

## Brief Vitae and Biography



### **Steven Pace, MSSW**

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Steven Pace is the President and CEO of AIN and has been in that position for 20 years. He has a Master of Science in Social Work Degree (MSSW) from UTA and was licensed by the state of Texas as Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW). His education also includes a Bachelor of Social Work degree, as well as business management, extensive pastoral and theological education with ordination as Clergy and license to practice both nationally and internationally. He has worked with HIV/AIDS for over 36 years in the

Dallas metropolitan area and has been in leadership in the HIV, LGBT, and Dallas metropolitan communities during that time. He provides both leadership and management of AIN, and is a leader in collaborations with several organizations.

Steven helped initiate several different HIV/AIDS service organizations, and has been instrumental in helping develop the Dallas and North Texas area network of health care and support services that make up the current continuum of HIV prevention and care. He has raised millions of dollars of funding for HIV/AIDS care and prevention programs, and continues to help ensure the evolution of services in this region. Under his leadership, thousands of persons living with HIV receive healthcare, support services, treatment and prevention, and tens of thousands of at-risk people receive HIV, STI, and health education, testing, and linkage to care.

Steven continues to be a leader in fostering and maintaining collaborations among organizations throughout the Dallas/North Texas area continuum of prevention and care services. He ensures that diverse populations and communities receive care, advocates for services, inclusion, and compassion for people with HIV, as well as other marginalized people, and is a liaison to the community at large. He continues to call on government, individuals, organizations, business, faith groups, and a broad range of communities to support HIV/AIDS, help prevent the further spread of HIV and STI's, support Social Work, the work of social justice, human rights, the LGBTQI community, and to promote hope in the world.

His earlier work experience and skills also include having been director of HIV Services for a large premiere HIV/AIDS service organization; director of Social Work for an HIV/AIDS service organization; housing director for an HIV housing organization; as well as having a background in direct provision of Social Work, casework, case management, counseling, substance abuse treatment, outreach, HIV education, prevention, and volunteerism. In addition he maintained a parallel role in the church by providing pastoral leadership, congregational care, pastoral services, chaplaincy, pastoral counseling, and many other duties and responsibilities. He served in the Ryan White Consortium, Service Providers Council, and Regional Planning Group, and works currently works with the Ryan White Planning Council. He has served on Boards of Directors and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers.

Steven received the Heroes of Humanity Award for Uplifting Human Values; Crystal Hope Award for Vision, Dedication and Compassion; and commendations from many diverse organizations for service and leadership. In 2018 he received the Life Time Achievement Award granted by the AIN Board of Trustees; a Special Recognition Proclamation for Lifetime Achievement by the City of Dallas; and was recipient of the Nonprofit and Corporate Citizenship Award for Leadership Excellence presented by D Magazine of DCEO.

At AIN Steven works with development and fundraising; gives clinical oversight; provides supervision and management; and areas of responsibility include human resources, finance, data, grants management; strategic planning; and working with the AIN Board of Trustees. AIN is a 32 year old HIV/AIDS service organization that provides wrap around support services to more than 2,000 diagnosed men, women, children and youth who are living with HIV, and reaches over 14,000 at-risk people through outreach, HIV and STI education, testing, health education, and HIV prevention.