Positive Leadership

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The HIV community gave a collective cheer when President Obama announced that the new director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) would be Douglas M. Brooks, MSW. ONAP works with both public and private sectors to lower HIV rates, and it helps implement the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the HIV Care Continuum initiative. Brooks was recently senior vice president at Boston-based Justice Resource Institute, a health and human service agency. Advocates are also cheering his personal insight to the epidemic: He is an openly gay African-American man living with HIV.

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