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DAY Tuesday DATE August 17, 1993

TIME 11:30 a.m. LOCATION 750 17th St., N.W.

SUBJECT Meeting with Ms. Eileen Durkin of Howard Brown Healthcenter

PARTICIPANTS:

Ms. Eileen Durkin and yourself. This meeting will be hel for 45 minutes.

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Dear Ms. Gebbie:

As the Executive Director of the Howard Brown Health Center, the President of the Board of Directors of AIDS Walk Chicago, and a Board member of the National Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Health Organizations, I offer my congratulations on your appointment as the national AIDS Policy Coordinator. Your background brings a new perspective and renews the sense of urgency facing government departments and bureaus that are working to stop the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

You may not be familiar with Howard Brown Health Center, but you should know that we are the Midwest's largest provider of services to HIV/AIDS impacted persons as well as an internationally known research center. The mission of Howard Brown Health Center is to provide health care and supportive services to the gay, bisexual, and lesbian community and we are justifiably proud that Howard Brown Health Center will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in 1994.

As you settle into your position and as I survey the HIV/AIDS landscape in Chicago there would seem to be several issues that are of interest to both of us. Primary areas of concern are how AIDS services can be effectively expanded in a large metropolitan area given the growing need, and what the role of community-based organizations in the provision of AID services should be.

Also, when and how will we begin to effectively address access to health care for lesbian and bisexual women, specifically, and women, in general, who are underserved and at-risk for HIV and AIDS? Although health care reform is a major political focus I have become concerned that the historical pattern of women's health issues receiving minimal attention has largely gone unchanged.

I will be in Washington, D.C. from August 16 through August 18 to help facilitate a workshop on coalition issues for special interest groups at the Ryan White Title IIIb Conference and would love to have the opportunity to meet and discuss these issues with you. I will call your office early next week to see if time is available on your schedule for such a meeting. I have enclosed information about Howard Brown Health Center and AIDS Walk for your review. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Eileen Durkin
Executive Director