



JUNIOR OFFICER ADVISORY GROUP

2015-2017 Voting Membership Biographies



LT Mekeshia Bates DNP, MPH, MSN, RN
Voting Member 2014-2016
Co-Chair: Outreach Committee
Liaison: Nurse Professional Advisory Committee (NPAC)

LT Mekeshia Bates serves as a JOAG Voting Member and NPAC Liaison. She is a psychiatric nurse practitioner and serves as a Public Health Analyst in the HIV/AIDS Bureau at Health

Resources and Services Administration. In her role, LT Bates oversees regional training and education cooperative agreements, nurse practitioner/physician assistant education grants, and national evaluation for the area education and training centers.

LT Bates joined the Commissioned Corps in February 2012 and since joining has served on several committees in JOAG. She was the Lead Coordinator for the JOAG Meet and Greet in the Northern Virginia area and a member of the Public Health and Community Service Committee. She was previously the Welcoming Committee Standard Operating Procedures Chair before becoming Co-Chair of the Welcoming Committee. She is now the Co-Chair for the new JOAG Outreach Committee.

LT Bates completed her undergraduate work at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, NC. She matriculated at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH where she completed two Masters and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree. LT Bates is also a National VA Quality Scholar through a two year fellowship completed in quality improvement at the Cleveland Veterans Administration Hospital/Case Western Reserve University.

If you have any questions about the Nurse PAC or JOAG Outreach Committee, please feel free to contact LT Bates at mbates@hrsa.gov.