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Subject: Re: Statement from Sandy Thurman - Vermont Conference

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To: Sarah T. Holewinski/OPD/EOP

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Subject: Re: Statement from Sandy Thurman - Vermont Conference

Hi Sarah....thanks for working on this. Jim Jeffords' quote is about 5 lines long . He talks about the importance of the conference and that he's pleased that VT is in a groundbreaking mode. I think Sandy's quote should emphasize the importance of this conference...and that the face of the epidemic is changing.....that it's vital that staff have accurate information to successfully help people living with HIV/AIDS re-enter the workforce..... In sum....I think it would be best if Sandy emphasized issues related to the conference. We'd like to use it/them in the conference brochure and in more press releases. Will you also be able to send me a picture of Sandy? Thanks! Call with questions...Greg.(ph:



Greg Voorheis <gvoorheis@pop.det.state.vt.us>

06/05/2000 04:09:13 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Cheryl S. Bauerle/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Quote From Sandy

Cheryl...would you be able to get a quote from Sandy about the conference in Vermont? I have one from Senator Jeffords and it would be wonderful to have one from Sandy. We'd like to include it along with her picture in the conference brochure and other press releases. Thank you, Cheryl. Let me know if I can provide more info, etc....Greg.

DATE: 5/31/2000
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Sally Redpath, Dept. of Employment & Training (802/828-4394)

"Workplace and Employment Issues Focus of Conference"

The Vermont HIV/AIDS Care Consortium, together with a number of other Vermont organizations, is sponsoring an innovative conference on employment issues for People Living with HIV/AIDS in Vermont. "Breaking Down Barriers to Work: HIV/AIDS and Employment" will take place on Friday, August 25th at the Capitol Plaza Conference Center in Montpelier, Vermont.

The conference will feature Sandra Thurman, the director of the National Office on AIDS Policy. Thurman will also be featured at a reception in Burlington the night before the conference, August 24th at the Radisson Hotel. The reception, from 5-7pm, is free and open to the public.

The day-long conference itself will allow employment counselors, case managers, advocates, consumers and employers to address work and workplace issues while attending interactive workshops and listening to several presenters.

"This gives Vermont an opportunity to really move ahead and to feel good about the work we've done. It gives us a chance to make a serious commitment to doing more around employment issues for people living with HIV," said Greg Voorheis, chairperson of the conference planning committee and special assistant to the Commissioner at the Department of Employment and Training. "Having Sandra Thurman as our keynoter underscores the importance of this conference," he added.

The conference will address a range of issues for people living with HIV who are grappling with returning to work after being on disability or who are engaging with the workplace in new ways. Workshops will address benefits issues, accommodations and confidentiality, vocational counseling, medical information and employer support resources. There will also be a consumer panel with speakers representing a variety of experiences with HIV and working.

The conference is geared towards vocational counselors, case managers, advocates and employment specialists, health care providers and consumers. Besides the Coalition and Vermont HIV/AIDS Care Consortium, other sponsors include State of Vermont Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Employment and Training, Department of Health AIDS Program, the Vermont AIDS Education and Training Center, the University Affiliated Programs of UVM and the Fletcher Allen Health Choices. Senator James Jeffords will host the conference.

More information will be arriving later in the summer, but save the date and spread the word. For more information, please contact Sally Redpath at the Department of Employment and Training (802/828-4394) or by e-mail (sredpath@pop.det.state.vt.us).

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Kevin Veller@jeffords.senate.gov (Kevin Veller)

06/02/2000 12:21:47 PM

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To: Cheryl S. Bauerle/OPD/EOP

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Subject: Re: for Kevin regarding Sandy Thurman

Fabulous. Thanks, Cheryl. My address is:

Kevin Veller
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In case they ask, do you also have a B & W photo of Sandy?

Reply Separator

Subject: for Kevin regarding Sandy Thurman

Author: Cheryl_S._Bauerle@opd.eop.gov at Internet

Date: 6/2/2000 9:42 AM

Hi Kevin - I can forward you a color photo and a bio of Sandy - it's too far in advance for us to provide any type of 'abstract'. Please send me your address and I'll get them in the mail today.

Thanks!
Cheryl

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SANDRA L. THURMAN

Director

Office of National AIDS Policy

Sandra L. Thurman was appointed by the President on April 7, 1997 as the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy at The White House.

For nearly two decades, Ms. Thurman has been a leader and advocate for people with AIDS at the local, state, and federal levels.

Most recently, Ms. Thurman served as the Director of Citizen Exchanges at the United States Information Agency. From 1993 to 1996, Ms. Thurman was the Director of Advocacy Programs at The Task Force for Child Survival and Development at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

From 1988 to 1993, Ms. Thurman served as Executive Director of AID Atlanta, a community-based nonprofit organization that provides health and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS and offers an array of HIV prevention programs. Under her leadership, AID Atlanta, the largest and oldest AIDS service organization in the south, tripled in size, and became a multi-million dollar agency.

Ms. Thurman has been a tireless advocate on behalf of the disenfranchised and marginalized. After spending her college years as a volunteer in a Poverty Rights Program, she went on to work as a counselor in a maximum security facility for youthful offenders and a pretrial intervention program. She then turned her attention to health policy.

Ms. Thurman was a Member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and a founding member of Cities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR). She has served on the Board of Directors of numerous AIDS organizations and other health related organizations including the March of Dimes, and the National Kidney Foundation. She is one of the world's leading experts on AIDS issues and has provided testimony before the United States Congress, the White House Conference on HIV/AIDS, and the National Commission on AIDS.