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**NAPWA CONGRATULATES COMMITTED AIDS HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE JEFFREY S.
CROWLEY ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS
POLICY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – February 26, 2009 - Today, President Barack Obama announced his appointment of Jeffrey S. Crowley to head the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP), the office with responsibility for the development of a [National AIDS Strategy](#) for the United States. While the United States requires an outcome-focused AIDS plan for all countries receiving support through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the United States has never had such a plan.

The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) has endorsed the call for United States to develop a National AIDS Strategy that is coordinated, outcome-focused, and includes people living with HIV/AIDS in its development and implementation. Mr. Crowley worked on policy issues at NAPWA between 1994 and 2000.

“At a time where HIV incidence continues to rise among gay and bisexual men of all races and ethnicities, President Obama has demonstrated his keen strategy and compassion for the lives and struggles of Americans living with or at-risk for HIV/AIDS in this country,” says NAPWA President & CEO, Frank Oldham Jr. “Our President continues to make history by appointing a qualified, openly-gay man to lead domestic policy efforts.”

The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) was founded in 1983, when a group of people living with AIDS got together in Denver and wrote a manifesto of self empowerment—known as the [Denver Principles](#)—for those living with HIV. The Denver Principles demanded that the voices of people living with HIV be heard. It asserted the right of people living with HIV to participate in the decision-making processes—at all levels—that would fundamentally affect their lives. The same people who wrote the Denver Principles then founded the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA).

NAPWA invites all people living with, affected by, and concerned about HIV/AIDS to [recommit](#) themselves and/or their organization to the Denver Principles as Congress moves toward a debate on health care reform.

Today's announcement begins laying the groundwork for the development of a national AIDS strategy for the United States that is responsive, evidence-based, and inclusive of people living with HIV/AIDS" say Kali Lindsey, NAPWA's Vice President for Federal Government Affairs.

Jeffrey S. Crowley's Bio:

Jeffrey S. Crowley, M.P.H., is a Senior Research Scholar at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute and a Senior Scholar at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center. In these roles, he is recognized and respected for his capacity to integrate public health research with political strategy to achieve policy changes. He has authored numerous reports and policy briefs, and has testified before various Congressional Committees and the Institute of Medicine on several occasions. His primary areas of expertise are Medicaid policy, including Medicaid prescription drug policies; Medicare policy; and consumer education and training.

Crowley previously served as the Deputy Executive Director for Programs at the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA). While at NAPWA, he helped implement several key initiatives including The National HIV Testing Day Campaign and the Ryan White National Youth Conference.

Crowley has spent the last fourteen years working to improve access to health and social services for people living with HIV/AIDS, people with physical and mental disabilities, low-income individuals, and other vulnerable populations. His writings have been printed in numerous publications and journals.

Crowley received his Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, and his Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Kalamazoo College. He is also an alumnus of the United States Peace Corps, where he served as a Volunteer/High School Science Teacher at the Nsongweni High School in Swaziland.

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