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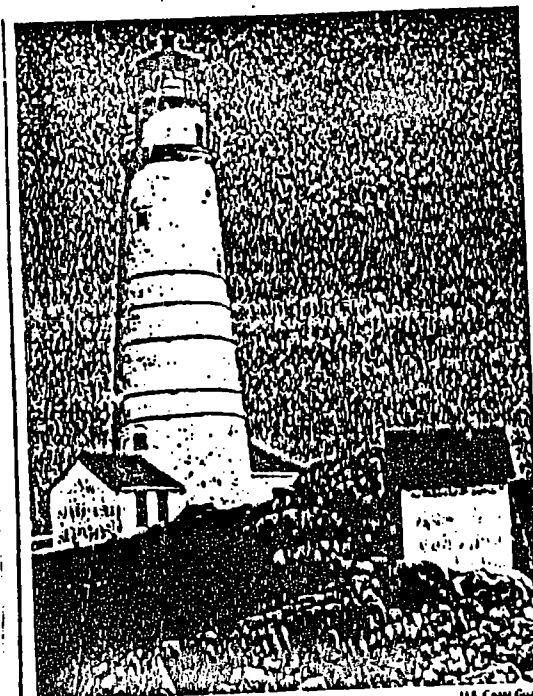


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Beacon of Hope empowers people whose lives have been shattered after finding out about their diagnosis. The organization inspires them to pick up the pieces and to move forward in life. When the storms of life begin to rage, it encourages people to hold fast as the "beacon of light" guides them through the storm. In the midst of sorrow, pain, and suffering, Beacon of Hope helps people to find "hope," comfort, and serenity.

Remember that Beacon of Hope is a support when life seems to be so delicate.

BEACON OF HOPE



U.S. Coast Guard
Boston Lighthouse, first lit in 1716, was the first lighthouse in America. The present structure was built in 1783, after the original was destroyed during the Revolutionary War.

"Being a light of hope that shines,
in the midst of darkness"

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THE HISTORY OF BEACON OF HOPE

Beacon of Hope is a newly formed organization that specializes in sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), tuberculosis (TB), HIV/AIDS, and any other life-threatening illnesses. The organization will make its debut at the Fourth Annual Lambda Conference. This will occur on Saturday, June 21, 1997 from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. It will be held at the Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. Greg Louganis, an Olympic champion, will be the guest speaker.

At the present time, Beacon of Hope can only do education, prevention, and referral services. However, it does plan on providing other services as it grows in the future.

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ABOUT THE FOUNDER

Beacon of Hope was founded by George Gibson. He was born [REDACTED] (b)(6) The founder received his formal education from Dade County Public Schools. He graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School. After the founder completed high school, he furthered his education by attending college. The founder received his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English/Literature from Saint Thomas University, Opa-Locka, Florida. Gibson's minor was communication arts. In addition, he has credentials in the area of education.

George Gibson
(305) 694-0986
(Home)

BEACON OF HOPE
6348 N.W. 14th Court
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"Being a light of hope that shines in the midst of darkness"

July 1, 1998

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to see if you or a representative from your agency will be able to give some input on issues concerning HIV/AIDS, venereal diseases (VD's), and tuberculosis (TB). My name is George Gibson, and I am the founder of Beacon of Hope. This is an organization that specializes in the aforementioned and in any other life-challenging illnesses. I operate from out of my home. The problem-solving town meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 1998 from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m. The town meeting will be held at Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church, 245 N.W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida. The topic will be **"HIV/AIDS, Venereal Diseases (VD's), and Tuberculosis (TB) in the Afro-American Community."** I have asked Representative Maxine Waters to be the guest speaker. It is not confirmed yet.

The town meeting is taking place because HIV/AIDS, VD's, and TB are rampant in the Afro-American community. In the United States of America, blacks are second in the lead concerning HIV/AIDS cases. This is followed by whites only. Florida ranks

third in the U.S. for AIDS cases. This is followed by New York and California. Miami-Dade County has the highest number of AIDS cases in Florida. Also, Miami ranks second in the nation for metropolitan cities and pediatric cases. Jersey City has the highest number for metropolitan cities, and New York City has the highest number for pediatric cases. Blacks are in the lead in Florida and Miami. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of the babies that are born with the AIDS virus in Miami-Dade County are black. This is more than three-quarters (3/4 th's)!

People who have a VD can easily become infected with HIV because of open sores, breaks in the skin, et cetera. One of the reasons TB is on the rise again is that of the AIDS epidemic.

October was designated to have the town meeting because it is National Gay History Month. It was also chosen because this is when the Welfare Reform goes into effect. One of the issues that researchers want to bring to the public's attention is about lesbians' and bisexual women's needs. When women test positive for the AIDS virus, it is only stated if they contracted it through unprotected sex or intravenous (I.V.) drug use. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) does not states if the women are heterosexual, lesbian, or bisexual.

When the Welfare Reform goes into effect, many of society's social ills are likely to get worst. Many people are going to steal, sell drugs, become substance abusers, and prostitute in order to survive. These are going to lead to more HIV/AIDS, VD's, and TB cases.

The major issues that will be addressed at the town meeting are education and prevention, care and treatment, housing, and research. The contemporary issues that will be addressed

are needle exchange and medical marijuana. Although statistics are not broken down as far as infections for lesbians, bisexual women, sexual abuse, rape, and domestic violence, these topics will be addressed as well.

Since there are problems in the Afro-American community, everyone needs to unite to find solutions to them. By the end of the town meeting, everyone will be called to action to impede the spread of HIV/AIDS, VD's, and TB. Through a collaborative effort, we all can put a war on them!

If you have any questions concerning this town meeting, please feel free to contact me at my residence. My home telephone number is (305) 694-0986.

Sincerely yours,

George N. Gibson
George N. Gibson



what are women who have sex with women's HIV prevention needs?

are women who have sex with women at risk for HIV?

HIV risk for women who have sex with women (WSW), like for all people, varies depending on what they do. Some WSW may shoot drugs, have sex with men, trade sex for money or drugs, be victims of rape or abuse, have sex with many partners or have artificial insemination.

It is important to remember that sexual identity and sexual behavior are not always similar; for example, women who identify as lesbian can also have sex with men, and not all WSW identify as lesbian or bisexual. In this fact sheet, the term "WSW" will cover all these categories, unless a more specific term or definition is offered.

Among injection drug users, WSW have higher HIV rates than do women who have sex with men only. A study of female injection drug users (IDUs) in 14 US cities found that, compared to heterosexual women, women who had a female sex partner were more likely to share syringes, to exchange sex for drugs or money, to be homeless and to seroconvert.¹

Women who identify as lesbian or bisexual and have sex with men may be at high risk for HIV due to male partnering choices and low condom use. A study of lesbians and bisexual women in San Francisco, CA, found that 81% reported sex with men in the past 3 years. Of those women, 39% reported unprotected vaginal sex and 11% unprotected anal sex.² In a survey of lesbians and bisexual women in 16 small US cities, among women currently sexually active with a male partner, 39% reported sex with a gay/bisexual man and 20% reported sex with an IDU.³

is female-to-female transmission possible?

From all we know, there is a small but still unspecified risk of HIV transmission associated with female-to-female sexual practices.⁴ HIV is found in vaginal fluids and menstrual blood, but the amount of virus has not been adequately measured. Female-to-female sex can include a variety of activities, and the risk relative to all activities is still not known. It is thought that oral sex alone poses a relatively low risk,⁴ and acts that may result in vaginal trauma, such as sharing sex toys without condoms or digital play with fingers with cuts or sharp nails, might pose higher risk.

To date, there have been no studies that have rigorously examined female-to-female sexual acts or cunnilingus as a risk for HIV transmission, but there are a number of reported cases of transmission.⁵ Only one study has looked at HIV-discordant lesbian couples (where one woman is infected and the other isn't). Although this study followed only 10 couples and only over a short period of time, they found no seroconversions.⁶

what are barriers to prevention?

Social, environmental and economic factors can be a barrier to prevention. WSW who are poor, drug addicted, lack adequate job training, are homeless or who fear violence may turn to prostitution or engage in sex with men for survival.⁴ Attention to more immediate concerns of food, housing and addiction often takes priority over future concerns of HIV infection.

Expectations of heterosexuality and negative social or cultural attitudes towards homosexuality may serve to increase risk behaviors among some WSW. A study in San Francisco, CA, found that young lesbians engaged in high rates of alcohol and drug use, unprotected sex with men and sexual experimentation with young gay men as a way of coping with societal pressures.⁷

At-risk WSW are often invisible or not recognized within other groups such as crack-smokers and injection drug users, the homeless, commercial sex workers and prisoners. WSW who have sex with men may identify with different communities depending on the gender of their current sex partner. Prevention efforts should take this into account, and recognize that bisexual women may be most effectively reached through programs targeted to high risk heterosexual women.⁷

Says who?

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what's being done?

There are still a limited number of prevention programs that focus specifically on WSW and HIV, but the following projects have made a difference.

The Lesbian AIDS Project (LAP) at GMHC in New York City, NY, provides multiple services to both HIV- and HIV+ WSW. LAP runs support groups and workshops on safer sex as well as domestic violence, behavior change and other topics. At-risk and HIV+ lesbians on staff provide education and outreach in the community including in women's prisons and recovery settings.⁸

In San Francisco, CA, Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services trained lesbians and bisexual women as peer educators to deliver safer sex information in women's bars, dance clubs and sex clubs. Affectionately known as the "Safer Sex Sluts," the peer educators are "dedicated to demolishing denial" by presenting skits, giving workshops and individual consultations and handing out condoms and lubricant.⁹

A community-based outreach project in Hollywood, CA, targeted street-based high-risk gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgender drug users. Based on a harm reduction model, the program provided support groups, peer counseling, referrals, prevention packages and hygiene kits.¹⁰

In Guatemala, a public space for lesbians, transvestites and gay/bisexual men opened to provide a safe environment for self-expression free of alcohol, sex and drugs. The Culture House sponsors creative workshops and classes in pottery, photography, literature, English and French, among others. They also sponsor conferences and round tables on issues such as violations of human rights, attitudes of the Catholic church towards gays and lesbians, staying HIV-negative and legal aspects of AIDS.¹¹

what still needs to be done?

Definitive research on sexual practices, sexual risks, partnering choices and demographic characteristics of WSW are needed. Effective HIV prevention for WSW must take into account their sexual identity as well as their sexual behavior and drug use activity. Distinguishing WSW by their sexual identity may be crucial in targeting prevention messages.

Service providers and health care workers must be sensitized to the needs of WSW and be trained to conduct risk assessments that are not heterosexually biased. Many service providers assume that women who are HIV+ are exclusively heterosexual.¹² If a woman says that she has had sex with a man, most will stop at that first question and don't proceed to ask if she has also had sex with a woman. Likewise, if a woman reports injection drug use, many will not proceed to sexual behavior questions, assuming drug use is the main risk. This not only affects the care and education a WSW may receive, but also leads to poor documentation on risk behavior forms and inadequate reporting of WSW HIV rates.

As a group, WSW have been invisible in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) HIV classification system. While categories of risk groups for men include men who have sex with men, injecting drug use and heterosexual contact, among others, there is no category for WSW. Efforts to more clearly identify WSW within the CDC's current surveillance system are underway.¹³ Information on the actual number of WSW among AIDS cases will bring to light the need for targeted prevention programs for WSW.

The most effective prevention message for WSW is still unclear. Some groups contend that we need to focus on what's causing HIV risk for the majority of WSW—drug use and sex with men—rather than focus on issues of female-to-female transmission. Education and outreach should focus on cleaning or using new needles and using condoms for anal and vaginal sex with men, but a clearer message regarding female-to-female sex must also be established.¹⁴

It is unconscionable that after 15 years of the HIV epidemic, HIV+ women still don't have accurate information about risk in order to know what to do or not do sexually with their female partners. A comprehensive HIV prevention strategy uses a variety of elements to protect as many people at risk as possible. Accurate information on female-to-female sexual transmission and HIV incidence, as well as what factors influence risk taking among WSW, will be key to protecting women who have sex with women.

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ABOUT THE PRESENTER

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George Gibson was born (b)(6). He received his formal education from Dade County Public Schools. Gibson received his high school diploma from Miami Northwestern Senior High School. After Gibson completed high school, he furthered his education by attending college. Gibson received his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English/Literature from St. Thomas University, Opa-Locka, Florida. His minor was communication arts. Gibson received his Child Development Associate (C.D.A.) in early childhood education from Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center. It is part of Dade County Public Schools.

The presenter has a valid teaching certificate to be a substitute teacher. Also, he has one in the areas of reading and English (writing). In addition, the presenter is approved by Florida Department of Children and Families to teach its courses in early childhood education. He received his credential from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. What's more, the presenter has credentials in people with special needs (special education) from Miami-Dade Community College and Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida.

At the present time, George Gibson is the founder of Beacon of Hope. It is an organization which deals with sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), and any other life-threatening illnesses. The founder was trained in AIDS 101 from Broward County Public Health Unit through Think Life, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Also, he was trained in AIDS 104 from Health Crisis Network (HCN), Miami, Florida.

George Gibson is a volunteer at Miami-Dade Public Health Department, Office of HIV/AIDS Services, HCN, the Women's Detention Center, and a crisis intervention counselor. At the Women's Detention Center, he coordinates four programs—health concerns, gay issues, conflict-resolution, and parenting skills.

George Gibson is a member of Miami-Dade Public Health Department's Liberty City Initiative and Project YES (Youth, Empowerment, and Support). Liberty City (zip codes 33142 and 33147) has the highest number of AIDS cases in Miami. It is the Afro-American community. Project YES deals with sexual minority issues (gay youth issues).

RESOURCES ON SEXUAL ABUSE AND RAPE

Compiled by George N. Gibson, B.A., C.D.A., Sp. Ed.

SEXUAL ABUSE

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RAPE

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RAPE IN POETRY

"The Virgin" by Sappho

RAPE IN MYTHOLOGY

"Leda and the Swan" (Poetry) by William Butler Yeats

VIDEO TAPES

"Waking Up to Rape" By Meri Weingarten

"The Women of Brewster Place" Based on the Novel by Gloria Naylor

POST-EXPOSURE PREVENTION (PEP)

Dahir, Mubarak S. "Hard to Swallow." POZ March 1998: 60-72.



New Support Groups Coming in fall of 1998



1. **HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's)
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George N. Gibson, B.A., C.D.A., Sp.Ed., Facilitator

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For more information, please call
George Gibson at his residence at (305) 694-0986.

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September 9-11, 1998
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MEETING OBJECTIVES

Now more than ever.... This meeting will provide participants with a comprehensive educational experience designed to strengthen their skills and knowledge in order to meet the current challenges facing STD/HIV prevention.

This meeting will enable attendees to :

- ★ Identify the future role of STD/HIV prevention in fostering healthy communities.
- ★ Understand emerging issues in STD/HIV prevention and STD treatment and incorporate them into their programs.
- ★ Envision an integrated continuum of care, from STD/HIV prevention to HIV treatment.
- ★ Develop skills needed to support personnel and strengthen their organizational structures.
- ★ Improve statewide prevention efforts through networking opportunities with other public health professionals.

NOW MORE THAN EVER....

REGISTRATION

To avoid late registration fees, payment must be received by September 2, 1998.

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Please send completed registration form and payment to
Acadiana C.A.R.E.S., 1405 W. Pinhook, Suite 108, Lafayette, LA 70503
(Please make checks payable to Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Region: _____ Phone: _____

Please check if you
plan to:

- ☐ attend STD Basics
- ☐ attend the luncheon
- ☐ attend the breakfast

Please select one of the
following registrations:

- ☐ Wednesday only
\$10.00
- ☐ Wednesday-Friday
\$35.00

Please select the breakout sessions you would like to attend.

Thursday, September 10
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Please select one.)
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1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. (Please select one.)
__B1 __B2 __B3 __B4 __B5

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Please select one.)
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Friday, September 11
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Please select one.)
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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please reserve your room by August 9, 1998, to ensure availability.
When making your reservations, specify meeting #1516.

Best Western Hotel Acadiana

1801 West Pinhook Road

Lafayette, LA 70503

318-233-8120 or 800-874-4664

Rates: Single - \$60.00 Double - \$80.00

Note: Hotel Acadiana reserves the right to charge the double room rate if it is determined that more than one person is staying in a single room. Please ensure that you register at the double room rate for all rooms in which more than one guest is staying.

Overflow Hotel

Please reserve your room by August 19, 1998.

Please specify HIV/STD Prevention meeting.

Comfort Inn

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Lafayette, LA 70501

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CONTACTS

If you would like information regarding exhibit space,
please contact:
Ed Maresma - 504-568-7474.

If you need more information or have special needs
(dietary restrictions, handicap accessibility),
please contact: Lee Hubbell - 318-233-2437.

REGISTRATION FEES

Wednesday only meetings:

Pre-registration - \$10.00

On-site registration - \$15.00

Wednesday-Friday registration:

Pre-registration - \$35.00

On-site registration - \$45.00

NOTE: A late fee is included for on-site registration.

The Wednesday-Friday registration fee includes lunch
on Thursday and breakfast on Friday.

Pre-registration fees must be received by
September 2, 1998.

Additional fees may not be reimbursable by your agency.

Note: Temperatures may vary.
Please bring a sweater.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Annual STD/HIV Educational Meeting is for:

- ★ Public Health professionals interested in the prevention of STDs and HIV.
- ★ Staff and volunteers of community based organizations.
- ★ STD and HIV/AIDS Program staff.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The following meetings are by invitation only:

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. STD Nurses
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. STD DIS/Managers
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Prevention Coordinators
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. AIDS Surveillance
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CBO Executive Directors

Open meeting (limited enrollment):
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. STD Basics

Thursday, September 10 (*Exhibits open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. General Session Welcome
Lee Hubbell, Executive Director
Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.

Keynote Address
Linking Services to Prevention

State of the State
Tom Farley, MD, MPH
Medical Director, HIV/AIDS & STD Programs
M. Beth Scalco, BCSW
Administrative Director, HIV/AIDS Program

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions
A1. STD Epidemiology
A2. STD/HIV Sociology
A3. Confidentiality
A4. Needle Exchange--What's Up?
A5. What's New in HIV/AIDS Treatment?
A6. The Levels of Prostitution with Service Delivery
to Rural, Suburban and Inner City Areas

Thursday, September 10 - Continued

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Regional Luncheon

1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions
B1. STD Treatment as HIV Prevention
B2. Viral STDs are Everywhere
B3. Time Management
B4. STD/HIV Prevention Strategies in Rural Areas
B5. Linking Services and Prevention
B6. Technical Assistance Workshop for the
Solicitation of Proposals

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
C1. What's Up and Coming in Barriers?
C2. Jail House STD Treatment/Prevention
C3. Stress Management
C4. Using the Media to your Advantage
C5. Psychology of Sexual Risk Taking

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Reception (Sponsored by Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.)

Friday, September 11

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Round Table Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Break and Hotel Check-out

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions
D1. STD/HIV Research Projects in Louisiana
D2. STD/HIV in Pregnancy
D3. Conflict Resolution
D4. Cultural Competency
D5. Afrocentric Behavior Change Model

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Closing Plenary Address

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

Attention...

HOTEL RATE CHANGE

After the printing of this brochure, Hotel Acadiana informed the Office of Public Health that its rate for single occupancy rooms during the fall meeting has changed.

Single rooms will now be available through Hotel Acadiana at a rate of \$50.00 per room rather than the \$60.00 rate listed in the meeting brochure.

The rate of \$80.00 for a double occupancy room will remain the same.



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August 4, 1998

David W. Hood
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Washington, DC 20503
FAX: 202-456-2439

Rc: *Now More Than Ever: STD/HIV Prevention*
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Dear Ms. Thurman:

Last summer, at the Lesbian and Gay Healthcare Conference in Atlanta, Sabrina Sojourner introduced us. You also met several hundred other people at that luncheon; but I had a brief conversation with you regarding the possibility of you coming to speak for our annual conference. That same year, Sabrina was already scheduled to come and provide the closing keynote address. She blew us away! This year, we would be honored if you would consider providing our closing keynote address.

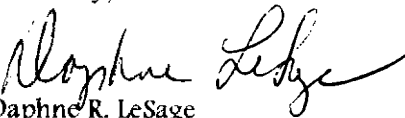
As you know, in 1997, Louisiana was ranked 9th in the nation for HIV rates. New Orleans was ranked 11th out of 100 metropolitan cities with populations larger than 500,000 in case rates. We are struggling with issues such as needle exchange, public sex, the sex industry and condom distribution. We are the only state that has implemented a statewide condom social marketing campaign. We are working very hard to fight this epidemic and a word from someone like you might help refuel our energies to work even harder.

We would be honored if you could come to Louisiana to share your knowledge, expertise and most of all, your passion regarding the huge issues surrounding HIV and the lives of people who are infected and affected. The target audience for this conference will be mainly staff from public health, substance abuse and community based organizations. As you probably know, these folks are tired, stressed and could use a pick me up from someone like you.

The time we have allotted for the closing keynote address is from 11:00 - 11:45 am on Friday, September 11. If this time is not convenient for you, please have someone in your office call me and we can discuss a more convenient time during the conference period. Attached is a conference brochure for your review. We would be extremely grateful if you are available.

Thank you for considering our offer. We would be honored if you are able to accept this engagement.

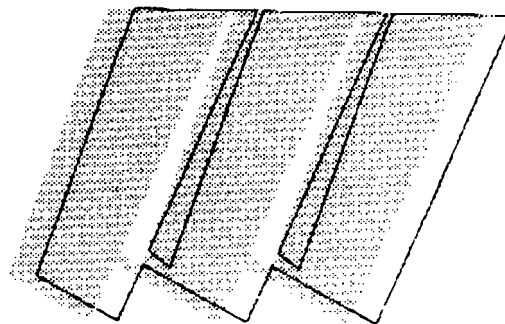
Gratefully,


Daphne R. LeSage
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Sarah-

Per our discussion, William would greatly enjoy Ms. Thurman's company at the AmFAR reception at Dr. Krim's home in New York. This is an important reception for both AmFAR and Dr. Krim and is expected to gather a number of VIP's from the HIV/AIDS and Healthcare communities.

Following is an event invitation. I look forward to discussing this with you further.

Best,

Tom Lopach

[Handwritten signature of Tom Lopach]

Mathilde Krim, Ph.D.

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AmFAR**

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Neal Nathanson, M.D.

Director, Office of AIDS
Research, NIH

Peter Piot, M.D., Ph.D.

Executive Director of the
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Thursday, September 17, 1998

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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August 21, 1998

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Thurman: *Sandy*

On behalf of the Harvard AIDS Institute and the Family AIDS Network, I would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming, invitational "think tank" meeting, entitled *Giving Voice to a Silent Epidemic: Clinical Care Issues for Women Living with HIV/AIDS in the United States*, to be held Tuesday, October 6 through Thursday, October 8, 1998 in Boston.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS is currently the third most common cause of death among U.S. women between the ages of 25 and 44. Rates of infection for women are on the rise: in 1985, women accounted for only 7 percent of reported AIDS cases; by 1997, this figure had risen to nearly 22 percent. As of December 1997, the number of reported female AIDS cases in the U.S. was 98,486, and the estimated number of HIV-infected women was 23,887.

In response to these disturbing trends, Ms. Mary Fisher of the Family AIDS Network and I will host *Giving Voice to a Silent Epidemic* to focus on the clinical care issues facing women with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers. This working meeting will bring together researchers, clinicians, policy makers, and people living with HIV/AIDS to examine care from a biomedical perspective. One of the goals of this meeting is to create a conference report that can be used as a resource for health care professionals. The first draft of this report is already completed. Special consideration will be paid to gaps in biomedical research, care and treatment issues, and areas for future study. Some of the topics participants will be asked to consider include:

1. Epidemiologic and Demographic Patterns of HIV/AIDS

- How has the rate of HIV/AIDS increased among women?
- What is an accurate definition of "AIDS" for women?
- Why has there been a disproportionate increase in deaths among women with AIDS?

2. Heterosexual Transmission

- Why are women more susceptible to HIV infection?
- How do cofactors contribute to this increased risk?

3. HIV Disease: Diagnosis, Manifestations, and Progression

- Why are women diagnosed with HIV infection at a later stage of disease?
- Do the non-gynecologic clinical manifestations of HIV infection differ between women and men?
- Does HIV infection adversely affect the endocrine system in women? If so, how?

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4. Gynecologic Disease in HIV Infection

- What are the gynecologic manifestations of HIV disease?
- Has it been important to include cervical carcinoma in the CDC "AIDS defining" conditions?

5. HIV Infection and Pregnancy

- What are the risks involved for pregnant women with HIV infection?
- What are the limitations of the results of ACTG 076?

6. Treatment of HIV-Infected Women

- Should antiretroviral treatment regimens differ between men and women?
- Are the side effects and toxicity issues different for women?
- Is the treatment of female-specific HIV-related diseases adequate?

7. Psychological Impact of HIV Infection for Women

- What are the psychological implications of HIV/AIDS?
- What are the reasons these implications may differ for women?
- What steps could be taken to address the needs of women?

During this think tank, we will encourage open discussion and comparative analysis, rather than having participants give formal presentations with a limited question and answer period. Everyone will be asked to speak and to contribute to the conference publication; we intend for this meeting to be both didactic and interactive.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 6, with a reception and dinner, and will conclude by 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 8. We will provide your accommodations and meals during the conference, and we will make these arrangements on your behalf. We will also cover your transportation costs up to the round-trip economy class fare from the city in which you are currently based. If necessary, no federal funds will be used to support your travel. If you would like a prepaid ticket, please complete the enclosed Travel Request Information Form immediately, so that we may arrange your flights and prepay your ticket. If you would prefer to make your own travel arrangements and be reimbursed for economy or APEX airfare, *original* receipts are required, as per Harvard University policy. The related form will be sent with your confirmation materials. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kimberly Hensle, conference coordinator (phone: 617-432-4400; fax: 617-432-4545; email: khensle@hsph.harvard.edu).

We hope that you will be able to join us for this unique meeting. Please confirm your attendance by returning the enclosed fax form by September 2. Additional details about the meeting will follow soon.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Marlink, MD
Executive Director

Sandy - Hope you can participate. This should be very fruitful and please let us know who else should or could be invited! Ric

*Giving Voice to a Silent Epidemic:
Clinical Care Issues for Women Living with HIV/AIDS in the United States*

Invitees — DRAFT

- Dr. Deborah Anderson, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA
- Dr. Jean Anderson, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- Mr. David Barr, Director, Forum for Collaborative HIV Research, George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC
- Dr. Constance Benson, Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO
- Dr. Deborah Cotton, Assistant Provost, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA
- Dr. Judith Currier, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- Dr. Jack DeHovitz, Associate Professor, Health Science Center at Brooklyn, State University of New York, Brooklyn, NY
- Ms. Mary Fisher, Founder, Family AIDS Network, Grand Rapids, MI
- Dr. Helene Gayle, Director, National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
- Sofia Gruskin, Esq., Research Associate, Program on Health and Human Rights, François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA
- Mr. Steve Gunderson, Executive Director, Family AIDS Network, Grand Rapids, MI
- Ms. Orit Halpern, Project Manager, Global Reproductive Health Forum, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA
- Dr. S. Jody Heymann, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
- Ms. Antigone Hodgkins, The International Community of Women Living With HIV/AIDS, San Francisco, CA
- Dr. Sophie Lallemand-LeCoeur, Visiting Scientist, Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, and Chargee de Recherche, Institut National d'Études Démographiques, Paris, France
- Dr. Joan Lo, San Francisco General Hospital, University of California at San Francisco San Francisco, CA
- Dr. Richard Marlink, Executive Director, Harvard AIDS Institute, Boston, MA
- Ms. Marsha Martin, Special Assistant, US Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC
- Dr. Kenneth Mayer, Professor, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
- Ms. Karen McManus, Women of Color AIDS Council, Boston, MA

- Dr. Kathleen Mulligan, Division of Endocrinology, San Francisco General Hospital, University of California at San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- Dr. Michael S. Saag, Professor of Medicine, and Director, AIDS Outpatient Clinic, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- Dr. Kathleen Squires, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- Mr. Dennis Stover, Executive Director, Michigan AIDS Fund, Grand Rapids, MI
- Ms. Sandy Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy, Washington, DC
- Dr. Ruth Tuomala, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Harvard AIDS Institute

**Please fax to 617-432-4545 by September 2.
Attention: Kimberly Hensle, Conference Coordinator**

_____ I would like to confirm my participation in *Giving Voice to a Silent Epidemic: Clinical Care Issues for Women Living with HIV/AIDS in the United States*, to be held October 6-8, 1998 in Boston.

_____ I will not be available to attend the meeting.

Please complete the following:

Name: _____ Degrees: _____

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