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Forum for Collaborative HIV Research

Center of Health Services Research and Policy
The George Washington University Medical Center

May 9, 2000

Dear Colleague:

Enclosed please find the Final Report from the Forum for Collaborative HIV Research Meeting on Drug Interaction Research in HIV Disease. The meeting was held on April 1, 2000 in Noordwijk, the Netherlands, in conjunction with the 1st International Workshop on Clinical Pharmacology of HIV Therapy.

The Forum's meeting brought together experts from academia, government, industry and community to discuss the need for expanded efforts to obtain data on drug interactions in HIV therapy, identify the obstacles preventing such research, and to develop recommendations to further the research effort. The recommendations developed by the meeting participants are highlighted in the Report Summary. Also discussed was the role of therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) in HIV anti-retroviral therapy. As the first step in its follow-up to these discussions, the Forum will prepare a background paper on the development of quality control and assurance guidelines for TDM in other diseases to inform researchers, policy makers, and health care providers as they incorporate new information about the value and application of TDM in HIV therapy. We expect the paper to be published in July. Several other recommendations for follow up were made by the meeting participants. They are currently under review by the Forum's Executive Committee.

This meeting, our first held in Europe, was an important step forward in the Forum's attempts to expand its activities to include the international community of HIV researchers, care providers, and patients. The Forum would like to thank the Organizing Committee of the 1st International Workshop on Clinical Pharmacology of HIV Therapy for their assistance in the planning of this meeting.

I hope you find this report useful. If you would like additional copies, please contact Paul Oh at 202-530-2334 or ihopjo@gwumc.edu. You can find this and all other Forum publications on our web site at www.gwumc.edu/chsrp then click on HIV research.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Barr'.

David Barr
Executive Director

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Forum for Collaborative HIV Research

Drug Interaction Research In HIV Disease

April 1, 2000
Noordwijk, The Netherlands

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1999

Dear Global Research Network meeting participants:

Welcome to the *1999 Global Research Network Meeting on HIV Prevention in Drug-using Populations*. As we prepare to embark on a new millennium, the risk of acquiring HIV has become increasingly complicated by drug use, mental illness, poverty and homelessness. I am optimistic that this gathering will serve to enhance our understanding and our ability to cope with the dual epidemics of HIV and drug use.

In keeping with the Clinton Administration's efforts to combat HIV/AIDS both nationally and around the world, the Vice President Gore recently announced a new global AIDS initiative, which promotes increased investment in HIV prevention, treatment and care for those countries hardest hit by the AIDS pandemic.

The close connections between drug use and the spread of the AIDS pandemic present many complex challenges. I hope that your discussions over the next two and a half days bring forth new and enhanced research, practice and policy insights, and action efforts that will be valuable to our shared struggle.

My best for a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra Thurman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sandra Thurman

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy