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AIDS ACTION

November 25, 1998

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator
Health Care Financing Administration
200 Independence Ave., SW
Room 314-G
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Nancy-Ann,

On behalf of AIDS Action, the national voice on AIDS representing over 3200 community-based organizations, I am writing to urge you to promptly approve Maine's request for a Medicaid 1115 waiver to grant life-extending therapies to low-income state residents infected with HIV.

Maine is the first state to seek a long-term solution for meeting the treatment needs of low-income people with HIV disease. The waiver provides these individuals with coverage for life-saving medications, office visits, laboratory tests, case management services, and hospitalizations. AIDS Action urges HCFA to support Maine's efforts for the following reasons:

- **The waiver ensures modern treatment for those with HIV as recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).** Under current regulations, an HIV-infected adult is not eligible for Medicaid until diagnosed with AIDS. Recent HHS treatment guidelines recommend the use of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) early in the course of HIV infection and well before an AIDS diagnosis. Consequently, those low-income individuals who lack private health insurance find it extremely difficult to obtain and/or maintain expensive HAART therapies. Left untreated, these individuals develop AIDS and progress to death far sooner than if they were placed on these highly effective treatments.
- **The Maine waiver will dramatically increase the time and quality of life for those eligible.** Maine's projections indicate a significantly lower mortality rate for the those enrolled in the Medicaid expansion. After 10 years in the program, Maine estimates 50% fewer deaths for residents in the program. As a result, the waiver enhances the length and quality of life for these low-income individuals, their families, and their communities.
- **As indicated by Maine's cost analyses, the waiver program is cost beneficial to the Medicaid program.** States have maintained that Medicaid expansion is difficult because of the high costs of new therapies. Over a five-year period, though, the state of Maine found that extending Medicaid coverage to low-income individuals with HIV would result in no additional costs and possibly even result in a cost savings to the overall Medicaid program.

AIDS Action strongly urges you to reward Maine for taking the initiative to help its low-income HIV positive residents in light of the lack of a comprehensive federal solution to these

individuals' problems. Prompt action on the part of HCFA will allow Maine's demonstration to serve as an example for other states considering Medicaid expansions. We look forward to HCFA's approval of Maine's waiver.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel".

Daniel Zingale
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Donna Shalala
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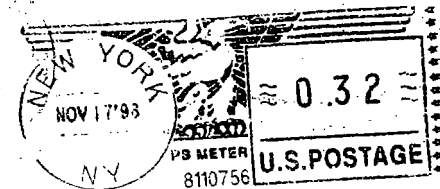
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White House Office of National AIDS Policy

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Gay Men of African Descent

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gay men of
African descent
through education,
social support,
political advocacy, and
health and wellness
promotion

November 17, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
White House Office of National AIDS Policy
808 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Thurman:

I am writing to commend you for your successful collaboration with the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Leadership and others in the Clinton Administration which resulted in the historic \$156 million HIV/AIDS Initiative targeting services and agencies in the African American community.

But I am also writing to express concern that the needs of Black gay and bisexual men will not be targeted by this initiative.

As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to identify AIDS as the leading cause of death in African American men between the ages of 25 and 44. The vast majority of these individuals are gay and bisexual men. While significant progress has been made in reducing the rate of new HIV infections in the white gay community, infections among African American gay and bisexual men continue unabated. In contrast to these facts, much of the discussion regarding the need for additional funding to combat HIV and AIDS in the African American community has focused on non-gay segments of the African American population. I know that homosexuality is a subject that many people are not comfortable discussing. But in statements regarding how the additional \$156 million in funds will be used, it has been stated that in addition to existing service providers, churches, sororities and fraternities will be called upon to be more active participants in the fight against HIV and AIDS. If the members of these community institutions are uncomfortable discussing the issues of African American gay and bisexual men, in all likelihood they will be hesitant to provide services to this group as well which will hamper the effectiveness of the funding initiative. To prevent the potential for oversight, either intentional or otherwise, by service providers I am requesting that specific language targeting services and programs to African American gay and bisexual men be included in the implementation plans, program guidance, and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to determine the allocation of these critical resources.

In addition, as the Administration prepares its fiscal Year 2000 budget, we strongly urge the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to include increased support for targeted funds to the African American community.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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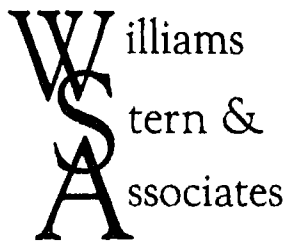
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November 17, 1998

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White House Office of National AIDS Policy
Attn: Director Sandy Thurman
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Sandy:

I hope all is going well in Washington and with the Presidents Advisory Council. Please send my best to both Daniel and Sarah. After traveling in South America for a month, I have relocated to the Miami area.

I am writing to present you with information on my new employer, Williams Stern & Associates. We are a consulting firm specializing in health services research and program evaluation. Our experience encompasses a wide range of areas, including health care outcomes, elder care issues, managed care, children's health services, adherence to medical regimens and clinical trial participation. WSA has a strong background in defining and examining health outcomes. For example, WSA has conducted seminars and provided technical assistance to health care providers on performance improvement, including such topics as the components of quality evaluation and improvement, how to develop outcome measures, and how to evaluate outcomes.

Although Williams, Stern & Associates has traditionally served the state of Florida, with one of its largest clients being Miami-Dade County where we have been brought in to assist in Ryan White needs assessment, data analysis, quality assurance, case manager training and support to the consolidated planning body encompassing Ryan White, Prevention, and Housing, we are interested in the prospect of working nationally with other providers and organizations. If you could please pass on the enclosed information to any organization that you feel might benefit from our services it would be greatly appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your assistance and I hope all remains well with you in Washington and I wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kelly W. Kent'.

Kelly W. Kent
Research Consultant

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Date: November 19, 1998

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Memo to: Sandy Thurmon

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202-456-3439

Dear Sandy,

I loved being with you, Enoch, and Jim in Washington. It felt like a reunion and the words you put together for our friend Enoch touched my heart.

I hope you can still make it to New York on December 8th. It's going to be great! I've enclosed a list of the table and bucket designers, etc. and other details. My table is going to be a mixed up but fun bunch - more fun if you are with us! And like I said, no business; no speeches.

I hope nothing has come up to prevent you from being here, but you know I would understand. The party begins at 7:00pm and will be over at 11:00.

I know we don't talk very much, but I think about you a lot and care about you even more.

Your constant friend,



David

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Table Designers

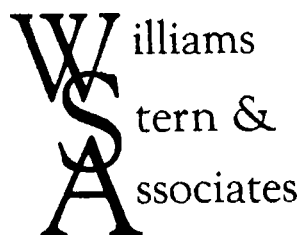
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Donghia
Tony Duquette
Environments Group
Troy Halterman
John Hardy
Kitty Hawks
Stephen Elrod for Lee Jofa
Betsey Johnson
James Kaliardos
Robert Marc Opticians
Marian McEvoy for Elle Decor
Richard Mishaan
Moss
NY Design Center
Todd Oldham
Portico Interiors
Dean Riddle
Michael Robinson
David Rockwell for Champagne Mumm
Harriett Selling
Bill Sofield
Thomas O'Brien for Swarovski
Wolfgang Thom
Tiffany & Co.
Ruben & Isabel Toledo
Tsao & McKown
Villeroy Bach/Pintura Studios
Gramercy & Raymond Waits
Alek Wek
Jamson Whyte
Vicente Wolfe

Celebrity Champagne Buckets

Marian McEvoy For Elle Decor
Jessye Norman
David Rockwell for Champagne Mumm
Coach
Kenneth Cole
Patti LaBelle
Gladys Knight
Oscar de la Renta
Todd Oldham
Shanghai Tang
Bernardaud
Danilo
Isabel & Ruben Toledo
Febres
Henri Bendel
Harry Allen
Paula Abdul
Betsey Johnson
Joan Rivers
Stephen Baldwin
Carolina Herrera
Magic Johnson
Cheri O'Teri
Richard Tyler
Marc Blackwell
Uproar

Fantasy Prizes for Champagne buckets

Four Season Resort trip to Bali
LA Haute custom made sofa
Louis Solomon chest of drawers
Krieger Ricks gilded mirror
Face Stockholm Day Spa
Kenneth Cole products
His & Hers Raymond Weil watches
Baccarat crystal candle sticks
Ann Gish products
Stay at Maison Cordon Rouge in France
Weight in Champagne Mumm Cordon Rouge
Henri Bendel necklace
Todd Oldham design
Ruben Toledo sketch
Isabel Toledo design
Louis Vuitton red leather briefcase
Carolina Herrera design
Dansk Flatware
Waterford Crystal
Betsey Johnson design
Holland & Holland wrap
Joan Rivers Jewelry
Richard Tyler design
Tickets to *Sweet Charity*



Corporate Capabilities

Williams, Stern & Associates, Inc. is a research, evaluation and consulting firm located in Miami, Florida. Our specialties include:

<i>Continuity of Care</i>	Knowledge of managed care, disease management, discharge planning and follow-up, care assessment and coordination of services, establishment of community linkages and services.
<i>Integrated Care of Special Populations</i>	Community-based planning and solutions focused on the elderly, HIV/AIDS, chronically ill or impaired children and adults, and other traditionally underserved and hard-to-reach populations.
<i>Needs Assessment and Performance Improvement</i>	Research, evaluation and planning assistance to determine needs and opportunities.

Expertise

Williams, Stern & Associates offers a wide range of professional services. Our experience and expertise cover such areas as Research and Analysis, Evaluation, Program Development and Implementation, and Training and Support of Community Boards. Specific activities include:

Health Services Research and Evaluation

- Specialized survey design and administration, in-person, telephone and mail
- Client satisfaction and utilization surveys
- Personal and telephone interviews
- Focus groups
- Program effectiveness evaluation
- Outcomes development and measurement

Qualitative and Quantitative Research and Analysis

- Community needs assessments
- Analysis of health services utilization, outcomes and costs
- Trend and longitudinal data analysis
- Database maintenance and analysis, including data conversion, cleaning and creation of analytic files
- National, state and local health policy analysis

Program Development

- Design and development of programs to serve elderly and other vulnerable populations
- Program and services evaluation and improvements for management
- Mission, goal and services redefinition for system and services planning
- New program design and implementation, including managed care options
- Program cost and benefit analyses for operations
- Systems reengineering and process analysis of existing programs
- Business plan development using knowledge of successful models
- Pilot program implementation with realistic time and resource investment
- Resource development, including value-added services
- Development and implementation of case management programs
- Performance improvement training, planning and assessment

Community Planning and Training

- Training and technical assistance for community planning board members
- Assistance with proposals and grant applications
- Administrative and logistics support
- Development and implementation of a Case Manager Training series

Staff

The principals of **Williams, Stern & Associates** have been in the health policy field for over twenty-five years each, in a combination of Federal government, academic, consulting, corporate and nonprofit health care settings. The highly skilled and professional staff includes specialties in evaluation, research design, statistical analysis, public health assessment and planning, and database management. In addition, we have a network of professional consultants. **Williams, Stern & Associates** is a Florida-certified Minority Business Enterprise.

Approach

Williams, Stern & Associates' professional approach emphasizes

- Data analysis and evaluation as a core competency
- Collaborative engagement with clients
- A track record of mutual respect and cooperation with community groups and special populations.

Clients

Government, health care providers, managed care organizations, home care and case management agencies, and associations of health professionals all benefit from **Williams, Stern & Associates'** services and expertise. Recent clients include:

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- Miami-Dade County
- Av Med Health Plans
- So. Florida Hospital & Healthcare Assoc.
- Pan American Hospital

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From: Charles W. Blackwell

Message:

Hi! Guys!
Hope all of you come

Thanks for the work this week.
Charles

- A RECEPTION -

Please join



The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

The Chickasaw Nation

The Mohegan Tribe

Pueblo of Picuris

San Juan Pueblo

Santa Clara Pueblo

and

*Ambassador Charles W. Blackwell of the
President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS*

with

*Dr. David Satcher
Surgeon General of the United States*

to Commemorate

WORLD AIDS DAY IN NATIVE AMERICA

Monday, November 30th 5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m.

**Pushmataha House
230 East Capitol St., N.E.
Washington, D.C.**

Please R.S.V.P. (202)546-6610 By November 25th



FOOD & FRIENDS

November 4, 1998

Ms. Sandy Thurman
Director
White House Office of
National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20503

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jamie', written diagonally across the page.

Dear Sandy:

I this morning left a message for you on your voice mail regarding our upcoming dedication event. It would be terrific to have you speak at our gathering. The evening, Monday, November 9, 1998 begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our friend Joe Krebs will introduce the program. David Carlin, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, U.S. Department of Agriculture, will join us. The Department is also trying to line up the Assistant Secretary for Nutrition. I plan to attend only slightly disguised as a large wedge of Wisconsin cheddar cheese.

The expansion represents an additional 25% of usable space. The renovation was completed only last week - just in the nick of time. The large conference area will be dedicated to Armando Rocha, a great young man who did the architectural work on both this new space and our original build-out. Armando died of AIDS this past spring, only a few days short of his 40th birthday.

We think that about 300 people will attend. Mickie periodically changes her mind and waivers between 250 and 400. In any case, there will be a lot of great grub and beverages which will render our guests unable to operate farm equipment.

Can you join us? We would like to put you on the program which will be printed on Friday. Actually, we don't want to put you on the program but would like to include your name as a guest and speaker. We would similarly like to Sarah join in the festivities. She's a hard working student as well as professional, but if time permits we hope she can come.

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Mickie left a message for you a while back but I know that you've been particularly busy. Please give me a call (202) 863-1839.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig".

Craig Shniderman
Executive Director

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cc: Mickie Ballotta