

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

08-Nov-1996 04:16pm

TO: Jeremy D. Benami
TO: Elizabeth E. Drye

FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: DPC report

As a result of the cabinet meeting today I need to have prepared a DPC staff report for the President. This report is to have two parts:

I. Accomplishments of (a) DPC staff and (b) the Council as a group (as opposed to individual departments) over four years

II. Future plans/goals/etc.

This report will be signed and turned in by me on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the latest.

Timeline for my reviews (and you all can fill in as to when you want things from the staff):

Tuesday, Nov. 19: fax to me in Little Rock a first draft and I will fax back no later than Thursday, Nov. 21 in the a.m.

Tuesday, November 26: final draft for me by noon

Final copy given to me for last review: Monday, Dec. 2.

We can talk about this Tuesday a.m. in staff meeting but for format on the future planning I would like to use the old planning document we prepared back when Leon, Erksine, Harold were going to meet with everyone but never did. It should be updated as to topics. I will put on an email over the weekend or Tuesday with topics I want to make sure are included.

For accomplishments I can foresee having listings of groups/legislation/conferences/etc. we have chaired, co-chaired and/or participated. I don't see the goal being having the longest lists possible but having substance. I particularly hope the staff will think of ways we helped that weren't just the big initiatives. Hopefully the compilation of weekly reports (which started mid-1995, right?) will be helpful here and staff can help

with other things.

I don't know how you will want to best incorporate Bruce into this and will leave that to you all to do.

I will plan to do a cover memo that includes my travel (we think it is 36 states with multiple visits to some...my back is hurting thinking about all those planes!) and the relation of that travel to policy development/implementation...I will draft it.

We can talk more about this full report/process early next week.

Thanks.

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DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL
Long Range Plan (month - month)

I. Accomplishments in 1996

(a) DPC Staff Accomplishments

WELFARE

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- ✓< o Process for implementing welfare reform
- o Guide staff dialogue and dialogue with states *> were you adding these?*

HEALTH CARE

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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(b) **Council Accomplishments**

Add Leanne's paragraph on Native Americans.

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II. Future Objectives

(a) Concrete Objectives

(1) Legislative

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HEALTH CARE

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- ✓ Legislative Affairs and DPC have proposed a communications timeline and legislative strategy to advance the McCain-Feingold bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein. ✓ *my edit*

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Legislative (105th Congress)

- ✓ (a) Work to assert Administration leadership on environmental issues, including the President's family right to know ✓ *me* announcement.
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IMMIGRATION

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✓ (b) ONGOING MANAGEMENT ✓ my edit - not sure? you wanted

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1996 Accomplishments

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Crime DPC was responsible for initiating directives and Presidential memoranda, and assisted in the drafting of speeches and coordinated events for the President's numerous crime initiatives including: school uniforms, truancy, community notification of released sexual offenders, curfews, missing children, youth crime gun interdiction, providing cellular phones for neighborhood patrols, establishing a national community policing non-emergency number, COPS grants and other 1994 Crime Bill grants, 1996 Antiterrorism Bill, and the One Strike policy for public housing.

Drugs DPC staff developed and moved legislation to drug test prisoners and parolees as a condition of federal prison funding, which was signed into law on September 30, 1996. DPC staff also drafted a Presidential Directive to ONDCP and the Transportation Department to report back on drug testing teens for their driver's licenses. Also assisted in the confirmation of ONDCP Director General McCaffrey.

(b) Council Accomplishments:

Crime/Drugs DPC was also involved in organizing the White House Conference on Youth, Drug Use, and Violence-- the first ever White House Conference to focus exclusively on youth crime and drug abuse.

Native Americans The DPC Working Group on Native American and Alaska Natives proposed an Executive Order on Tribal Colleges promoting Indian education and tribal sovereignty by expanding federal assistance to tribal colleges across the nation. It was signed by the President on October 21, 1996. The Working Group also was successful in crafting an Executive Order on Native American Sacred Sites, which was signed by the President on May 24, 1996. In addition, the Working Group launched a home page on the Internet called CodeTalk, that allows users to access information on federal programs and policies for Native Americans.

II. Future Objectives

(a) Concrete Objectives

(1) Legislative

Crime Objectives: (1) Pass legislation on gangs and youth violence introduced by the President in 1996; (2) Pass Constitutional amendment on victims rights. Timeframe: Legislation on gangs and youth violence will be introduced in the beginning of the 105th Congress by Senators Daschle and Biden. Lead DPC Staff: Dennis Burke

(2) Non-legislative

(b) Ongoing Management

Crime The DPC is the lead White House Office in dealing with implementation of the 1994 Crime Bill, sections of the 1996 Antiterrorism Bill, and other policy issues arising in criminal justice. The DPC convenes a weekly interagency working group on crime, provides crime fact sheets on cities for President's visits, and provides staffing for the President on crime issues. Lead DPC Staff: Bruce Reed

Drugs The DPC works closely with the National Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and other federal agencies on reducing illegal drug availability and demand. Objectives:(1) Promote the National Drug Control Strategy; (2) Pursue results from report ordered by Presidential Directive to ONDCP and Department of Transportation on drug testing teens for driver's licenses. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Bruce Reed

Native Americans The DPC works with the Department of Interior to ensure a smooth transition of policy review and formulation to the DPC Working Group on Native American and Alaska Native Affairs. Lead DPC Staff: Leanne Shimabukuro

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DPC Accomplishments in 1996

A) Staff Accomplishments

— Women's Issues/Non-Choice

Domestic Violence Directive. The DPC spearheaded efforts to draft a Presidential Directive to HHS and DOJ to develop guidelines for States to implement the Family Violence provisions of the welfare law. The President issued the Directive on October 3, 1996.

National Domestic Violence Hotline. In February 1996, the President announced the National Domestic Violence 24-hour, toll-free hotline, 1-800-799-safe. The hotline has already received over 50,000 calls.

— Women's Issues/Reproductive Rights

HR 1833/Late-Term Abortion bill. Worked closely with all related White House, agency offices, and outside groups to support the President's veto of this legislation, and to prevent an override of his veto. DPC helped successfully prevent a veto override.

RU-486/Mifepristone. President Clinton called for a re-evaluation of President Bush's import ban on RU-486 (the abortion pill). DPC continues to track, and respond when needed as appropriate, to the FDA process to approve and bring to market RU-486.

Title X Federal Family Planning. To help women reduce the risk of unwanted pregnancies, the Clinton Administration has fought to keep intact the Title X domestic family planning programs, and has requested annual budget increases for the Federal Family Planning program. DPC staff has worked closely with OMB, Congress, and outside groups to maintain critical funding.

International Family Planning. DPC is currently working with USAID and the State Department to draft the Presidential Determination on international population funding due to Congress by Feb. 1, 1997 as required in the Foreign Ops Appropriation and will work with Congress to maintain or increase International Family Planning Funding. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Other Choice/Family Planning Issues: DPC has worked hard with OMB and others to prevent Republicans from eliminating vital reproductive choice programs. The Republican Congress typically uses the appropriations process to chip away at reproductive freedom/choice. Issues that have come up and will continue to be

raised during the appropriations process include the "Mexico City Language"; fetal tissue research; the "Gag Rule"; access to family planning for military families overseas; access for poor women to Medicaid funding for abortions; access for federal employees to abortions funded through their health insurance plans; etc.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. In his 1995 State of the Union Address, President Clinton challenged leaders across the U.S. to come together to address the serious problem of teen pregnancy. In response to this call for action, the new National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy was established as a private, not-for-profit entity and is now up and running.

Appointed Dr. Foster Teen Pregnancy Advisor to the President. In January of this year, President Clinton appointed Dr. Henry Foster to serve as Senior Advisor to the Administration on teen pregnancy and related youth issues. Dr. Foster will work in partnership with community-based organizations across the US to give young people the tools they need to build responsible and productive lives.

Welfare-to-Work

President's Welfare-to-Work Jobs Challenge. The DPC helped draft and has worked to flesh out the President's Welfare-to-Work Jobs Challenge, the \$3.1 billion proposal to create job opportunities for the hardest-to-employ welfare recipients. *Lead DPC: JBA/Lynett.*

Child Welfare

On Oct. 31, 1996, the DPC completed a series of seven small two hour discussion sessions over four months with child welfare experts from around the country to begin reviewing the failure of the nation's child welfare system and potential areas for reforms. From these discussions, we have drafted a working internal document for future activity.

B) Working Group Accomplishments

The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach. DPC works on a regular basis with this outreach office to coordinate activities, provide policy assistance, and connect with outside women's groups. DPC also writes a bi-monthly White House newsletter for women's groups distributed by the Outreach Office.

President's Interagency Council On Women. As a member of the President's Interagency Council On Women, the DPC has played a significant role working with and coordinating White House women's issues activities. Additionally, DPC worked with the

state of Florida to coordinate and plan White House involvement in the U.N. Women's Conference One-Year Later.

Violence Against Women's Office (VAWA), Justice Department. DPC works with VAWA on family violence issues, offering policy assistance, coordinating legislative activities, and working with outside groups. Examples of legislation passed this year include the Carjacking Corrections Act, the Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act, and the Brady Bill extension to prevent sales and ownership of all firearms to those convicted of a misdemeanor of domestic violence. Additionally, domestic violence initiatives above were also coordinated with this office.

Women and Welfare Reform. The DPC works closely with women's groups to ensure that women and their children -- the primary recipients of public assistance -- have a voice in the welfare reform process and are given every opportunity to quickly and safely move from welfare to work.

Future Objectives

A) Concrete Objectives

Domestic Violence Directive. DPC will continue to work with HHS and DOJ to implement the Oct. 3, 1996 Presidential Directive to implement the Family Violence provisions of the welfare law.
Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

International Family Planning. DPC will continue to work with USAID and the State Department to draft the Presidential Determination on international population funding due to Congress by Feb. 1, 1997 as required in the Foreign Ops Appropriation. DPC will also continue to generally work with Congress to maintain or increase International Family Planning Funding. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Domestic Family Planning/Reproductive Rights. DPC plans to continue the fight to prevent Republican members from cutting and/or eradicating domestic family planning funds and programs, including Title X. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Teen Pregnancy Prevention. DPC staff is working with HHS to ensure the timely preparation of a strategy to prevent teen pregnancy, as mandated in P.L. 104-193, the welfare reform law. The deadline for the establishment of the strategy is January 1, 1997. DPC will also continue to target new and innovative demonstration projects to prevent teen pregnancy in coordination with HHS. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Sexual Predators. As it relates to teen pregnancy prevention,

DPC will work with DOJ to establish and implement a program that studies the linkages between statutory rape and teenage pregnancy and educates law enforces about the issue. Deadline is January 1, 1997. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

N **Microenterprise.** DPC will continue to work with SBA, NEC, and related agencies to craft creative microenterprise/youth enterprise programs particularly as it relates to welfare reform, and to work with NEC to coordinate microenterprise activities in related agencies. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

N **Child Welfare.** We will continue to explore areas for intervention and are working to propose action steps in this field. OMB and First Lady's Office are participating as well. We plan to hold additional meetings in December with HHS. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami and Lyn Hogan

L **Child Welfare Waivers.** HHS was recently given the authority to grant 10 waivers from current child welfare laws. So far, HHS has approved two waivers, and expects to approve three more in the coming weeks. DPC will work with HHS on the remaining five waivers to help states craft innovative, creative waiver initiatives. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami and Lyn Hogan

L **Welfare-to-Work Initiatives.** DPC will continue to work with OMB and other agencies to draft this proposal and plan to introduce it early in the 105th Congress and pass it. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami and Lyn Hogan

Youth Issues

N **The Youth Project.** DPC has long-term plans to comprehensively address inter-related youth issues that act as indicators of later substance abuse, behavior problems, school drop-out, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, welfare dependency, etc. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

N **Teen Suicide.** Suicide is the third largest cause of death for those between the ages of 15 and 24, and the adolescent suicide rate has tripled since 1960. This is the only age group in which an increase has occurred over the last three decades. HHS early in the Administration pledged to reduce the number of teen suicides. However, a comprehensive approach to teen suicide is needed.

B) Ongoing Management Issues

The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach. DPC will continue to work on a regular basis with this outreach office to coordinate activities, provide policy assistance, and connect with outside women's groups. DPC will also continue to write a bi-monthly White House newsletter for women's groups

distributed by the Outreach Office. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

President's Interagency Council On Women. As a member of the President's Interagency Council On Women, the DPC will continue to play a significant role working with and coordinating White House women's issues activities with those taking part at the agency level. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Violence Against Women's Office (VAWA), Justice Department. DPC will continue to work with VAWA on family violence issues, offering policy assistance, coordinating legislative activities, and working with outside groups. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Teen Pregnancy Prevention. DPC will continue to work with Dr. Henry Foster to coordinate and evaluate his activities as they relate to teen pregnancy prevention and youth issues and will act as the White House liaison to the private National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

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DPC Plan--Molly Brostrom

1. Accomplishments

- . Homelessness. Helped to secure funding for National Census Bureau Survey of the needs and characteristics of the homeless. Survey will be completed this year, with analysis of data beginning shortly thereafter.
- . Veterans. Worked with OMB, VA, DoD, and HHS to introduce legislation to establish pilot projects to test Medicare reimbursement at VA and DoD facilities.
- . Organized and carried out White House Conference on Youth Drug Use and Violence. The Conference provided a forum for over 300 experts, practitioners and youth from around the country to come together and provide input on these problems and provided the President an opportunity to demonstrate his leadership and commitment to reducing youth drug use and violence.

2. Future Objectives

- L . Homelessness. Work with Interagency Council on the Homeless on federal responses to homelessness, including a focus on improving assistance to homeless people with multiple diagnoses (for example, identifying ways to improve coordination of Federal, state, and local programs; sponsoring a technical assistance conference to promote the development of a continuum of care for this population). DPC will also work with Council on Congressional proposals for changes in the McKinney Act programs.
- L . Substance Abuse. DPC will work with agencies on assessing and addressing where possible the challenges for low-income people with drug and alcohol addictions created by recent changes in public assistance programs. (ELIZ--CHR referenced this in the weekly recently -- last week maybe, it was after her mtg; I don't have the weekly, but if you do, you may want to use her language)
- L . Veterans [~~keep previous bullet; add:~~] Continue to work with OMB and agencies on establishing pilot projects for Medicare Subvention at VA and DoD health care facilities.
- L . Social Security. Work with NEC and OMB on response to Social Security Advisory Commission recommendations due in December, and, per President's remarks, establishment of federal bipartisan process for addressing long-term financial health of Social Security Trust Fund.
- L . Seniors. Work with HHS' Administration on Aging on reauthorization of Older Americans Act and other initiatives

in home and community-based care, senior service, and consumer protection that help to address needs of our aging population.

DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

Long Range Plan (June – December 1995)

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A. Concrete Objectives

1. *Legislative* Four critical legislative priorities will involve substantial commitments of time by DPC staff:

Farm Bill The DPC co-chaired the effort to develop the administration's position on the Farm Bill. Objective/Timing: Pass and sign a farm bill reauthorization by the end of the year. Lead DPC Staff: Brian Burke/Marion Berry.

Immigration The DPC chairs the Interagency Working Group that developed the administration's immigration legislation and is addressing ongoing issues such as development of the work verification pilots and the administration's position on legal immigration. The DPC holds weekly meetings of a White House Core Group on Immigration to coordinate administration work on the issue. Objective: Pass immigration legislation that the President can sign this year. Timeframe: Legislation should begin to move through Congress shortly. Lead DPC Staff: Steve Warnath.

Lifelong Learning Secure passage of legislation reshaping education and training programs for youth and adults which reflects the President's principles: empowering individuals, providing states with flexibility, and building on School to Work. Timeframe: House Committee has acted on the Careers Act, and legislation is moving to the House floor soon. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami/Mike Schmidt.

Welfare Reform Objective: Work toward passing a bill that the President can sign that fulfills his pledge to end welfare as we know it. In the alternative, position the President as fighting for true welfare reform. The DPC is the lead White House office in developing the administration's position on welfare reform. Timeframe: Senate action expected in early summer. Presidential decision and negotiations with Congress to follow. Lead DPC Staff: Bruce Reed.

Other We will be involved with several other legislative items:

- o Ensuring funding for the Community Development Bank and Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, so the program can start in this fiscal year. Timeframe: By end of FY95. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein.
- o Defending against efforts to weaken environmental protections and working toward sensible regulatory reform. Lead DPC Staff: Regulatory Reform – Michael Waldman/Paul Weinstein; Environmental legislation – Brian Burke.

- o Work with HUD to pass and implement reinvention proposal. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom/Paul Weinstein.
- o Work toward Presidential signing of Line Item Veto legislation. Timeframe: By the fall. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein.
- o Legislation giving states greater flexibility, including the Local Flexibility and Empowerment Act. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein.
- o Reauthorization of Ryan White CARE Act. Lead DPC Staff: Patsy Fleming.

2. *Non-Legislative*

AIDS (1) Convene President's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council; (2) Complete Report to the President on the epidemic and adolescents. Timeframe: (1) November 15; (2) October 15. Lead DPC Staff: Patsy Fleming.

"Common Ground" Conference Help coordinate meeting of leaders from around the country to discuss divisions in the country and the healing process. Ensure follow-up activity to Conference. Timeframe: Conference scheduled for July 6. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami/Gaynor McCown/Mickey Levitan.

Disability The DPC, together with OMB, has established a National Disability Policy Review. The Review is examining all aspects of federal policy affecting persons with disabilities and is developing recommendations. Objectives: (1) Develop short-, medium-, and long-term recommendations for a national disability policy; (2) ensure appropriate recognition of 5th Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act. Timeframe: (1) Initial recommendations should be ready within six months; (2) July 1995. Lead DPC Staff: Diana Fortuna.

Homelessness Objectives (1) Coordinate development and publication of update on implementation of Interagency Council on the Homeless' "Federal Plan to Break the Cycle of Homelessness; (2) work with Council and the Census Bureau to move forward a proposed national study of the needs and characteristics of the homeless. Timeframes: (1) Publish update by December 1995. (2) Agree to funding of survey and begin work by summer 1995. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

Lobby Reform Objective: Inject the President forcefully into the public debate as a reformer of politics and government. Release our lobby reform proposals; take unilateral actions as appropriate; reiterate positions in speeches and events; if appropriate, work with lawmakers to enact legislation. Timeframe: By the fall, the President should be positioned as a leader on this issue. Lead DPC Staff: Michael Waldman.

Regulatory Reform Objective: Work with other offices on legislative, policy and communications strategy for regulatory reform. Produce a record of regulatory reform

that can be used as "inoculation" if the President is forced to veto GOP legislation. Timeframe: By the fall, establish record of achievement. Lead DPC Staff: Michael Waldman/Paul Weinstein.

Teen Pregnancy The DPC is taking the lead on implementing the President's pledge to start a National Campaign Against Teen Pregnancy. Objectives: (1) Announce formation of a private sector group that will lead the National Campaign. (2) Produce in cooperation with the Advertising Council a Public Service Advertising campaign to raise awareness about the problems and potential solutions. Timeframe: National Campaign should be announced within one month. PSA should be released by late summer, early fall. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami/Janet Abrams.

B. Ongoing Management

Comprehensive Services for Children and Families Many DPC agencies are responsible for services and programs for children and families. There are vehicles for coordinating such efforts within the administration including the Community Empowerment Board and the President's Prevention Council, but the DPC tries to help coordinate among all of these efforts. Objective: Coordinate agency initiatives, reduce fragmentation of services, and encourage comprehensive strategies that emphasize families and communities. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Gaynor McCown.

Crime The DPC is the lead White House Office in dealing with implementation of the 1994 Crime Bill and other policy issues that arise in criminal justice. The DPC hosts weekly meetings to monitor crime bill implementation. Objectives: (1) Pass two terrorism bills currently before the House and Senate; (2) Protect key crime bill components -- 100,000 cops, assault weapons ban, prevention programs, etc. -- from being repealed; (3) Protect crime bill fund during budget/appropriations process. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Bruce Reed.

Drugs Objectives: (1) Develop national response to changing attitudes on drug use -- using bully pulpit, preserving the Safe and Drug Free Schools program and prevention programs in the Crime Bill; (2) Develop the Administration's drug enforcement profile. Use the 100,000 cops and federal law enforcement to show Administration's commitment to keeping drugs off the street.

Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities -- Objective: As Vice Chair of the Community Empowerment Board, DPC will be working to ensure that this critical Presidential initiative is properly implemented. Timeframe: Ongoing and immediate. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein/Gaynor McCown.

Environmental Issues The DPC works closely with CEQ and EPA on environmental policy -- specifically to ensure that the environmental agenda is integrated into the broader domestic agenda. Objective: Our objective in all these efforts is to position the administration as fighting to defend public health protections as they come under extreme attack. Lead Staff: Brian Burke.

Health Care The DPC, together with the NEC, co-chairs the ongoing process of developing Administration health care policy. Objectives: Fulfill President's commitment to continue to move toward real reform and protect health care programs during the budget debate. Timeframe: Issue will continue on front burner throughout budget debate. Lead DPC Staff: Chris Jennings/Jennifer Klein.

Lifelong Learning Implementation and defense of the President's Lifelong Learning Agenda will continue to be a key focus of Presidential and Administration activity over the next six months. DPC has worked closely with NEC, OMB and the Departments on the development and passage of most components of the Lifelong Learning Agenda. Objectives: Defend investments and signature initiatives such as Direct Lending, School to Work and Head Start from attack; ensure implementation. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Gaynor McCown/Mike Schmidt.

Native Americans Work with the Department of the Interior to ensure a smooth transition of policy review and formulation to the DPC Working Group on Native American and Alaska Native Affairs. Lead DPC Staff: Mike Schmidt.

Seniors Develop a coordinated strategy with other White House offices and Cabinet agencies for follow up to the White House Conference on Aging and additional outreach to key seniors groups. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

Social Security DPC will work closely with NEC and OMB to respond to the long range recommendations of the Social Security Advisory Commission due out this fall. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

State/Local Initiatives The DPC has been working closely with the National Performance Review and other offices in their outreach to State and local governments who want to establish more effective working relationships with the federal government. A primary example of these efforts is the interagency agreement reached with the state of Oregon. We will be focusing on implementing performance partnerships, program consolidation and legislative initiatives to enhance local flexibility. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein, Gaynor McCown.

Veterans DPC co-chairs the Interagency Veterans Policy Group which will continue to provide a forum for ongoing dialogue with veterans organizations and for encouraging interagency coordination. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

Waivers: Health and Welfare The DPC continues to oversee the implementation of the President's directive that states be given broad authority and flexibility to administer Medicaid, AFDC, and other federal entitlements through the waiver process. Objective: Work with agencies and states to ensure President's intentions are carried out. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Diana Fortuna.

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DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL
Accomplishments and Plans
December, 1996

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(a) DPC Staff Accomplishments (lead staff in parentheses)

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Welfare State Waivers (Diana Fortuna). Supervised HHS's review and approval of xx state welfare waivers to ensure reforms were in place as early as possible.

Welfare Reform Legislation Implementation (Jeremy Ben-Ami). Led Administration effort to launch a smooth transition from AFDC to the new block-grant program and to minimize the impact of objectionable parts of the law through administrative actions.

President's Welfare-to-Work Jobs Challenge (Lyn Hogan). Helped craft and refine the President's Welfare-to-Work Jobs Challenge, the \$3.1 billion proposal to create job opportunities for the hardest-to-employ welfare recipients.

Child Welfare

Child Welfare System Reforms (Lyn Hogan). Consulted with child welfare experts from around the country regarding the failure of the nation's child welfare system and potential areas for reform. Recently completed preliminary options document.

Health Care Reform

Medicare and Medicaid (Chris Jennings). Coordinated Administration decisions and provided substantive analyses regarding reforms and budget savings.

Health Care Reform Legislation (Chris Jennings). Coordinated the Administration's policy and strategy decisions. Worked with other White House offices, agencies, and interest groups to ensure passage of the Kassebaum-Kennedy insurance reform bill, legislation requiring insurers to cover 48 hours of hospital care for new mothers, and mental health parity legislation.

Immigration

Illegal Immigration Enforcement Bill (Steve Warnath). The DPC led interagency substantive work on the immigration reform bill and worked closely with Legislative Affairs to obtain a bill the President could sign.

Congressional Hearings (Steve Warnath). Worked with DOJ/INS, State, Labor and OMB throughout the year to prepare for immigration hearings.

Executive Orders (Steve Warnath). Wrote the President's naturalization directive and participated in development of an Executive Order barring contractors who knowingly hire undocumented workers from obtaining federal contracts.

Implementation (Steve Warnath). Worked with relevant departments to develop and implement border control, removal and worksite enforcement policies.

Policy Position Statements (Steve Warnath). Wrote or contributed to many of the immigration-related statements in legislative documents, letters, speeches, press releases, etc. issued by the White House, DOJ/INS and other agencies this past year.

Crime and Drugs

Crime Initiatives (Dennis Burke). Wrote Presidential directives, assisted in drafting speeches, and coordinated events on the President's crime initiatives, including: school uniforms, truancy, community notification of released sexual offenders, curfews, missing children, youth crime gun interdiction, providing cellular phones for neighborhood patrols, establishing a national community policing non-emergency number, COPS grants and other 1994 Crime Bill grants, 1996 Antiterrorism Bill, and the One Strike policy for public housing.

Drugs (Dennis Burke). Developed and moved legislation to drug test prisoners and parolees as a condition of federal prison funding, which was signed into law on September 30, 1996. Drafted a Presidential Directive to ONDCP and the Transportation Department to report back on drug testing teens for their driver's licenses. Assisted in the confirmation of ONDCP Director General McCaffrey.

White House Conference on Youth Drug Use and Violence (Molly Brostrom; Dennis Burke). Organized and held a White House Conference on Youth Drug Use

and Violence. The Conference provided a forum for over 300 experts, practitioners and youth from around the country to provide input and gave the President an opportunity to demonstrate his commitment to reducing youth drug use and violence.

Civil Rights

English-Only and Affirmative Action Legislation (Steve Warnath). Chaired the interagency working group on English-only policy. Worked with EEOC, DOJ Civil Rights Division, and OMB on the range of civil rights/affirmative action legislation before Congress, including the Administration's opposition to the Dole-Canady affirmative action bill, and English-only legislation.

Government/Political Reform

Line-Item Veto (Paul Weinstein). Worked with Legislative Affairs to achieve passage of the Line-Item Veto Act.

Economic Development

Brownfields (Paul Weinstein). Worked with NEC to draft and introduce Brownfields Tax incentive legislation.

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Tax Incentive Legislation (Paul Weinstein). Worked with NEC to draft and introduce this complement to the President's CDFI grant program..

Homelessness

National Census Bureau Survey (Molly Brostrom). Helped secure funding for an assessment of the needs and characteristics of the homeless (scheduled for completion this year).

Coordinating Federal Services

Interagency Internet "One-Stop" Web Sites (Jeanine Smartt). Coordinated over six federal agencies to create two "one-stop" web sites: 1) "Family. Gov" is designed for community groups and local governments who are seeking information on federal resources to provide services to children and families; and 2) "Welfare Reform.Gov" is designed to assist the public in understanding the new welfare law and to provide access to available federal information.

"Partnerships for Stronger Families" Conference (Jeremy Ben-Ami; Jeanine Smartt). Brought together over eighty leaders from nearly 25 states and 40 communities with Federal agencies to improve Federal responsiveness to state and

community family programs. The conference will inform our interagency effort to reform federal policies to better serve the needs of those in communities working with children and families.

Energy and Environment

Train Trip Initiative (Diane Regas). Worked with CEQ and NEC to craft the President's Community Environmental Protection Initiative announced in August.

New York/New Jersey Dredging (Diane Regas). Led the Administration's efforts to restart dredging in the Port of New York and New Jersey. Dredging has started, halting criticism of the Administration by labor and environmental groups and helping protect 180,000 jobs that depend on the Port.

Human Radiation Experiments (Elizabeth Drye; Diane Regas). Coordinated the Administration's response to the President's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments' recommendations. Preparing announcement of actions for December.

Airtanker Legislation (Diane Regas). Resolved interagency issues and successfully pressed for passage of airtanker legislation, demonstrating the President's leadership in the area of wildfire management--a key concern in western states.

Education

New Education Initiatives (Mike Cohen). Helped develop the President's new education proposals, including HOPE Scholarships (tax credits and tax deductions for higher education), School Construction (financing to stimulate additional local and state investment in renovation and/or construction of schools), and America Reads (mobilization of 1 million volunteers to help all 4th graders be able to read independently and well).

Teacher Accountability Directive (Mike Cohen). Led the development of a Presidential Directive to Secretary Riley on Promoting Excellence and Accountability in Teaching.

Appropriations (Mike Cohen). Helped develop and execute the Administration's legislative strategy for FY97 Education appropriations. Secured funding for Goals 2000 and protected that program against weakening amendments.

(b) DPC Council Accomplishments

DPC Working Group on Native American and Alaska Natives. Wrote Presidential Executive Order on Tribal Colleges to increase Indian education and tribal sovereignty by expanding federal assistance to tribal colleges across the nation (President signed October 21, 1996). Wrote Executive Order on Native American Sacred Sites (President signed May 24, 1996). Launched a home page on the Internet called Code Talk, that allows users to access information on federal programs and policies for Native Americans.

ADD HOMELESSNESS AND VETERANS

II. DPC Future Objectives

(a) Legislative Objectives

Education Initiatives (Mike Cohen). DPC will work with NEC to secure passage of legislation for the President's education initiatives (HOPE Scholarship, School Construction, America Reads). Timeframe: To be determined, but in all likelihood as part of the FY98 Budget Reconciliation Act.

Individual's with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (Mike Cohen; Diana Fortuna). DPC will coordinate efforts to secure an acceptable reauthorization bill following the 104th Congress's failure to pass legislation.

Vocational education (Mike Cohen). DPC will work with NEC to secure passage of legislation reshaping programs for youth consistent with the President's emphasis on higher standards and his school-to work legislation.

Crime (Dennis Burke). DPC objectives are to: (1) Pass legislation on gangs and youth violence introduced by the President in 1996; and (2) pass Constitutional amendment on victims rights. Timeframe: Legislation on gangs and youth violence will be introduced in the beginning of the 105th Congress by Senators Daschle and Biden.

Drugs (Dennis Burke). The DPC will work closely with the National Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and other federal agencies on reducing illegal drug availability and demand. Objectives: (1) Promote the National Drug Control Strategy; (2) Pursue results from report ordered by Presidential Directive to ONDCP and Department of Transportation on drug testing teens for driver's licenses. Timeframe: Ongoing.

Welfare Reform Legislative Fixes (Bruce Reed; Jeremy Ben-Ami; Lyn Hogan).

Women's Issues

Domestic Violence Directive (Lyn Hogan). Led drafting of Presidential Directive to HHS and DOJ to assist states in implementing the Family Violence provisions of the welfare law. The President issued the Directive on October 3, 1996.

HR 1833/Late-Term Abortion bill (Jeremy Ben-Ami; Lyn Hogan). Worked with all related White House, agency offices, and outside groups to support the President's veto of this legislation, and to successfully prevent an override of his veto.

RU-486/Mifepristone (Lyn Hogan). Monitored FDA's implementation of President Clinton's call for a re-evaluation of President Bush's import ban on RU-486.

Title X Federal Family Planning (Jeremy Ben-Ami; Lyn Hogan). Worked closely with OMB, Congress, and outside groups to maintain critical funding for this program.

Other Choice/Family Planning Issues (Lyn Hogan). Worked hard with OMB and others to prevent Republicans from eliminating vital reproductive choice programs, including: the "Mexico City Language"; fetal tissue research; the "Gag Rule"; access to family planning for military families overseas; access for poor women to Medicaid funding for abortions; access for federal employees to abortions funded through their health insurance plans.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (Jeremy Ben-Ami; Lyn Hogan). Gained commitment from private groups to establish a new private, non-profit National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy in response to the President's 1995 State of the Union Address challenge to leaders across the U.S. to come together to address the serious problem of teen pregnancy.

Teen Pregnancy Advisor to the President (Jeremy Ben-Ami; Lyn Hogan). Worked with HHS to develop clear, effective agenda for Dr. Foster.

Veterans

Medicare Subvention Legislation (Molly Brostrom). Worked with OMB, VA, DoD, and HHS to introduce legislation to establish pilot projects to test Medicare reimbursement at VA and DoD facilities.

DPC and OMB are leading the Administration's effort to develop "fixes" on welfare reform. Timeframe: next 2 months.

SSI/SSDI Work Incentive (Diana Fortuna). DPC is coordinating and Administration proposal to encourage people with disabilities on SSI/SSDI to return to work. Timeframe: next 2 months.

Medicaid Community-Based Services (Diana Fortuna; Chris Jennings). DPC is developing an Administrative proposal to encourage home and community-based services in Medicaid and discourage inappropriate institutionalization. Timeframe: next few months.

Medicare Reforms (Chris Jennings). Coordinate Administration Medicare policies and strategies. Objectives: Address the Medicare Trust Fund's short-term financing challenges in order to strengthen the Medicare Trust Fund and contribute to deficit reduction. Modernize Medicare and provide more health care options for beneficiaries through: a Medicare Preferred Provider Organization option, a Provider Sponsored Organization alternative, and a HMO with a point-of-service option. Add new preventive benefits for Medicare beneficiaries and establish a respite benefit for families of Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer's Disease. Timeframe: Ongoing and immediate.

Health Care Reforms (Chris Jennings). Coordinates the development of and passage of Administration health care policy legislation. Objectives:

- Enact the President's "Workers' Transition Initiative" to help the temporarily unemployed afford to keep their health insurance;
- Expand access to health care coverage and services for children;
- Empower small businesses to access and purchase more affordable insurance through voluntary health purchasing cooperatives; and
- Provide states more flexibility to administer Medicaid while constraining costs.

Timeframe: Ongoing and in the context of a balanced budget.

Immigration Fixes (Steve Warnath). DPC will lead substantive work on Administration efforts to "fix" parts of this year's immigration legislation, including strengthening employer responsibilities and repealing Congress' weakening of workplace anti-discrimination protections. Timeframe: Ongoing and immediate.

Legal Immigration (Steve Warnath). DPC will coordinate and provide analytical support for Administration positions on possible legal immigration legislation..

President's Final Report to Congress on Immigration (Steve Warnath). DPC will

assist with this report, due in 1997,

Civil Rights (Steve Warnath). DPC will assist with Administration strategy and policy on likely affirmative action and English Only legislation. In addition, we are working with others to evaluate whether to introduce amendments to the Hate Crimes Act.

Economic Development (Paul Weinstein). DPC will work with Legislative Affairs, NEC and OVP to pass Empowerment Zones Round II legislation, Brownfields Tax Incentive legislation, and the CDFI Tax Incentive bill.

Campaign Finance (Bruce Reed; Paul Weinstein). DPC and Legislative Affairs have proposed a communications timeline and legislative strategy to advance the McCain-Feingold bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation, and will implement the President's decisions on the strategy.

Environment (Diane Regas). DPC will work with other White House offices to defend against continuing efforts to pass laws that adversely affect the environment, and to reauthorize the Superfund tax and/or create a clear public record that the President is fighting to clean up toxic waste sites.

Homelessness (Molly Brostrom). DPC will work with the Interagency Council on the Homeless to improve assistance to homeless people with multiple diagnoses and to propose changes in the McKinney Act programs.

Social Security (Molly Brostrom). DPC will work with NEC and OMB to respond to Social Security Advisory Commission recommendations due in December, and, per President's remarks, to establish a federal bipartisan process for addressing long-term financial health of the Social Security Trust Fund.

Seniors (Molly Brostrom). Work with HHS' Administration on Aging on reauthorization of Older Americans Act and other initiatives in home and community-based care, senior service, and consumer protection that help to address needs of our aging population.

Veterans (Molly Brostrom). Continue to work with OMB and agencies on establishing pilot projects for Medicare Subvention at VA and DoD health care facilities.

Welfare-to-Work Initiatives (Jeremy Ben-Ami and Lyn Hogan). DPC will continue to work with OMB and other agencies to draft, introduce and pass this proposal.

Domestic Violence Directive (Lyn Hogan). DPC will continue to work with HHS

and DOJ to implement the Oct. 3, 1996 Presidential Directive to implement the Family Violence provisions of the welfare law.

Domestic Family Planning/Reproductive Rights (Lyn Hogan). DPC will continue to coordinate the fight to prevent Republican members from cutting and/or eradicating domestic family planning funds and programs, including Title X.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (Lyn Hogan). DPC staff is working with HHS to ensure the timely preparation of a strategy to prevent teen pregnancy, as mandated by the welfare reform law. The deadline for the establishment of the strategy is January 1, 1997. DPC will also continue to target new and innovative demonstration projects to prevent teen pregnancy in coordination with HHS.

(b) Non Legislative Objectives

Child Welfare (Lyn Hogan). We will continue to explore areas for intervention and are working to propose action steps in this field. OMB and First Lady's Office are participating as well.

Child Welfare Waivers (Jeremy Ben-Ami; Lyn Hogan). DPC will work with HHS to effectively implement HHS's new authority to grant 10 waivers from current child welfare laws.

Substance Abuse (Molly Brostrom). DPC will work with the agencies and OMB to assess and address the challenges low-income people with drug and alcohol addictions will face given recent changes in SSI and other programs, and to ensure the Administration keeps the commitment made in both our drug and AIDS/HIV strategies to increase support for drug treatment.

Disability Issues (Diana Fortuna). As part of the National Disability Policy Review, DPC will consider options for better coordinating services to disabled children and making the government more accessible to people with disabilities. Timeframe: 6 months?

Elementary and Secondary Education Reform (Mike Cohen). DPC will support continued Presidential leadership on elementary and secondary school reform, around issues such as increased standards and accountability, expanded choice and charter schools. Objectives: (1) Improve coordination of related education reform efforts in the Education Department (e.g., Goals 2000), National Science Foundation, and School-to-Work; (2) Identify for continued Presidential leadership cutting-edge education reform issues and challenges for states and local communities; (3) identify key lessons and models of successful state and local reforms tied to Administration program and agenda, for President to highlight.

Immigration (Steve Warnath). DPC will help resolve emerging issues, including: privacy and discrimination issues for citizens arising from large-scale inquiries of government databases to establish citizenship or immigrant status for work authorization or public benefits; document fraud; visa overstay enforcement; increased smuggling pressures; border poverty; and assimilation barriers such as access to English-language skills training and access to justice in immigrant communities.

Microenterprise (Lyn Hogan). DPC will continue to work with SBA, NEC, and related agencies to craft creative microenterprise/youth enterprise programs particularly as they relate to welfare reform, and to work with NEC to coordinate microenterprise activities in related agencies.

Energy and Environment (Diane Regas). DPC will complete the report responding to the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments; complete an interagency effort to spur rural development, and serve rural areas better; and coordinate interagency discussion of farm bill implementation issues that relate to the environment.

Sexual Predators (Lyn Hogan). DPC will work with DOJ to establish and implement a program that studies the linkages between statutory rape and teenage pregnancy and educates law enforcers about the issue. Timeframe: January 1, 1997.

International Family Planning (Jeremy Ben-Ami; Lyn Hogan). DPC is currently working with USAID and the State Department to draft the Presidential Determination on international population funding due to Congress by Feb. 1, 1997 as requested in the Foreign Ops Appropriation and will work with Congress to maintain or increase International Family Planning Funding.

Teen Suicide (Lyn Hogan). DPC is looking at ways to address the growing problem of teen suicide and to meet HHS's pledge to reduce the number of teen suicides. Timeframe: ??.

(c) Ongoing Management Activities

Welfare Reform Implementation (Jeremy Ben-Ami, Steve Warnath, and Diana Fortuna). Ensure that agency implementation of welfare reform reflects Administration policy and priorities.

Crime (Dennis Burke). The DPC is the lead White House Office in dealing with implementation of the 1994 Crime Bill, sections of the 1996 Antiterrorism Bill, and other policy issues arising in criminal justice. The DPC convenes a weekly interagency working group on crime, provides crime fact sheets on cities for President's visits, and provides staffing for the President on crime issues.

Native Americans (Leanne Shimabukuro). The DPC works with the Department of Interior to ensure a smooth transition of policy review and formulation to the DPC Working Group on Native American and Alaska Native Affairs. DPC will monitor and facilitate implementation of Tribal Colleges Executive Order, including the establishment of a Presidentially appointed advisory council.

White House Immigration Core Group (Steve Warnath). The DPC chairs the Interagency Working Group that coordinates Administration work on immigration issue.

Worksite Enforcement and Non-Discrimination Group (Steve Warnath). The DPC oversees the work of the Administration's group tasked to design work authorization pilots in a manner to protect against discrimination

Civil Rights Working Group and Hate Crime Working Group (Steve Warnath). DPC will work with the present and new Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights to ensure that these interagency groups will be effective Administration mechanisms for policy development.

Sweatshop Enforcement Working Group (Steve Warnath). DPC will continue to participate in Administration's working group to address sweatshop and worksite exploitation enforcement issues.

Privacy Working Group (Steve Warnath). DPC is forming an interagency group to work on privacy issues involving government databases and citizenship and immigrant status verification.

Partnerships for Stronger Families (Jeanine Smart). DPC is working with the many agencies responsible for children and family services to improve and coordinate service delivery. DPC's Partnerships working group will take further steps to reduce fragmentation of services and encourage comprehensive strategies.

Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities (Paul Weinstein). As Vice Chair of the Community Empowerment Board, DPC will continue to work on implementation issues from the first round of EZ/ECs and will utilize what we have learned for the successful implementation of a second round.

Energy and Environment (Diane Regas). The DPC works closely with CEQ and Executive Departments to ensure consistency across our environmental agenda, and to ensure integration of environmental policies with the broader domestic agenda. Objective: Maximize the President's leadership on common sense, cost-effective and sustainable environmental programs, while seeking reform of those that do not meet these criteria.

Women's Issues (Lyn Hogan). DPC will continue to work on a regular basis with this outreach office to coordinate activities, provide policy assistance, and connect with outside women's groups. DPC will also continue to write a bi-monthly White House newsletter for women's groups distributed by the Outreach Office.

President's Interagency Council On Women (Lyn Hogan). As a member of the President's Interagency Council On Women, the DPC will continue to play a significant role working with and coordinating White House women's issues activities with those taking part at the agency level.

Violence Against Women's Office (VAWA), Justice Department (Lyn Hogan). DPC will continue to work with VAWA on family violence issues, offering policy assistance, coordinating legislative activities, and working with outside groups.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (Lyn Hogan). DPC will continue to work with Dr. Henry Foster to coordinate and evaluate his activities as they relate to teen pregnancy prevention and youth issues and will act as the White House liaison to the private National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

Violence Against Women's Office (VAWA), Justice Department (Lyn Hogan). DPC works with VAWA on family violence issues, offering policy assistance, coordinating legislative activities, and working with outside groups. Examples of legislation passed this year include the Carjacking Corrections Act, the Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act, and the Brady Bill extension to prevent sales and ownership of all firearms to those convicted of a misdemeanor of domestic violence.

DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

Long Range Plan (June - December 1995)

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I. MISSION

The Domestic Policy Council assists the President and White House senior staff in shaping and articulating the administration's domestic agenda. The DPC develops administration positions consistent with key Presidential themes (community, opportunity, and responsibility) and in furtherance of key commitments such as, for instance, reforming welfare, reforming government, and empowering families through opportunity.

In addition to shaping policy and message, the DPC coordinates legislative initiatives, monitors implementation of initiatives already enacted, addresses critical issues as they arise, and coordinates across agencies on policy matters.

II. KEY ACTIVITIES

To achieve these broad goals, DPC staff perform a range of functions across issues:

- o provide a mechanism for decision making -- serving as a "fair broker" among agencies and offices within the administration. In many cases, the DPC chairs or co-chairs working groups or processes designed to develop administration policy.
- o review speeches, testimony and other public statements of administration positions to ensure consistency in policy.
- o monitor the implementation of key Presidential initiatives.
- o act as trouble-shooters on issues of immediate importance such as, for instance, negotiations over the California Medicaid claim or health and welfare waivers.
- o coordinate among agencies addressing similar problems and serving similar constituencies. We have working groups on issues and groups from veterans to the homeless, from Native Americans to the disabled.
- o analyze policy proposals by agencies, the Hill, states, and/or outside groups.
- o Supply basic information -- fact sheets, talking points, issue briefs, questions and answers -- on policy issues to the President and other White House offices and staff.
- o Develop options for Presidential events. Serve as staff contact for events, help draft speeches, and coordinate production of appropriate materials.

III. SPECIFIC ISSUES

On the domestic agenda for the next six months, some issues lend themselves to concrete, clear objectives, while others will be appropriate for ongoing management and monitoring. This section presents key concrete objectives where appropriate and then indicates those issues where the DPC will be involved in ongoing monitoring and management.

A. Concrete Objectives

1. *Legislative* Four critical legislative priorities will involve substantial commitments of time by DPC staff:

Farm Bill The DPC co-chaired the effort to develop the administration's position on the Farm Bill. Objective/Timing: Pass and sign a farm bill reauthorization by the end of the year. Lead DPC Staff: Brian Burke/Marion Berry.

Immigration The DPC chairs the Interagency Working Group that developed the administration's immigration legislation and is addressing ongoing issues such as development of the work verification pilots and the administration's position on legal immigration. The DPC holds weekly meetings of a White House Core Group on Immigration to coordinate administration work on the issue. Objective: Pass immigration legislation that the President can sign this year. Timeframe: Legislation should begin to move through Congress shortly. Lead DPC Staff: Steve Warnath.

Lifelong Learning Secure passage of legislation reshaping education and training programs for youth and adults which reflects the President's principles: empowering individuals, providing states with flexibility, and building on School to Work. Timeframe: House Committee has acted on the Careers Act, and legislation is moving to the House floor soon. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami/Mike Schmidt.

Welfare Reform Objective: Work toward passing a bill that the President can sign that fulfills his pledge to end welfare as we know it. In the alternative, position the President as fighting for true welfare reform. The DPC is the lead White House office in developing the administration's position on welfare reform. Timeframe: Senate action expected in early summer. Presidential decision and negotiations with Congress to follow. Lead DPC Staff: Bruce Reed.

Other We will be involved with several other legislative items:

- o Ensuring funding for the Community Development Bank and Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, so the program can start in this fiscal year. Timeframe: By end of FY95. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein.
- o Defending against efforts to weaken environmental protections and working toward sensible regulatory reform. Lead DPC Staff: Regulatory Reform - Michael Waldman/Paul Weinstein; Environmental legislation - Brian Burke.

- o Work with HUD to pass and implement reinvention proposal. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom/Paul Weinstein.
- o Work toward Presidential signing of Line Item Veto legislation. Timeframe: By the fall. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein.
- o Legislation giving states greater flexibility, including the Local Flexibility and Empowerment Act. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein.
- o Reauthorization of Ryan White CARE Act. Lead DPC Staff: Patsy Fleming.

2. *Non-Legislative*

AIDS (1) Convene President's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council; (2) Complete Report to the President on the epidemic and adolescents. Timeframe: (1) November 15; (2) October 15. Lead DPC Staff: Patsy Fleming.

"Common Ground" Conference Help coordinate meeting of leaders from around the country to discuss divisions in the country and the healing process. Ensure follow-up activity to Conference. Timeframe: Conference scheduled for July 6. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami/Gaynor McCown/Mickey Levitan.

Disability The DPC, together with OMB, has established a National Disability Policy Review. The Review is examining all aspects of federal policy affecting persons with disabilities and is developing recommendations. Objectives: (1) Develop short-, medium-, and long-term recommendations for a national disability policy; (2) ensure appropriate recognition of 5th Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act. Timeframe: (1) Initial recommendations should be ready within six months; (2) July 1995. Lead DPC Staff: Diana Fortuna.

Homelessness Objectives (1) Coordinate development and publication of update on implementation of Interagency Council on the Homeless' "Federal Plan to Break the Cycle of Homelessness; (2) work with Council and the Census Bureau to move forward a proposed national study of the needs and characteristics of the homeless. Timeframes: (1) Publish update by December 1995. (2) Agree to funding of survey and begin work by summer 1995. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

Lobby Reform Objective: Inject the President forcefully into the public debate as a reformer of politics and government. Release our lobby reform proposals; take unilateral actions as appropriate; reiterate positions in speeches and events; if appropriate, work with lawmakers to enact legislation. Timeframe: By the fall, the President should be positioned as a leader on this issue. Lead DPC Staff: Michael Waldman.

Regulatory Reform Objective: Work with other offices on legislative, policy and communications strategy for regulatory reform. Produce a record of regulatory reform

that can be used as "inoculation" if the President is forced to veto GOP legislation. Timeframe: By the fall, establish record of achievement. Lead DPC Staff: Michael Waldman/Paul Weinstein.

Teen Pregnancy The DPC is taking the lead on implementing the President's pledge to start a National Campaign Against Teen Pregnancy. Objectives: (1) Announce formation of a private sector group that will lead the National Campaign. (2) Produce in cooperation with the Advertising Council a Public Service Advertising campaign to raise awareness about the problems and potential solutions. Timeframe: National Campaign should be announced within one month. PSA should be released by late summer, early fall. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami/Janet Abrams.

B. Ongoing Management

Comprehensive Services for Children and Families Many DPC agencies are responsible for services and programs for children and families. There are vehicles for coordinating such efforts within the administration including the Community Empowerment Board and the President's Prevention Council, but the DPC tries to help coordinate among all of these efforts. Objective: Coordinate agency initiatives, reduce fragmentation of services, and encourage comprehensive strategies that emphasize families and communities. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Gaynor McCown.

Crime The DPC is the lead White House Office in dealing with implementation of the 1994 Crime Bill and other policy issues that arise in criminal justice. The DPC hosts weekly meetings to monitor crime bill implementation. Objectives: (1) Pass two terrorism bills currently before the House and Senate; (2) Protect key crime bill components -- 100,000 cops, assault weapons ban, prevention programs, etc. -- from being repealed; (3) Protect crime bill fund during budget/appropriations process. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Bruce Reed.

Drugs Objectives: (1) Develop national response to changing attitudes on drug use -- using bully pulpit, preserving the Safe and Drug Free Schools program and prevention programs in the Crime Bill; (2) Develop the Administration's drug enforcement profile. Use the 100,000 cops and federal law enforcement to show Administration's commitment to keeping drugs off the street.

Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities -- Objective: As Vice Chair of the Community Empowerment Board, DPC will be working to ensure that this critical Presidential initiative is properly implemented. Timeframe: Ongoing and immediate. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein/Gaynor McCown.

Environmental Issues The DPC works closely with CEQ and EPA on environmental policy -- specifically to ensure that the environmental agenda is integrated into the broader domestic agenda. Objective: Our objective in all these efforts is to position the administration as fighting to defend public health protections as they come under extreme attack. Lead Staff: Brian Burke.

Health Care The DPC, together with the NEC, co-chairs the ongoing process of developing Administration health care policy. Objectives: Fulfill President's commitment to continue to move toward real reform and protect health care programs during the budget debate. Timeframe: Issue will continue on front burner throughout budget debate. Lead DPC Staff: Chris Jennings/Jennifer Klein.

Lifelong Learning Implementation and defense of the President's Lifelong Learning Agenda will continue to be a key focus of Presidential and Administration activity over the next six months. DPC has worked closely with NEC, OMB and the Departments on the development and passage of most components of the Lifelong Learning Agenda. Objectives: Defend investments and signature initiatives such as Direct Lending, School to Work and Head Start from attack; ensure implementation. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Gaynor McCown/Mike Schmidt.

Native Americans Work with the Department of the Interior to ensure a smooth transition of policy review and formulation to the DPC Working Group on Native American and Alaska Native Affairs. Lead DPC Staff: Mike Schmidt.

Seniors Develop a coordinated strategy with other White House offices and Cabinet agencies for follow up to the White House Conference on Aging and additional outreach to key seniors groups. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

Social Security DPC will work closely with NEC and OMB to respond to the long range recommendations of the Social Security Advisory Commission due out this fall. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

State/Local Initiatives The DPC has been working closely with the National Performance Review and other offices in their outreach to State and local governments who want to establish more effective working relationships with the federal government. A primary example of these efforts is the interagency agreement reached with the state of Oregon. We will be focusing on implementing performance partnerships, program consolidation and legislative initiatives to enhance local flexibility. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein, Gaynor McCown.

Veterans DPC co-chairs the Interagency Veterans Policy Group which will continue to provide a forum for ongoing dialogue with veterans organizations and for encouraging interagency coordination. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

Waivers: Health and Welfare The DPC continues to oversee the implementation of the President's directive that states be given broad authority and flexibility to administer Medicaid, AFDC, and other federal entitlements through the waiver process. Objective: Work with agencies and states to ensure President's intentions are carried out. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Diana Fortuna.

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DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL
Long Range Plan (month - month)

I. Accomplishments in 1996

(a) DPC Staff Accomplishments

WELFARE

- o Adoption tax credit
- o Guidance and administrative actions on welfare reform implementation to soften/ameliorate objectionable parts of the law
- o Process for implementing welfare reform
- o Guide staff dialogue and dialogue with states

President's Welfare-to-Work Jobs Challenge. The DPC helped draft and has worked to flesh out the President's Welfare-to-Work Jobs Challenge, the \$3.1 billion proposal to create job opportunities for the hardest-to-employ welfare recipients.

CHILD WELFARE

Child Welfare Discussions. On Oct. 31, 1996, the DPC completed a series of seven small two hour discussion sessions over four months with child welfare experts from around the country to begin reviewing the failure of the nation's child welfare system and potential areas for reforms. From these discussions, we have drafted a working internal document for future activity.

HEALTH CARE

Health Insurance Reforms ^{S. ~~Covered~~} The DPC worked with the Departments of HHS, Labor and Treasury on the Kassebaum-Kennedy bill and worked closely with other White House staff to develop legislation that the President could sign.

Protections for New Mothers DPC facilitated action on legislation that requires health plans to allow new mothers to remain in the hospital for at least 48 hours following most normal deliveries by working with the Department of HHS, White House staff and the Congress.

Mental Health Parity The DPC worked closely with the OVP to develop legislation on mental health parity that the Congress could support and the President could sign.

IMMIGRATION

Illegal Immigration Enforcement Bill -- The DPC led interagency substantive work

on the immigration reform bill and worked closely with the W.H. Legislative Office to obtain a bill the President could sign.

Congressional Hearings -- DPC worked with DOJ/INS, State, Labor and OMB throughout the year on preparation for immigration hearings.

Executive Orders -- DPC wrote the President's naturalization directive and participated in development of an Executive Order barring contractors who knowingly hire undocumented workers from obtaining federal contracts.

Implementation -- DPC worked on policy implementation matters with relevant Departments including border control, removal and worksite enforcement issues.

Policy Position Statements -- DPC wrote or contributed to many of the immigration-related statements in legislative documents, letters, speeches, press releases, etc. issued by the White House, DOJ/INS and other agencies this past year.

CRIME AND DRUGS

White House Conference on Youth Drug Use and Violence. The DPC Organized and carried out White House Conference on Youth Drug Use and Violence -- the first ever White House Conference to focus exclusively on youth crime and drug abuse. The Conference provided a forum for over 300 experts, practitioners and youth from around the country to come together and provide input on these problems and provided the President an opportunity to demonstrate his leadership and commitment to reducing youth drug use and violence. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom / Dennis Burke.

Crime DPC was responsible for initiating directives and Presidential memoranda, and assisted in the drafting of speeches and coordinated events for the President's numerous crime initiatives including: school uniforms, truancy, community notification of released sexual offenders, curfews, missing children, youth crime gun interdiction, providing cellular phones for neighborhood patrols, establishing a national community policing non-emergency number, COPS grants and other 1994 Crime Bill grants, 1996 Antiterrorism Bill, and the One Strike policy for public housing.

Drugs DPC staff developed and moved legislation to drug test prisoners and parolees as a condition of federal prison funding, which was signed into law on September 30, 1996. DPC staff also drafted a Presidential Directive to ONDCP and the Transportation Department to report back on drug testing teens for their driver's licenses. Also assisted in the confirmation of ONDCP Director General McCaffrey.

CIVIL RIGHTS

a) The DPC chaired the interagency working group on English-only policy. DPC worked with EEOC, DOJ Civil Rights Division, and OMB on the range of civil

rights/affirmative action legislation in the past Congress, including the Administration's opposition to the Dole-Canady affirmative action bill, and English-only legislation.

POLITICAL/GOVERNMENT REFORM

DPC worked with NEC/OVP to draft and introduce Empowerment Zones Round II Legislation

DPC worked with legislative affairs to achieve passage of the Line-Item Veto Act.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DPC worked with NEC to draft and introduce Brownfields Tax incentive legislation.

DPC worked with NEC to draft and introduce Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Tax Incentive Legislation.

Development of '96 State of the Union Agenda with Bruce Reed. Drafted accompanying document outlining our agenda.

HOMELESSNESS

Helped to secure funding for National Census Bureau Survey of the needs and characteristics of the homeless. Survey will be completed this year, with analysis of data beginning shortly thereafter. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

COORDINATING FEDERAL SERVICES

Interagency Internet Sites. The DPC has coordinated over six federal agencies to create two "one-stop" web sites: 1) "Family. Gov" is designed for community groups and local governments who are seeking information on federal resources to provide services to children and families; and 2) "WelfareReform.Gov" is designed to assist the public in understanding the new welfare law and to provide access to available federal information.

"Partnerships for Stronger Families" Conference. The DPC chaired a working meeting with over eighty leaders from nearly 25 states and 40 communities to work with an interagency federal team. The meeting will inform DPC efforts to reform federal policies to better serve the needs of those in communities working with children and families.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. The President's Environmental Initiative: DPC staff worked to craft the President's Community Environmental Protection Initiative announced on the train trip in August 1996. This initiative created a positive

environmental agenda for the President that will be carried through the second term. Lead DPC Staff: Diane Regas.

2. New York-New Jersey Dredging: DPC staff led the Administration's efforts to restart dredging in the Port of New York and New Jersey. Dredging has started, halting criticism of the Administration by labor and environmental groups and helping protect 180,000 jobs that depend on the Port. Lead DPC Staff: Diane Regas.
3. Human Radiation Experiments: DPC staff chaired the working group to develop a complete response to the President's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments. Draft legislation, new regulations and a draft Presidential directive have been prepared. Lead DPC Staff: Elizabeth Drye / Diane Regas.
4. Airtanker Legislation: DPC staff resolved interagency issues and pressed forward the airtanker legislation, resulting in passage of the Administration's legislation in one month. The legislation exerted the President's leadership in the area of wildfire management--a key concern in western states. Lead DPC Staff: Diane Regas.

Participated in the development of President's new education proposals, including HOPE Scholarship (tax credits and tax deductions for higher education), School Construction (financing to stimulate additional local and state investment in renovation and/or construction of schools), and America Reads (mobilization of 1 million volunteers to help all 4th graders be able to read independently and well).

EDUCATION

Led the development of a Presidential Directive to Secretary Riley on Promoting Excellence and Accountability in Teaching, which directs the Secretary to assist state and local education officials in improving teaching.

Participated in the development and implementation of Administration legislative strategy for FY97 Education Department appropriations, including securing funding for Goals 2000 and protecting that program against unwanted amendments.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Domestic Violence Directive. The DPC spearheaded efforts to draft a Presidential Directive to HHS and DOJ to develop guidelines for States to implement the Family Violence provisions of the welfare law. The President issued the Directive on October 3, 1996. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

National Domestic Violence Hotline. In February 1996, the President announced the National Domestic Violence 24-hour, toll-free hotline, 1-800-799-safe. The hotline has already

received over 50,000 calls.

Women's Issues/Reproductive Rights

HR 1833/Late-Term Abortion bill. Worked closely with all related White House, agency offices, and outside groups to support the President's veto of this legislation, and to prevent an override of his veto. DPC helped successfully prevent a veto override. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

RU-486/Mifepristone. President Clinton called for a re-evaluation of President Bush's import ban on RU-486 (the abortion pill). DPC continues to track, and respond when needed as appropriate, to the FDA process to approve and bring to market RU-486. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Title X Federal Family Planning. To help women reduce the risk of unwanted pregnancies, the Clinton Administration has fought to keep intact the Title X domestic family planning programs, and has requested annual budget increases for the Federal Family Planning program. DPC staff has worked closely with OMB, Congress, and outside groups to maintain critical funding. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

International Family Planning. DPC is currently working with USAID and the State Department to draft the Presidential Determination on international population funding due to Congress by Feb. 1, 1997 as required in the Foreign Ops Appropriation and will work with Congress to maintain or increase International Family Planning Funding. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Other Choice/Family Planning Issues: The Republican Congress typically uses the appropriations process to chip away at reproductive freedom/choice. DPC has worked hard with OMB and others to prevent Republicans from eliminating vital reproductive choice programs. Issues that have come up and will continue to be raised during the appropriations process include the "Mexico City Language"; fetal tissue research; the "Gag Rule"; access to family planning for military families overseas; access for poor women to Medicaid funding for abortions; access for federal employees to abortions funded through their health insurance plans; etc. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Teen Pregnancy Prevention

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. In his 1995 State of the Union Address, President Clinton challenged leaders across the U.S. to come together to address the serious problem of teen pregnancy. In response to this call for action, the new National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy was established as a private, not-for-profit entity and is now up and running. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami.

Appointed Dr. Foster Teen Pregnancy Advisor to the President. In January of this year, President Clinton appointed Dr. Henry Foster to serve as Senior Advisor to the Administration on teen pregnancy and related youth issues. Dr. Foster will work in

partnership with community-based organizations across the US to give young people the tools they need to build responsible and productive lives. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami / Lyn Hogan.

VETERANS

DPC worked with OMB, VA, DoD, and HHS to introduce legislation to establish pilot projects to test Medicare reimbursement at VA and DoD facilities.

(b) Council Accomplishments

NATIVE AMERICANS

Native Americans. The DPC Working Group on Native American and Alaska Natives proposed an Executive Order on Tribal Colleges promoting Indian education and tribal sovereignty by expanding federal assistance to tribal colleges across the nation. It was signed by the President on October 21, 1996. The Working Group also was successful in crafting an Executive Order on Native American Sacred Sites, which was signed by the President on May 24, 1996. In addition, the Working Group launched a home page on the Internet called CodeTalk, that allows users to access information on federal programs and policies for Native Americans.

EDUCATION

Executive Order for Tribal Colleges and Universities The DPC Working Group on American Indians and Alaska Natives developed an Executive Order for Tribal Colleges and Universities, which established in the Education Department an interagency White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges. The Executive Order, signed by President Clinton in October, will promote opportunities for Federal assistance to Tribal Colleges and increase Tribal self-determination and individual achievement.

II. Future Objectives

(a) Concrete Objectives

(1) Legislative

EDUCATION

DPC will work with NEC to secure passage of legislation for the President's education initiatives (HOPE Scholarship, School Construction, America Reads). Timeframe: To be determined, but in all likelihood as part of the FY98 Budget Reconciliation Act. (Note: NEC has been providing leadership on these items, with DPC participation)

DPC will coordinate efforts to secure passage of the reauthorization of the Individual's with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This program was considered for reauthorization by the 104 Congress, but was not enacted before the Congress adjourned. It will be taken up in the next Congress.

DPC will work with NEC to secure passage of legislation reshaping vocational education programs for youth so they are consistent with the President's emphasis on higher standards and build on school-to-work. This initiative was also considered by the last Congress, in combination with an overhaul of job training programs, but was not enacted. The Administration's proposal to the next Congress in all likelihood separate youth from adult programs. (Note: NEC has been providing leadership on this, with DPC participation)

CRIME AND DRUGS

Crime Objectives: (1) Pass legislation on gangs and youth violence introduced by the President in 1996; (2) Pass Constitutional amendment on victims rights. Timeframe: Legislation on gangs and youth violence will be introduced in the beginning of the 105th Congress by Senators Daschle and Biden. Lead DPC Staff: Dennis Burke

Substance Abuse. DPC will work with agencies on assessing and addressing where possible the challenges for low-income people with drug and alcohol addictions created by recent changes in public assistance programs. (ELIZ--CHR referenced this in the weekly recently -- last week maybe, it was after her mtg; I don't have the weekly, but if you do, you may want to use her language) Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

CHILD WELFARE

Child Welfare Waivers. HHS was recently given the authority to grant 10 waivers from current child welfare laws. So far, HHS has approved two waivers, and expects to approve three more in the coming weeks. DPC will work with HHS on the remaining five waivers to help states craft innovative, creative waiver initiatives. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami and Lyn Hogan

DIANA

- o DPC and OMB are leading the Administration's effort to develop "fixes" on welfare reform. Timeframe: next 2 months. Lead DPC staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami, Steve Warnath, and Diana Fortuna (not sure how to include Bruce)

- o DPC is coordinating a proposal on behalf of the Administration to encourage people with disabilities on SSI/SSDI to return to work. Timeframe: next 2 months. Lead DPC Staff: Diana Fortuna
- o Development of Administration proposal to encourage home and community-based services in Medicaid and discourage inappropriate institutionalization. Timeframe: next few months. Lead DPC Staff: Diana Fortuna

HEALTH CARE

Medicare Reforms Objectives: Address the Medicare Trust Fund's short-term financing challenges in order to strengthen the Medicare Trust Fund and contribute to deficit reduction. Modernize Medicare and provide more health care options for beneficiaries through: a Medicare Preferred Provider Organization option, a Provider Sponsored Organization alternative, and a HMO with a point-of-service option. Add new preventive benefits for Medicare beneficiaries and establish a respite benefit for families of Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer's Disease. Timeframe: Ongoing and immediate. Lead DPC Staff: Chris Jennings

Health Care Reform The DPC coordinates with NEC to take the lead in developing Administration health care policy options.

Objectives:

- . Enact the President's "Workers' Transition Initiative" to help the temporarily unemployed afford to keep their health insurance;
- . Expand access to health care coverage and services for children;
- . Empower small businesses to access and purchase more affordable insurance through voluntary health purchasing cooperatives; and
- . Provide states more flexibility to administer Medicaid while constraining costs.

Timeframe: Ongoing and in the context of a balanced budget. Lead DPC Staff: Chris Jennings

IMMIGRATION

DPC will lead substantive work on Administration efforts to "fix" parts of this year's immigration legislation, including strengthening employer responsibilities and repealing Congress' weakening of workplace anti-discrimination protections. There also is likely to be legislation on legal immigration reform. Timeframe: Ongoing and immediate. Lead DPC Staff: Steve Warnath.

The President's Final Report to Congress on Immigration is due in 1997. An interim

report was submitted in 1994.

CIVIL RIGHTS

1) Legislative -- The passage of Proposition 209 will reinvigorate Congressional efforts for affirmative action legislation. Congress will also consider English-only legislation again. In addition, the Administration will be looking at the possibility of introducing amendments to the Hate Crimes Act. Lead DPC Staff: Steve Warnath.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DPC will work with Legislative Affairs, NEC and OVP to pass Empowerment Zones Round II Legislation and Brownfields Tax Incentive legislation, and the CDFI Tax Incentive bill introduced this year.

Legislative Affairs and DPC have proposed a communications timeline and legislative strategy to advance the McCain-Feingold bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation. Lead DPC Staff: Paul Weinstein.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- (1) Legislative (105th Congress)
 - (a) Work to assert Administration leadership on environmental issues, including the President's family right to know announcement.
 - (b) Defend against continuing efforts to pass laws that adversely affect the environment.
 - (c) Achieve reauthorization of the Superfund tax, without unacceptable legislative provisions; alternatively, create a clear public record that the President is fighting to clean up toxic waste sites. Lead DPC Staff: Diane Regas.

HOMELESSNESS

Work with Interagency Council on the Homeless on federal responses to homelessness, including a focus on improving assistance to homeless people with multiple diagnoses (for example, identifying ways to improve coordination of Federal, state, and local programs; sponsoring a technical assistance conference to promote the development of a continuum of care for this population). DPC will also work with Council on Congressional proposals for changes in the McKinney Act programs. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security. Work with NEC and OMB on response to Social Security Advisory

Commission recommendations due in December, and, per President's remarks, establishment of federal bipartisan process for addressing long-term financial health of Social Security Trust Fund. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

SENIORS

Work with HHS' Administration on Aging on reauthorization of Older Americans Act and other initiatives in home and community-based care, senior service, and consumer protection that help to address needs of our aging population.

VETERANS

Veterans [keep previous bullet; add:] Continue to work with OMB and agencies on establishing pilot projects for Medicare Subvention at VA and DoD health care facilities. Lead DPC Staff: Molly Brostrom.

WELFARE

Welfare-to-Work Initiatives. DPC will continue to work with OMB and other agencies to draft this proposal and plan to introduce it early in the 105th Congress and pass it. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami and Lyn Hogan

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Domestic Violence Directive. DPC will continue to work with HHS and DOJ to implement the Oct. 3, 1996 Presidential Directive to implement the Family Violence provisions of the welfare law. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Domestic Family Planning/Reproductive Rights. DPC plans to continue the fight to prevent Republican members from cutting and/or eradicating domestic family planning funds and programs, including Title X. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Teen Pregnancy Prevention. DPC staff is working with HHS to ensure the timely preparation of a strategy to prevent teen pregnancy, as mandated in P.L. 104-193, the welfare reform law. The deadline for the establishment of the strategy is January 1, 1997. DPC will also continue to target new and innovative demonstration projects to prevent teen pregnancy in coordination with HHS. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

CHILD WELFARE

Child Welfare. We will continue to explore areas for intervention and are working to propose action steps in this field. OMB and First Lady's Office are participating as well. We plan to hold additional meetings in December with HHS. Lead DPC Staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami and Lyn Hogan

DISABILITY

- o Move forward on various efforts to review disability policy, as part of the National Disability Policy Review, including better coordinating services to disabled children and making the government more accessible to people with disabilities. Timeframe: 6 months? Lead DPC staff: Diana Fortuna

EDUCATION

Support continued Presidential leadership on elementary and secondary school reform, around issues such as increased standards and accountability, expanded choice and charter schools. Objectives: (1) Improve coordination of related education reform efforts in the Education Department (e.g., Goals 2000), National Science Foundation, and School-to-Work; (2) Identify for continued Presidential leadership cutting-edge education reform issues and challenges for states and local communities; (3) identify key lessons and models of successful state and local reforms tied to Administration program and agenda, for President to highlight.

IMMIGRATION

2) Non-Legislative -- INS will face new implementation challenges that will Affect all Americans -- citizens and non-citizen alike. The DPC will participate in resolving these issues, which include: privacy and discrimination issues for citizens arising from large-scale inquiries of government databases to establish citizenship or immigrant status for work authorization or public benefits; document fraud; visa overstay enforcement; increased smuggling pressures; border poverty; and assimilation barriers such as access to English-language skills training and access to justice in immigrant communities.

ECONOMY

Microenterprise. DPC will continue to work with SBA, NEC, and related agencies to craft creative microenterprise/youth enterprise programs particularly as it relates to welfare reform, and to work with NEC to coordinate microenterprise activities in related agencies. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- (a) Complete the report responding to the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments.
- (b) Complete an interagency effort to spur rural development, and serve rural areas better.
- (c) Coordinate interagency discussion of farm bill implementation issues that relate to the environment.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Sexual Predators. As it relates to teen pregnancy prevention, DPC will work with DOJ to establish and implement a program that studies the linkages between statutory rape and teenage pregnancy and educates law enforcers about the issue. Deadline is January 1, 1997. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

YOUTH ISSUES

The Youth Project. DPC has long-term plans to comprehensively address inter-related youth issues that act as indicators of later substance abuse, behavior problems, school drop-out, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, welfare dependency, etc. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Teen Suicide. Suicide is the third largest cause of death for those between the ages of 15 and 24, and the adolescent suicide rate has tripled since 1960. This is the only age group in which an increase has occurred over the last three decades. HHS early in the Administration pledged to reduce the number of teen suicides. However, a comprehensive approach to teen suicide is needed. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

(b) ONGOING MANAGEMENT

- o Ensure that agency implementation of welfare reform reflects Administration policy and priorities. Timeframe: On-going. Lead DPC staff: Jeremy Ben-Ami, Steve Warnath, and Diana Fortuna.

CRIME AND DRUGS

Crime The DPC is the lead White House Office in dealing with implementation of the 1994 Crime Bill, sections of the 1996 Antiterrorism Bill, and other policy issues arising in criminal justice. The DPC convenes a weekly interagency working group on crime, provides crime fact sheets on cities for President's visits, and provides staffing for the President on crime issues. Lead DPC Staff: Bruce Reed

Drugs The DPC works closely with the National Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and other federal agencies on reducing illegal drug availability and demand. Objectives: (1) Promote the National Drug Control Strategy; (2) Pursue results from report ordered by Presidential Directive to ONDCP and Department of Transportation on drug testing teens for driver's licenses. Timeframe: Ongoing. Lead DPC Staff: Bruce Reed

Native Americans The DPC works with the Department of Interior to ensure a smooth transition of policy review and formulation to the DPC Working Group on Native American and Alaska Native Affairs. Lead DPC Staff: Leanne Shimabukuro

EDUCATION

Monitor and facilitate implementation of Tribal Colleges Executive Order, including the establishment of Presidentially appointed advisory council.

Monitor implementation of Directive on Teaching Excellence and Accountability

IMMIGRATION

White House Immigration Core Group

The DPC chairs the Interagency Working Group that coordinates Administration work on immigration issue. Lead DPC staff: Steve Warnath.

Worksite Enforcement and Non-Discrimination Group

The DPC oversees the work of the Administration's group tasked to design work authorization pilots in a manner to protect against discrimination (co-chaired Gil Casellas and Dennis Hayashi). Lead DPC staff: Steve Warnath.

Civil Rights Working Group and Hate Crime Working Group

DPC will work with the present and new Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights to ensure that these interagency groups will be effective Administration mechanisms for policy development. Lead DPC staff: Steve Warnath.

Sweatshop Enforcement Working Group

DPC will continue to participate in Administration's working group to address sweatshop and worksite exploitation enforcement issues. Lead DPC staff: Steve Warnath.

Privacy Working Group

DPC is forming an interagency group to work on privacy issues involving government databases and citizenship and immigrant status verification.

PARTNERSHIPS

Comprehensive Services for Children and Families. doesn't need to change.

Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities -- As Vice Chair of the Community Empowerment Board, DPC will continue to work on implementation issues from the first round of EZ/ECs and work through the CEB to utilize what we have learned for the successful implementation of a second round.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

The DPC works closely with CEQ and Executive Departments to ensure consistency across our environmental agenda, and to ensure integration of environmental policies with the broader domestic agenda. Objective: Maximize the President's leadership on common sense, cost-effective and sustainable environmental programs, while seeking reform of those that do not meet these criteria. Lead DPC Staff: Diane Regas.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

The White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach. DPC will continue to work on a regular basis with this outreach office to coordinate activities, provide policy assistance, and connect with outside women's groups. DPC will also continue to write a bi-monthly White House newsletter for women's groups distributed by the Outreach Office. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

President's Interagency Council On Women. As a member of the President's Interagency Council On Women, the DPC will continue to play a significant role working with and coordinating White House women's issues activities with those taking part at the agency level. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Violence Against Women's Office (VAWA), Justice Department. DPC will continue to work with VAWA on family violence issues, offering policy assistance, coordinating legislative activities, and working with outside groups. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Teen Pregnancy Prevention. DPC will continue to work with Dr. Henry Foster to coordinate and evaluate his activities as they relate to teen pregnancy prevention and youth issues and will act as the White House liaison to the private National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Lead DPC Staff: Lyn Hogan

Women and Welfare Reform. The DPC will continue to work closely with women's groups to ensure that women and their children -- the primary recipients of public assistance -- have a voice in the welfare reform process and are given every opportunity to quickly and safely move from welfare to work.

ELIZABETH: These also are from Lyn, in her document under working group accomplishments -- I put under Ongoing Management, but I don't think you want these at all -- do you?

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President's Interagency Council On Women. As a member of the President's Interagency Council On Women, the DPC has played a significant role working with and coordinating White House women's issues activities. Additionally, DPC worked with the state of Florida to coordinate and plan White House involvement in the U.N. Women's Conference One-Year Later.

Violence Against Women's Office (VAWA), Justice Department. DPC works with VAWA on family violence issues, offering policy assistance, coordinating legislative activities, and working with outside groups. Examples of legislation passed this year include the Carjacking Corrections Act, the Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act, and the Brady Bill extension to prevent sales and ownership of all firearms to those convicted of a misdemeanor of domestic violence. Additionally, domestic violence initiatives above were also coordinated with this office.

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