



## JeKolbi Brown – Director

As a Director at Pyxis Partners, JeKolbi “Kolbi” Brown works to further the firm’s goals of community outreach and engagement for the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) *All of Us* Research Program (AoURP) with various stakeholders across the country, as well as other health initiatives for the company.

Prior to his work at Pyxis Partners, Kolbi was the Program Director and Retention Lead for AoURP at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem (Harlem Hospital) working within the New York City Consortium, which includes Columbia University Irving Medical Center, Weill Cornell Medicine, and New-York Presbyterian as partners. In this capacity, Kolbi oversaw outreach, engagement, and recruitment efforts with his team enrolling over 2,000 participants into the national cohort.

He also served as Retention Lead for all the NYC Consortium partners, developing and implementing strategies to retain the 26,000 participants enrolled throughout all the consortium sites, with particular focus on overcoming barriers of retaining participants historically underrepresented in biomedical research. Retention as defined by the NIH increased by 15% during the Covid-19 pandemic.

He also served on the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce’s Health Committee during the height of the pandemic working to develop programming and initiatives aimed at addressing vaccine hesitancy and increasing vaccination in communities of color.

Kolbi’s work has solidified his belief in the need for an equitable healthcare system, advocacy for communities neglected by current systems and policies, and the importance of engaging communities respectfully and early to effect change.

Prior to his involvement with AoURP and joining Pyxis Partners, Kolbi spent ten years managing real estate portfolios for owners across the city. During these years he served as the liaison between ownership and tenant associations.

Kolbi originally hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and received his BA in Political Science from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. He now resides in the Pocono Mountains with his partner Wesley. In his spare time, he enjoys reading political and historical biographies, tennis, creative writing and painting, and hosting dinner parties for friends and family.