Iris House Leader Now Heads a Second HIV Group

Ingrid Floyd is the interim executive director of Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases (WORLD).

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AIDS leader Ingrid Floyd is doing double duty. Since 2006, she has been the executive director of Iris House, a New York City–based HIV organization focused on women and their families. And as of this week, she's also the interim executive director of another women-centric HIV group: Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Disease (WORLD), which is located in Oakland, California.

"I am excited about the opportunity to help WORLD develop its strategic vision [and] expansion of programs and services, while providing stability for organization operations and programs," Floyd said in a WORLD announcement. "I know my expertise in working with and on behalf of women of color living with HIV will guide the work as we build on the foundation WORLD has in the Bay Area community."

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At Iris House, Floyd, who holds an MBA, secured millions of dollars in funding, helped launch the Women as the Face of AIDS Summit, expanded Iris House's work into New Jersey and collaborated with AIDS Healthcare Foundation to open a medical center in the South Bronx.

Like Iris House, WORLD offers an array of HIV-related services, including peer advocacy programs, linkage to care, PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) navigation, an opioid misuse prevention program and services to address sexually transmitted infections. (Samples of both groups' social media

posts are included in this article.)

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