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A 'Repressed Victorian Society' Bites Back

■ On Wednesday, the Clinton administration's AIDS czar told an audience she would help change America's "repressed Victorian society" when it comes to sex. By Thursday, **Kristine Gebbie** had faxed around a statement emphasizing sexual abstinence and responsibility.

Gebbie told a conference on teenage pregnancy Wednesday that just talking about sex "in terms of don'ts and diseases" is not working and that the United States needs to view sexuality as "an essentially important and pleasurable thing."

Until it does so, "we will continue to be a repressed Victorian society that misrepresents information, denies sexuality early, denies homosexual sexuality particularly in teens, and leaves people abandoned with no place to go," Gebbie was quoted by wire services as saying.

"I can help just a little bit in my job, standing on the White House lawn talking about sex with no lightning bolts falling on my head," she concluded.

It may not have been lightning that hit her, but something did.

Yesterday, the White House put out a sober Gebbie statement that spoke of sexual abstinence as the "surest" way to prevent HIV and "how adolescents must enter adult life with a better base of information."

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Lead Sheet

Date October 19, 1993

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July 30, 1993

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*Eric in
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Dear Ms. Gebbie,

Since my last correspondence about the Nursing Centennial Celebration, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has suggested that if you are able to come to Boston on Friday, October 29, you might also enjoy visiting the Dimock Community Health Center. The Dimock Center is the recipient of considerable amounts of DHHS and CDC monies for HIV-AIDS programs. The funds are specifically used for prevention, early intervention and the ACT NOW program. The Dimock Community Health Center serves many ethnic groups and communities of color within the City of Boston.

As our program is planned for the Saturday following the American Public Health Association annual meeting you may choose to fly directly from San Francisco to Boston. If this is your preference I will plan your visits to the community AIDS projects on Friday and Saturday morning, prior to your presentation at the Centennial. Your speech is tentatively scheduled for 12:45, following lunch.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call me. Otherwise, I will call you in the early part of August to determine which of the projects you might be interested in visiting.

Sincerely,

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July 13, 1993

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Dear Ms. Gebbie,

In response to our telephone conversation of July 6, I would like to provide you with more information about our invitation to you to participate in the Massachusetts Public Health Nursing Centennial Celebration as our keynote speaker on October 30, 1993.

The theme of our Centennial Celebration is "Looking Backward, Looking Ahead: 100 Years of Public Health Nursing In Massachusetts". We think that you would be especially suited to speak to the future as you are intimately involved with a leading public health problem in the nation, as well as Massachusetts. Your professional background as a public health nurse would also serve as a role model to the nurses of this state and could provide inducement for them to become committed to advocating for future changes within this state. I should also add that the planning committee was especially excited about the prospect of your being a part of our celebration.

I have spoken with Boston Health & City Hospital and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health about the possibility of showing you some of their key projects related to HIV-AIDS programs. Both organizations have indicated their interest in meeting you and showing you their projects. Of particular interest may be the Shattuck Hospital Day Health Program for persons with AIDS and the Pediatric Hospice program. These programs could be viewed before and after your speech if you choose to come for only the day. If you would prefer to come Friday afternoon, then one of these programs could be viewed on Friday. You would also be able to observe the Boston Aids Prevention program which is provided in the junior and senior high schools.

I look forward to talking with you in the near future and hope that we will be able to participate in our program. As I work on an academic calendar I would prefer that you write or call me at my residence, as indicated below, until September.

Congratulations on your new appointment, and may you have much success.

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August 24, 1993

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Dear Ms. Gebbie,

Members of the Planning Committee for the Public Health Centennial Celebration and I are delighted that you have accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker for our Massachusetts Public Health Nursing Centennial Celebration on October 30, 1993. The program will be held at the Guest Quarters Suite Hotel in Waltham, MA. from 10 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. This hotel is located on the major ring highway (Rt. 128) which surrounds the City of Boston. It is readily accessible to the airport.

We look forward to having you as our guest for lunch and have scheduled your speech to immediately follow, at 1 P.M. This is to facilitate other plans which you might like to include in your itinerary. Enclosed is a description of some of the major programs that are sponsored by the state Department of Public Health and the Department of Health and Hospitals in Boston. Both departments would like to take the opportunity to show you their programs while you are here. If you could choose which programs you would like to visit and let me know how much time you will spend in the Boston area I will make the necessary arrangements with each department for their availability and transportation.

I also need further information from you to develop the written program and apply for continuing education credits. Could you send to me a copy of your curriculum vitae or resume, your job title, the name of your presentation and the approximate time that you would like reserved for your presentation. As we are encouraging dialogue between other presenters and the audience, would you consider a limited question and answer period following your speech?

Our program is shaping up. Ruth Knollmueller will present the opening speech. We will also have the presentation of papers and poems that were written by practicing nurses about the issues of the "1990's". There is one poem about caring for an immigrant AIDS person which is quite moving. We also plan a "Conversations with Retired Public Health Nursing Leaders", a fashion show of historical uniforms and the presentation of a musical about the history of (funds permitting).

If you have questions you may call me or send me an Internet message. My node address is KMEYER@UMASSD.EDU. It would be quite helpful if you were to send me your Internet node address, as telephone tag can be quite frustrating. You may also fax to me at my home with an initial telephone call as I receive faxes on my

computer. Thank You again for accepting our invitation. I look forward to planning you itinerary upon receiving more information.

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To: Katherine Meyer
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Re: Christine's Gebbe's Visit
Date: August 23, 1993

Enclosed please find list of AIDS providers in Massachusetts that could be considered for a visit by Christine Gebbe on her visit to Boston on October 30, 1993. All three agencies provide excellent care to clients and are funded with federal money.

The travelling time would be about about thirty minutes one way from the Guest Quarters in Waltham and a tour of ninety minutes to two hours is recommended.

Please feel free to contact me after reviewing the attached and I can arrange any visit you feel would be appropriate.

Thank you.

Attachment

**POSSIBLE PLACES FOR KRISTINE GEBBIE TO VISIT
ON OCTOBER 30, 1993**

Shattuck Hospital - The Shattuck Hospital has several HIV-related service programs. These include the 15 bed discrete AIDS inpatient unit, the locked prison unit which often includes prisoners with AIDS, the outpatient infectious disease clinic, the shelter (and Suzanne Gunston's contracted services affiliated with the shelter which focus on HIV) and the site of the residential program--which will be almost ready to open by October 30. Possible participants for a tour are Robert Wakefield, Dr. Joseph Cohen and Rochelle Schieb (AIDS Medical Director), Scott Sager (AIDS unit coordinator) and Suzanne Gunston (previously employed through Positive Lifestyles, now Dimock).

Dimock Community Health Center - Dimock has a wide array of HIV-services. These include prevention and education programs which focus on gay men of color, communities of color and active injection drug users, a counseling and testing site (which will soon include a special session for the hard of hearing), a case manager contract, a pediatric AIDS demonstration grant, an ACT NOW site and AIDS residential programs. On the campus of Dimock is also the Project Star program which offers early intervention for children with HIV disease. Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Brian Feit and Moses Saunders are the possible contacts for a tour.

Uphams Corner Health Center - Uphams Corner Health Center has several HIV-related services. These include a prevention and education effort focused on Portuguese-speaking people (together with SPAL), outreach to injection drug users (Charlie Brown), counseling and testing services, HIV case management, an ACT NOW site, a home care program which has an HIV component and a methadone dosing site. Ed Grimes and Dr. Geoff Modest are the possible contacts for a tour.

Shattuck is open on Saturday (except for the outpatient clinic). The Health Centers are open Saturday mornings for some services.

**CHILDREN'S AIDS PROGRAM
PUBLIC HEALTH AIDS PROGRAM
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BOSTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Children's AIDS Program (CAP) was established in 1986 to provide residential respite services for children born with the AIDS virus. The original program was designed to prevent "boarder babies", the abandonment of HIV infected children in acute hospitals at birth. Originally located in a renovated hospital ward with a living room, bedrooms, playroom and kitchen, in September, 1992 CAP moved into a newly renovated, specially designed house set up to create a home-like environment for these children. The program provides comprehensive support services to families with children who are HIV+, including:

- Daycare and therapeutic services for 20 children with HIV, including physical therapy, play therapy, early childhood education, nursing care
- Family services, including counselling, advocacy, information and referral, case management
- Training for other daycare providers, volunteers and staff, community groups and families
- Comprehensive residential respite for 12 children, including crisis respite

SERVICE AREA: City of Boston

ACCESS TO SERVICE: For more information call 534-2050.

Project TRUST

Teaching

Referral

Understanding

Support

Testing

Project TRUST was established in 1987 as a "storefront" HIV counseling and testing site for substance abusers through a collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control, The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the City of Boston. From the beginning the program adopted a consumer-driven approach to service delivery. Consequently, program components and strategies are constantly evolving. Project TRUST presently provides the following services.

- * HIV counseling and antibody testing
- * Case management for HIV positive clients
- * On-site primary health care for HIV positive clients
- * Support groups for HIV positive clients and substance abusers
- * Advocacy to get HIV positive clients into clinical trials
- * Street outreach and education to addicts and sex workers
- * Distribution of bleach for needle cleaning, condoms, and AIDS and addiction literature
- * AIDS and addiction education and referrals
- * Risk reduction intervention through a court referral program
- * Tuberculosis testing for all clients
- * Pregnancy testing
- * Influenza vaccinations

Project TRUST operates under a user friendly philosophy. Staff believe that to effect positive change, they must "meet the client where he or she is". Staff interact with clients on-site, in the streets, in jails and prisons in the courts and as in-patients at Boston City Hospital. This program represents a unique approach to service delivery. Project TRUST has been successful in reaching a large number of drug users by providing unconditional, positive regard for all clients.

The three components of the program; Counseling, Testing & Support services; Outreach & Education; and Medical Primary Care & Case Management all work together to provide comprehensive ethnically, and culturally appropriate services to clients

Project TRUST staff are both ethnically and professionally diverse. The majority of the staff are long time residents of the area and have overcome personal addictions to alcohol and drugs.

As the name implies, earning trust among drug users is critical to the success of the program. Developing client trust has been a delicate endeavor. Efforts to establish credibility are reflected in the design of the program components and in staffing.

Life promotion activities that help prevent HIV infection and support HIV wellness are encouraged through a personal approach to education, counseling and service delivery. Although a non judgemental attitude prevails, the importance of eliminating risky behavior is stressed. The addiction community response to Project TRUST supports the belief that addicts do care, are willing to attempt risk reduction behaviors, and make healthy choices to reduce transmission, and to enhance HIV wellness, when there are both emotional and service oriented support available.

In addition to the clinical services offered at Project TRUST clients often come by for condoms and or bleach, to get support with a problem, for a referral to a shelter or addiction treatment agency, or just for a cup of coffee and to escape the streets for a little while. "Project TRUST provides a safe place for addicts to deal with issues of HIV", in fact that is the agency mission.

Nearly all Project TRUST clients are indigent and an estimated 30 percent are homeless. They mostly come from the Greater Boston area and share common characteristics of chronic unemployment, under employment, a historical lack of access to health care, and low levels of literacy.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS
PHYSICIANS SERVICES PROGRAMS
CLINICAL AIDS SERVICES**

SECTION X (02) BSRH AIDS Unit

SCOPE OF SERVICE

The BSRH AIDS Unit, which is located at Boston Specialty and Rehabilitation Hospital, provides services to 10 to 15 patients with late stage HIV disease, many of whom have addiction and psychiatric problems. The unit uses a multi-disciplinary team approach that strives to provide or access support for counselling, education services, social services and recreation for its patients. An integral part in the provision of AIDS care at DHH, this unit complements services already being offered at DCH by allowing eligible patients to be treated in a more appropriate setting and by working closely with the other clinical AIDS programs, Public Health programs and mental health/addictions services. Additionally, the BSRH AIDS Unit uses a network system comprised of neighborhood health centers, AIDS umbrella organizations and community based agencies to support and supplement its core program of care.

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**Fax Cover Sheet**THOMAS M. MEDINO
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Comments: Depending on Mr. Gatto's interests I would
think 45 minutes per program would be adequate. Project
Transit is at B&H; The AIDS Unit + CAP are on The Mattapan
campus. Travel time is probably 20 minutes or so.

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