

Douglas M. Brooks

Douglas M. Brooks is the recently appointed Senior Vice President for Community, Health and Public Policy at Justice Resource Institute, a Boston-based 1500-employee, multi-sited human service agency serving thousands of clients through a variety of programs in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. Brooks arrived at JRI in 1998 as a social work intern in the Health Division and was hired as a program director in 1999. After progressively increasing roles and responsibility he was appointed to oversee JRI Health in 2005, leading a team of senior managers in oversight of residential and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS and other disabilities. The services include an LGBT community center for youth; an independently licensed health center focusing on homeless and other marginalized adolescents and young adults; as well as the Health Law Institute, and work on critical policy issues.

Brooks holds a Master of Social Work degree from Boston University where he has also completed courses in the PhD Program in Sociology and Social Work. He consults with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on issues of HIV research and prevention with Black Americans. Since 2002, he has also consulted with South Africa's Eastern Cape Province Department of Health on strategies for developing partnerships between government and people living with HIV. Brooks helped organize Masihlanganeni Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (MANEPHA) an organization that to date has trained over 450 HIV-positive persons to be public health leaders in their communities.

As Senior Vice President, Mr. Brooks represents JRI on local, state and national boards and arenas. Internationally, he consults with South Africa's Eastern Cape Province Department of Health on strategies for developing partnerships between government, non-governmental organizations and people living with HIV.

In 2010 Mr. Brooks was appointed to The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA). PACHA provides advice, information and recommendations to the President regarding national programs and policies to reduce incidence of HIV, increase access to care and optimize health outcomes, and reduce HIV-related health disparities. PACHA also focuses on the global HIV pandemic, and expanding access to treatment for people infected with HIV/AIDS.