the Toronto Central Community Care Access Centre as the CEO. A not-for-profit corporation with a budget of \$190 million funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, serving a population of close to 1.5 million residents in the city. Camille was also the former CEO of the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (TC LHIN), one of 14 health regions that was responsible for planning and managing local health care services. In this capacity, Camille was responsible for the overall budget of \$4.2 billion with 170 providers including hospitals, long-term care homes, and community agencies. Camille retired from the TC LHIN in the fall of 2015.



**Chris Leonard.** Is a long time Black CAP member, past staff ending work at the organization in 2020, and whose connection with the organization began as a volunteer in 1991. Chris' work is dedication to fostering positive change in the lives of HIV positive and queer, trans and gender diverse African, Caribbean and Black people remain steadfast and unequivocal. Chris is a process facilitator and trainer committed to worker wellness, community building and social justice. Over the past 36 years, she has worked extensively with individuals impacted by violence, the overdose

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crisis, grief, loss and trauma. She also supports communities and organizations to resolve conflict situations using restorative dialogue and practices.



**Junior Harrison.** Is a Black HIV/AIDS activist, Feminist, and a founding member of Blackness Yes! Producers of the Blockorama stage at Pride Toronto. Previous Black CAP Board Member in the early 90's and lifelong volunteer, Junior has been an outspoken voice for Black gay PHA's and an advocate for Black queer visibility in Toronto.



**Angela Robertson.** Is the executive director of Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre, a \$30 million dollar budget community-based health service organization serving mid and west Toronto. Angela has served on numerous community Boards, including Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention from 2006 – 20012. Angela worked as Executive Director at Sistering: A Women's Place for over 10 years, at also worked as a Director at Women's College Hospital and Ontario Women's Directorate. Angela co-authored with Dr. Enakshi Dua the book, *Scratching the surface: Canadian anti-racist, feminist thought*, 1999. Angela is dedicated to people and communities facing discrimination, poverty and marginalization and working to change those social conditions.

A recruitment process is underway to fill the three-remaining position on the Transitional Board, click on the [link](#) to see the application process. Once Board election of the remaining three positions is completed, information will be shared with the Membership and community-at-large.

We would like to thank the outgoing Board of Directors for their work under tumultuous conditions, for their attentive listening to membership and community concerns, and for their abundance of care for Black CAP's future, leading to their recommendation that the Membership approve implementation of a Transitional Board of Directors.

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There is much work ahead in rebuilding governance and organizational leadership and addressing outstanding operational obligations. We look forward to sharing information with you about that work and to your support,

We must never forget what really matters: the well-being and lives of our African, Black and Caribbean communities living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, and the important Black CAP plays in bringing responsive services and supports.

With sincere gratitude and solidarity,  
Transitional Board of Directors, Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention