



Last week President Obama reopened the [Office of National AIDS Policy](#) and made new appointments to the [Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS](#) (PACHA). Among the 24 individuals selected to serve on the council is [Kathie Hiers](#), CEO of [AIDS Alabama](#), a recognized leader and expert nationwide in the HIV/AIDS arena. PACHA is tasked with creating a national HIV/AIDS strategy.

Decisions made by PACHA will be recommended to the President through the Secretary of Health and Human Services. According to [the press release that was posted via Facebook earlier today](#), Hiers is in pretty good company as folks normally selected to serve on PACHA are considered “significant community leaders with in-depth knowledge in HIV/AIDS, public health, global health, or business and may also include other highly regarded national figures.”

Photo: Courtesy of announcement on Facebook.