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Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

June 5 - 6, 2000

Raddison Barcelo Hotel

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

Welcome all to the meeting and provide a special greeting to Ron Dellums.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS (I DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY WILL HAVE BEEN SWORN IN BY MONDAY MORNING)

- Welcome all the anticipated new members and indicate how excited you are to have them joining the Advisory Council – together, they, and the new members from the last meeting, will help ensure that sound policy advice is provided.

Five new members being vetted include:

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***Greg Barbuti** -- is the Chair of the Board of Directors of AIDS Services of Austin, the largest AIDS service organization in Central Texas. He is also a long-term survivor of HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Ernesto Parra – a practicing physician in San Antonio who has focused on developing early intervention strategies and standards of care for women infected with HIV.

Margaret Campell -- a youth advocate from Boston whose credentials clearly demonstrate her work on the national, state and local levels to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on our youth.

***Jack C. Jackson, Jr.** of Washington, DC and a member of the Navajo Nation, brings years of experience in federal Indian policy and has made significant contributions to minority communities by serving as Director of Governmental Affairs for the National Congress of American Indians and as a Board member for the National Native American Indian AIDS Prevention Center.

Todd Summers of Washington, DC, most recently served as Deputy Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. Previously, he was the co-founder and served as the Executive Director of the AIDS Housing Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts. Currently, he is

a health care consultant serving as a partner with Progressive Health Partners in Washington, D.C.

- Stress his ability to **provide an historical and “insiders” context** to many of the issues the council deals with – this time from an unrestrained viewpoint. Also, you may want to note that Todd’s 40th birthday was that past Saturday – June 3).
- Stress how important it will be for the new members to be **active and full participants** in the meeting and in subcommittees, especially given the limited time before the next Administration.
- Remind them that they are here representing those who usually don’t have representatives.

ACKNOWLEDGE ONAP STAFF

- **Cheryl Bauerle**, Associate Director
- **Matthew Murguia**, Associate Director for Policy
- **Dr. Paul Gaist**, Senior Policy Advisor and agency representative from NIH
- **Dr. May Kennedy**, agency representative from CDC
- **Sarah Holewinski**, who just received her B.A. in Political Theory from Georgetown University -- the most awesome of all schools, according to Sarah
- **Mary May**, on loan to us from HUD, our administrative assistant, a tremendous resource

(Michael Iskowitz and his role in helping to fill Todd’s position. You may want to discuss why the position hasn’t been filled and what you have been doing to strengthen the office’s structure.)

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- **Runa Hattie**, an International Relations student at Brown University. She just started on May 30th, so we welcome her as well.

PACHA STAFF

- **Daniel Montoya**

You should also recognize the role that **Daniel Montoya** plays both in terms of what ONAP does and in working with HHS and other federal and non-federal entities.

You may also want to recognize the work that **Renuka Kher** and **Greg Smiley** do on behalf of the PACHA.

FOCUS OF YOUR REMARKS

(This meeting will be spent mainly discussing the development of a **PROGRESS REPORT** on the Administration's response to the AIDS epidemic. There will be an unofficial briefing by Ron MacInnis, Nils Daulaire, Joe O'Neill, Helene Gayle and others, focusing on International Issues on Sunday night before the PACHA meeting -- this briefing is for those going to South Africa and others who want to learn more about these issues.)

The report is anticipated to be released by PACHA in October.

Indicate that you would like to discuss the report and its importance in a few minutes, but first you want to give an update on activities since the last PACHA meeting.

INTERNATIONAL

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(((NOTE: YOU AND PAUL WILL BE GOING TO DURBAN FOR ONAP.)))

Ron will have given this update on Sunday night, but you should focus on what ONAP and others have been doing.

Discuss the "**security threat**" declaration and what that means in terms of policy, funding and anticipated **staff changes** at ONAP (you mentioned that several new people might be coming in).

Discuss the **Mbeki state visit** and what you were able to accomplish, including the controversy over the "HIV doesn't cause AIDS" comments, and what you believe that Mbeki actually believes.

Discuss the **ongoing "LIFE Initiative"** meetings you attend.

Discuss your plans and **goals for the International AIDS Conference**. Highlight any particularly important meetings you have scheduled, including:

- Your participation as an opening speaker at the 3rd International HIV Prevention Works Symposium in Durban. This is a meeting co-sponsored by a host of international organizations, including U.S. co-sponsorship by the

NIH, CDC, and USAID

- Your participation on WEB MD for a discussion of AIDS vaccine issues.

Discuss your **recent trip to Africa** and what you were able to accomplish there.

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Discuss your upcoming trip with Secretary Summers to Nigeria, Tanzania, South Africa, Mozambique and Egypt, and your goals for the trip.

Added Focus Asia and Eastern Europe -- while much of our recent international HIV/AIDS efforts have been focused on Sub-Saharan Africa - the epicenter of the global HIV/AIDS pandemic - we **must continue to keep our attention (and efforts) on many other troubled regions around the World such as Asia and Eastern Europe.** Among his responsibilities at ONAP, **Dr. Gaist** has been working on Central and Eastern European HIV/AIDS issues for me and has **recently returned from a series of meetings** and site visits in Russia. I have asked him to spend a few minutes in select meetings of your subcommittees during the next two days, where he will give you an update on the situation there.

[or, you can ask Paul to give a minute or two of remarks during your introductory remarks]

We have done very little in terms of the **Caribbean and Latin America** and we know we must do more there as well. This is **truly a global epidemic and it is clear that it requires a global response.**

FINISH THIS SECTION WITH A DISCUSSION OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC ISSUES.

THE FY 2001 BUDGET REQUEST

Senate had a **mark-up hearing** the week of May 22, you may want to highlight a few key areas. (DO YOU HAVE ANY CHARTS YOU CAN DISTRIBUTE?)

YOU SHOULD DISCUSS HOW PACHA CAN HELP IN THIS EFFORT.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Update them on the **status of RWCA reauthorization**, and in particular, what you anticipate the House will be doing.

You may also want to discuss the **prospects for passage** this term.

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“KNOW YOUR STATUS CAMPAIGN”

CDC is proceeding with preparations for the targeted Know Your Status campaign and **plans to launch very localized media in the late fall**. Meanwhile, in response to both a request you made at the last PACHA meeting and expressed interest from Madison Ave, we are **facilitating exploration of a supportive role in the campaign with leaders of the advertising industry**.

YOUTH REPORT

We are in **the final stages of drafting the final version** of the youth report. Will continue to work with AIDS Alliance to develop a roll-out strategy.

Appreciated comments on the youth report submitted by several PACHA members.

PROGRESS REPORT 2000

The general agreement is that there needs to be a discussion on what has been accomplished since the last report, but not a listing of all accomplishments.

They also appear to be heading toward including:

- 1) an assessment of the status of the epidemic;
- 2) discussion of what was NOT done by the Administration but should/could have (some disagreement on whether any level of “blame” should be included); and
- 3) priorities for the next administration.

All previous reports/updates, recommendations and letters will be included with this report.

YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PROGRESS REPORT

- it should **highlight major accomplishments**, especially those that PACHA played an integral role in achieving;

- it should focus on **what we were not able to achieve but tried**;
- they may want to include **issues that we never even got to but which need attention**;
- they may want to highlight **areas of success that could be replicated** at the state or local level;
- they may also want to include **general statements of principal** such as:
 - U.S. has a **moral obligation** to address AIDS from a **global perspective**;
 - **science should win out over politics**;
 - we must ensure **access for all without disparities**; and
 - **funding should mirror the epidemic**.

Remember, no matter what you include, PACHA's and the Administration's critics will highlight what they want. (Some on PACHA may want to use this a political document.)

This is their last opportunity to frame the issue in a way that will help guide others to do what needs to be done.

The report may also want to **address how ONAP and AIDS can be institutionalized** (hate the word), so that what we all have been trying to accomplish can continue in an organized fashion. What **structural changes** need to occur so that programs and policies are continued?

YOUR UPCOMING TRAVEL SCHEDULE

You will be doing some ONAP related and non-ONAP related travel. You may want to discuss **your travel plans**, when you will be out, and how the office will operate while you are out of town/out of the U.S.

Africa Travel
 Durbin Conference Travel
 Democratic Convention Travel

CLOSING REMARKS

- Thank all for being here and ask if anyone has questions.

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