



Commissioner Banks Appoints Daniel Tietz as HRA Chief Special Services Officer

In a City Council hearing on Monday, May 19, HRA Commissioner Steven Banks announced that he will appoint long-time LGBT and HIV/AIDS activist Daniel Tietz to the role of Chief Special Services Officer at the Agency. Mr. Tietz would oversee HRA's broad range of programs that provide assistance to some of New York City's most vulnerable residents, including Adult Protective Services (APS), the Office of Domestic Violence (ODV), Customized Assistance Services (CAS), Disaster Assistance, and the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA).

"Dan's wealth of experience and knowledge has already made him a key addition to HRA, and I'm confident that he will play an important role in providing and implementing high quality solutions for our agency, our staff, and our clients," said Commissioner Banks.

"I'm thrilled for the opportunity to work with Commissioner Banks in a position that is key to helping the most vulnerable among us," said Tietz. "I share the values and vision of Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Banks and believe that we must work to improve the lives of all our neighbors. I couldn't be happier for the opportunity to help improve these vital services HRA delivers to New Yorkers."

Mr. Tietz brings years of experience in running programs for special populations and advocating for social justice. He has served as the Executive Director of ACRIA (AIDS Community Research Initiative of America) since March 2006. During his tenure, he more than doubled ACRIA's budget and vastly expanded its research activities, as well as its training, capacity building and evaluation consulting services. He has also ensured that ACRIA is committed to furthering sensible, science-based public policy, and actively advocates for the resources necessary to bring an end to the AIDS epidemic in the U.S. and around the world. Following the 2006 release of its groundbreaking Research on Older Adults with HIV (ROAH) study, ACRIA has collaborated with researchers around the world and delivered much-needed HIV prevention, education, and related services to people over age 50, including training and capacity building to HIV and senior services providers across the U.S. and beyond.

A registered nurse and lawyer, Tietz previously served as the Deputy Executive Director for Operations at the Coalition for the Homeless, the Deputy Executive Director for Day Treatment and Residential Services at Housing Works, and the Director of Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health. Earlier in his career, he worked for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health in a senior staff position for the Deputy Commissioner.