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HRA Chief Special Services Officer Daniel Tietz Honored for Efforts to End the AIDS Epidemic in New York

Daniel Tietz, HRA's Chief Special Services Officer, was recently honored by the New York State Department of Health for his work on Governor Cuomo's Bending the Curve initiative, which aims to end the AIDS epidemic in New York by 2020. Mr. Tietz received a Commissioner's Recognition Award at the State Department of Health's World AIDS Day event on Monday, December 1.

"New York is the first state in the nation to pursue this," said Mr. Tietz, "and that's really meaningful, given the size of the population living with HIV and AIDS. I think it can be a model and an inspiration not just for other states, but internationally as well. We are already quite successful at getting and keeping folks with HIV in care and on their meds. As a result, more than half of New Yorkers with HIV have an undetectable viral load. That is great for their health and vastly reduces the risk of further transmission, too."

Mr. Tietz has had a distinguished career as an advocate and leader in the fight against HIV and AIDS before coming to HRA. He served as Executive Director of the AIDS Community Research Initiative of America, where he promoted research and advocated for science-based policies to promote prevention and provide care for those living with the disease. Mr. Tietz plans to continue this work at HRA, where he oversees programs which serve special and vulnerable populations, including those living with HIV and AIDS. HRA's HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) helps provides New Yorkers living with AIDS and HIV-related illness with case management, subsidized housing and other vital benefits.

"Our approach to Bending the Curve is three-pronged," said Mr. Tietz. "We want to help those living with HIV and AIDS find care and remove any barriers to that, we want to ensure that they get and continue to take medication, and we want to prevent any further spread of the disease."

"The Mayor, Deputy Mayor Barrios-Paoli and Commissioner Banks have shown great leadership on this, and are truly committed to making it happen."