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Jonnel C. Doris

Chief Executive Officer of StartCare

Jonnel previously served as Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services and as the founding Executive Director of the NYC Office of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises.
Before his appointment as Commissioner, Doris was the first Chief Diversity Officer for the NYS Office of Storm Recovery, which managed New York State's $4.4 billion recovery effort following Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee.

Doris has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career, including the 2024 Crain's New York Business Notable Black Leaders, the 2024 Schneps Media Brooklyn Power List, and the Women Builders Council Diversity Champion Award. He also serves as a Trustee of the American Museum of Natural History and as a Board Member of the Founding Chapter of One Hundred Black Men of New York and TruFund Financial Services.

He holds several degrees and certificates, including a Certificate in Strategy for Health Care Delivery from Harvard Business School, a Master of Divinity from Oral Roberts University, and both a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Analysis and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology from Stony Brook University.

Key Note Speaker

Alister F. Martin, MD, MPP

Commissioner of Health, NYC DOHMH

Dr. Alister F. Martin is the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. An emergency physician and Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Martin served as a senior advisor in the office of Vice President Kamala Harris as a White House Fellow, and previously as a health policy advisor to Governor Peter Shumlin of Vermont and Congressman Raul Ruiz of California. As CEO of A Healthier Democracy, he built public health programs that mobilized tens of thousands of health care providers and reached millions of patients. From running vaccination campaigns, to helping patients in health care settings register to vote, to connecting families with cash assistance benefits, to shaping public health policy at the highest levels of federal and state government, his career has been defined by operating at the intersection of clinical care and public health. He earned his MD from Harvard Medical School as a Presidential Scholar and his Master in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School. Born in New York City, he spent his early childhood in Jackson Heights, Queens, and now returns home to serve as Commissioner of Health.



Panelists

Christine Khaikin J.D

Deputy Director of Health Policy Legal Action Center

Christine leads Legal Action Center's (LAC) New York State policy advocacy, focusing on expanding access to addiction treatment, harm reduction services, and HIV care. Her work prioritizes access to Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT), insurance coverage, and effective use of opioid settlement funds.

She has successfully advocated for eliminating prior authorization requirements for MAT in New York and mandating MAT access in all state jails and prisons. She also works closely with policymakers, advocacy organizations, and impacted individuals to advance legislation and policy reforms.

Previously, Christine served as an attorney and policy analyst at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and worked on reproductive health policy at Community Catalyst and the Ms. Foundation for Women. She holds a JD from Brooklyn Law School and is a graduate of Emerson College.

Jihoon Kim, LMSW, CRPA-P

President & CEO, InUnity Alliance

Jihoon Kim is President and CEO of InUnity Alliance, a New York State membership organization representing more than 200 agencies providing addiction, mental health, healthcare, and social services.

Previously, he served as Deputy Secretary for Human Services and Mental Hygiene under Governor Kathy Hochul, overseeing 13 state agencies and offices. During his tenure, he helped advance major investments in mental health care, opioid overdose prevention, childcare access, and child poverty reduction, and established New York State's first Office of the Chief Disability Officer.

With more than 15 years of experience in government, policy, and executive leadership, Kim has held positions with the New York State Senate, the Attorney General's Office, and the Office of Mental Health. He is a Licensed Master Social Worker and holds a Master of Social Work from Hunter College's Silberman School of Social Work.



Allegra Schorr

President, COMPA

Allegra Schorr, MS serves as President of the Coalition of Medication-Assisted Treatment Providers and Advocates (COMPA), representing New York State's Opioid Treatment Programs and office-based treatment providers serving more than 43,000 New Yorkers.

With over 25 years of experience in healthcare and substance use treatment, she is also Owner and Vice President of West Midtown Medical Group, an integrated addiction treatment and primary care provider. She helped make the organization the first opioid treatment program in New York State to dispense buprenorphine in an OTP setting.

Schorr serves on several city, state, and national advisory committees focused on addiction treatment policy, healthcare access, and quality of care. She has also played a key role in advancing telehealth access and innovative treatment services, including New York City's first methadone delivery program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pastor Dr. Gilford T. Monrose

Leader & Advocate

Gilford T. Monrose is the founder of the Brooklyn Center of Quality Life and a longtime community and faith-based leader dedicated to supporting youth, families, and community well-being. A native of the U.S. Virgin Islands, he moved to New York in 1999 and was ordained as a pastor in 2005.

Throughout his career, Monrose has founded and supported initiatives focused on youth empowerment, violence prevention, disaster preparedness, and community engagement. He is the founding President of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, serves as an MTA chaplain, and has held leadership roles with several Brooklyn-based organizations.

He previously served as Director of the Faith-Based and Clergy Initiative in the Brooklyn Borough President's Office and as Faith Advisor to New York City Mayor Eric Adams, helping strengthen partnerships among city government, faith communities, nonprofits, and law enforcement. He also chairs the Community Leadership Council of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center and continues to advocate for stronger communities and healthier families.



Alliance Co-Chairs

Bishop Curt E. Courtney

Sr. Pastor Emmanuel Church of God

Bishop Curt E. Courtenay, Sr. is President and CEO of Joshua Builders, Inc., a construction firm he founded more than 35 years ago, where he has trained and mentored young people entering the industry. He also serves as Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Church of God in Flatbush, Brooklyn, and founded the Emmanuel Christian Cultural Fellowship (ECCF) to provide leadership development and mentorship for pastors and churches. He is the author of Balancing the Scales of Life and is committed to strengthening families and communities.

Bishop H. Curtis Douglas

Sr. Pastor Dabar Bethlehem Cathedral

Bishop H. Curtis Douglas is Senior Pastor of Dabar Bethlehem Cathedral in Queens Village and Presiding Prelate of the Covenant Fellowship Alliance. With more than 45 years of ministry experience, he is dedicated to spiritual leadership, mentorship, and global missions.

He founded Dabar Worship Center in Brooklyn in 1998, which later merged with Bethlehem Missionary Church to form Dabar Bethlehem Cathedral. Since 2014, he has partnered with Love Without Walls to support healthcare and clean-water initiatives in Ghana, including hospital improvements and freshwater well projects.

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