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July 10, 1993

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Dear Ms. Gebbie:

On behalf of the National Association of County Health Officials (NACHO), I would like to thank you for agreeing to deliver the keynote address at our annual conference on Thursday, July 15, 1:30 p.m. I can't thank you enough for agreeing to do this on such short notice; we truly appreciate it! We are also very pleased that you will address our membership in the plenary session which follows the keynote address, as previously arranged.

The topic of this year's keynote address is national health care reform. We would greatly appreciate it if you would spend approximately 30 minutes discussing the Administration's health care reform proposal, especially as it relates to public health practice. Our membership would also be very interested to learn about your work on the proposed National Public Health and Prevention Trust Fund.

We have asked the following three reactors to briefly respond to your remarks: Dr. Maurice Mullet, NACHO President, Health Commissioner, Holmes and Knox County Health Departments, OH; the Honorable Terry Wood, Chair, National Association of Counties Health Care Reform Committee, Councilman-at-Large, Jacksonville-Duval County, FL; and Dr. John Lumpkin, Executive Committee Member, Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, Director, Illinois Department of Health. Following the panelists' remarks, we have allotted approximately 15 minutes for a general question and answer session.

Thank you again for agreeing to spend additional time with our membership. Please contact me at (202) 783-5550 if you have any questions regarding the conference. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

Sincerely,

Nancy
Nancy Rawding
Executive Director



Drake Hotel

Thurs 7/15

Kristine - Congratulations (& ? Condolences)

we finished all site-visits in Memphis on Mon 7/11.
Went to Minneapolis - Portland, OR - San Diego -
Chicago - Gary, Ind - Newark - Memphis. Had 6-8
Review/Comm. members @ ea. city with Turn-outs
from 15 (low - Chicago) to 38 (high - Newark);
generally very disappointing.

Review group met Tues July 12 in Memphis -
we finished decisions on Final Report Format -
Content - editing responsibilities, Findings, &
Recommendations; organized around our 4 key
questions: Recommendations total about 40 &
15 or so priorities.

Process issues: CDC relations gen. seen as
poor, low-profile, "non-existent", waste of \$
and resources, in need of major revamping re:
use of Project Officers, grant review process,
information, communication, trust, goals, plan
lack of definition and consistency). Content
will include examples of commentary (without
attribution) to support specific recommendations.

Issues: ① Time - Frame - we expect 1st draft
of report from CDC contract writer by Aug. 1
(i.e. exec summary avail. for us to discuss July 26
in Atlanta if not premature); then review by

External Review Group Aug 1-8; to Magenhem
Rochele Aug 8-15; to CDC writer for revisions
Aug 15 - Sept 1; 2nd draft & Conference Call
about Labor Day; revisions review by Sept 15;
Final Report to you by Oct. 1?

Questions: How to treat comments that
"belong" to another group? What to do &
strong, negative comments from CBO's + some
group members re CDC & state/local govt
attitudes & practices? How to present our
recommendations to Adv3. Comm. and to CDC?
How to distrib. summary of report to those
attending + mailing lists for all cities visited?
Follow-up/continuity & Review Group/implem-
entation of recommendations / uses of report, etc!
Task Force to establish re liaison & your new
office?

Perhaps 5-10 minutes sometime this afternoon?

We received technical assistance and consultation from Carol Spain, Doug Seitchfield and Hugh
Tilson. On behalf of the group, we hope to see you in Chicago!

Members of the steering committee included the following Scholars:

Diana Bonta	Fernando Guerra	Tom Milne
Gladys Branic	Joe Latoff	George Pickett
Jim Giuffre	Mark Magenheim	
Mike Skeels	Jane Ford	

Thanks!

Mark

Many points of confusion/lack of clarity

Overlapping services

tuberculosis and std

immunization

Data system needs

single point of origin for personal/ph data needs

not used to the linkages needed (plan to lhd) = geographic indicators

capacity to use information not there

cost data not there--\$\$ or units of measure

state local roles not clarified

who does qa on an institution

What is minimum basic unit to handle capacity needed

turn around time?
integrate cost/service
data with outcomes

Transition Issues

keeping up with the plans

balancing focus on personal/ph changes

achieving conceptual clarity

not letting persons get lost in the system

preparing staff for the coming changes

Health System Reform: Positioning for change
NACHO meeting 7/15/93

Many parts of a national system still not known, but some basic premises are:

All will be enrolled in something (exceptions-undocumented, incarcerated)

The focus of care will be primary care/patient dyad

The "something" will be "managed":

- at the system level to control overall costs
- at the patient level to make best use of resources controlled by practitioners

The administrative system will be simplified

"one form fits all" → translate to →
single data stream from practitioner

There will be a role for the states

- the point at which alliances are formed or planned?
- the unit which allows for regional variation?

All existing providers and systems will be impacted

- few of us have thought through the changes at all levels-personal, professional, organizational

This will have an impact on health departments as we know them:

The role as provider of last resort will be greatly diminished--
still exist for uncovered, and those who have not gotten enrolled

The \$\$ stream for care will be different:

- contracts for services given as a result of negotiation
- For a population group best served there
- for a service best given there

The expectations about monitoring for quality and access
will be high-not sure capacity is there

Energy can then be directed at core public health functions:

Assessment:

- monitoring health status, threats, and system capacity
- laboratory services

Policy Development:

- including system management

Assurance:

- control of diseases/conditions (std, injury, tobacco)
- regulation of environment to reduce risk
- public education/information
- outreach and linkage (for populations)
- quality assurance (public health and personal health)

Basic system support

- education/training of health work force
- research and evaluation

Basic
Benefit pkg
M.H?
R4?
CPS

incentives to prevent?

structural
connection between
plans & ph

Cost ? ? ?

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**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF COUNTIES
58TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JULY 16-20, 1993
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Registration information for the NACo Conference & Educational Exhibits will be sent to NACHO Annual Conference registrants as it becomes available. For more information regarding NACo Annual please contact the NACo Conference Information Center (202) 942-4299.

Saturday, July 17, 1993
NACo 58th Annual Conference
Chicago Hilton & Towers and Palmer House

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon NACo Subcommittee Meetings
12:00-5:00 p.m. NACo Health Steering Committee Meeting

Some of the exciting NACHO/NACo Joint Workshops Sunday, July 18th may include:

- Injury Control
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
- Violence
- Groundwater Contamination
- Tobacco Control
- Immunization
- Family Planning

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH**

The recently established National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) will also be holding its annual conference at the Drake at this time.

NACHO and NALBOH have agreed that individuals with registration badges for either conference may attend sessions (not including meal functions) at the other conference. More information regarding the NALBOH sessions will follow at a later time. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Pratt at (508) 748-3500.

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH
LEADERSHIP SOCIETY**

The CDC/UC Public Health Leadership Institute's (PHLI) alumni network—the Public Health Leadership Society (PHLS)—will be holding the following activities at the Drake, Thursday, July 15, 1993.

PHLI & PHLS members only
7:30-8:30 p.m. Public Health Leadership Alumni Society Dinner
8:30-10:00 p.m. Public Health Leadership Alumni Society
Business Meeting

For further information regarding these functions, please contact PHLI at (916) 448-4891.

Please join NACHO, NALBOH, and PHLS at our opening reception Thursday July 15 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Drake to learn more about these exciting new organizations.



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Dear Ms. Gebbie:

On behalf of the National Association of County Health Officials (NACHO), I am delighted that you have agreed to present at the plenary session entitled, "Positioning for Change: Developing a New Definition for Local Public Health," at the Fifth NACHO Annual Conference. This session will be held on Thursday, July 15th, from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

This session will focus on the changing role of local health departments and will stress their responsibilities in assessment, policy development and assurance. A special emphasis will be placed on the local health officials' role as a community health coordinator. We would be delighted if you would speak for 20 minutes on your vision of the future of public health and the work that Washington State has completed on health reform. A draft abstract which describes the session and lists the other speaker is enclosed.

I am pleased that you are able to accept our invitation. Beth Resnick, NACHO Membership Associate, will be in touch with you to finalize the session plans and work out logistics. Please feel free to contact her at (202)783-5550 if you have any questions.

Thank you again. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

Sincerely,

Maurice Mullet
Maurice Mullet, M.D.
President

Enclosure
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DRAFT ABSTRACT

"Positioning for Change: Developing A New Definition for Local Public Health."

NACHO Annual Conference

July 15, 1993

3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Medical service delivery will be changed by health care reform. Environmental health programs are being changed by the trend in separating environmental health from public health agencies. These changes present an opportunity to redefine the role of local public health. The core functions--assessment, policy development, and assurance--offer a framework for developing this new role. Community involvement provides a mechanism to ensure success in carrying out this new role.

Kristine Gebbie, former Health Officer for Washington State and Chris Wiant, President of the National Environmental Health Association, will discuss changes in public health and offer a vision for the future based on the core functions.

Dr. Barry Johnson*, Assistant Administrator, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and Dr. Jane Delgado*, Executive Director of the National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO) will discuss their approaches to community participation--a key principle in the future role of local public health.

* invited



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