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HIV/AIDS

September 30, 1993

Dr. Jocelyn Elders
Surgeon General
United States Public Health Service
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Elders:

I write with regard to our upcoming 7th National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference and Institutes. More specifically, I write this letter as a formal invitation for you to deliver an address during the 6th Annual AIDS Institute. The conference has been set for February 17-21, 1994 at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

The National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference is one of the largest gatherings of the African-American Lesbians and Gays. The conference plays host to both national and international participants, and provides conference-goers with opportunities for growth, networking and healing. This year's theme, "Black Lesbians and Gays: From Silence to Celebration... Beyond the 28 Days", will focus on the inherent need for the African-American Lesbian and Gay community to lift our collective voices with pride and confront the insidious homophobia in the larger African-American community.

Your work as the current Surgeon General of the United States is critical as we continue to battle the pandemic of AIDS and HIV infection. I feel your insight would be invaluable to conference-goers. More importantly, I feel you would add tremendously to the educational program of the conference.

Please give serious thought to the possibility of speaking at the 7th National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference. I will be in touch with you soon to discuss the invitation in detail. Please feel free to contact me at 213•259•2537 if you have any questions about the upcoming conference and/or your pending involvement.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Poullard
Jonathan Poullard
Co-Chair, Speakers Committee

NATIONAL BLACK LESBIAN AND GAY CONFERENCE AND INSTITUTES
FROM SILENCE TO CELEBRATION BEYOND THE 28 DAY
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6th Annual AIDS INSTITUTE
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Secaucus, New Jersey
UPDATED

THURSDAY
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5:15p.m. - 6:00p.m.
Keynote Speaker, Kristine M. Gebbie,
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AIDS Institute Reception

CANCELED

SIXTH ANNUAL AIDS INSTITUTE

FEBRUARY 17, 1994

FANNIE JACKSON ROOM

PUBLIC POLICY TRACK

Session I

9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Treatment Advocacy Blueprint

Disenfranchised communities and communities of color have been disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS; yet, many are not receiving adequate HIV treatment and their voices have not been heard by segments of the healthcare delivery system and research establishment. For these communities, the obstacles include geographic barriers, socioeconomic oppression, low educational levels, language barriers, issues of cultural diversity, limited access to healthcare, and institutionalized discrimination.

This workshop will review these issues and underlines the need to take action. The workshop will include a proposal for the Treatment and Research Advocacy/Education Fellowship Program, a combined effort by community, industry, and government to train and support treatment and research advocates from communities of color. Treatment advocates will work in a cultural or community context to provide information about HIV treatment options and to connect people with treatment sources. Research advocates will contribute their expertise on community issues and needs, basic science research, and the design and conduct of AIDS clinical trials. research advocates will also disseminate information back out to the community.

Session II

11:00a.m. - 12:15p.m.

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act

The Ryan White CARE Act of 1990 provides federal support for comprehensive health and social services for people living with AIDS and HIV disease. The CARE Act expires on September 30, 1995. Congressional budget planning for FY 1996 begins in January 1995. This workshop will look at the CARE Act's impact on African American communities. The workshop will give a historical overview of the CARE Act as well as an analysis of the current congressional climate. The session will conclude with a dialogue on Ryan White Reauthorization and the role of African American Gays and Lesbians in that process.

Session III**1:45p.m. - 2:30p.m.****The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act****Session IV****2:45p.m. - 5:00p.m.****Health Care Reform**

There are seven different health care reform plans introduced in congress. All of these plans will directly impact the lives of people living with HIV and HIV care providers. We will review the plans, covering issues of affordability, scope of benefit package, universal coverage and how each plan would be financed. We will also cover the political dynamics and process for how and when congress will pass health care reform legislation. We will work on strategies for having the voices and concerns of people living with HIV heard in the reform debate. Handout materials will be available.

FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Keith Cylar is the Executive Director of Housing Works in New York City. He was a founding member of the majority caucus of ACT-UP New York. Keith is a member of the New York City HIV planning Council and a member of the Executive Committee of the CAEAR Coalition

Ruth Finkelstein, Se.D., is the Director of Health Policy at the Gay Men's Health Crisis. She has been active in a volunteer capacity on organizing to expand access to health care reform for twenty years. She has a background in the reproductive rights movement.

Thomas F. Sheridan is the founder and president of the Sheridan Group, a Washington D.C. government and public relations firm. He has nine years experience in national politics and on Capital Hill. As a political aide to Vice President Walter Mondale, Tom Sheridan campaigned in nine states and served on the national staff of Mondale's presidential campaign.

Mr. Sheridan is recognized as an expert and leader on domestic policy issues through his work for the National Association of Social Workers, the Child Welfare League of America, and the AIDS Action Council. He has earned his reputation as a tireless advocate, innovative policy thinker, and coalition builder through an extraordinary list of legislative and political accomplishments. Tom Sheridan combines political savvy and keen instincts with a dedication to social services and a commitment to sound health policy.

Tim Sweeney is a consultant to the Health Care Reform leadership Project of the AIDS Action Council. He has been active in Lesbian and Gay civil rights work and HIV/AIDS work for seventeen years. Formerly, he was the Executive Director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Phill Wilson is currently the Director of Public Policy at AIDS Project Los Angeles. APLA's Public Policy Department interacts with national, state and Local governments and drafts legislation to increase public services, and to affect public policy in the interests of those with AIDS and HIV disease. Phill was the former AIDS Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles.

Phill was one of the founders of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and the Chris Brownlie Hospice, The Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum and the Gay Men of Color HIV Consortium. He is the co-chair of the Los Angeles County HIV Planning Council. Phill currently sits on the Boards of the Minority AIDS Project and the AIDS Action Council.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 1993

Jonathan Poullard
The Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum
2538 Hyperion Avenue #7
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Dear Mr. Poullard:

Your recent request for Dr. Joycelyn Elders, U.S. Surgeon General, to speak at the National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference on February 17-21, 1994 was forwarded to me for consideration because your event deals with HIV/AIDS. Unfortunately, my schedule does not permit me to attend. In the future, I hope to have a chance to work with you.

Sincerely,

Kristine M. Gebbie, R.N., M.N.
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

cc: Dr. Joycelyn Elders

Recovery from Silence - Discovering community

Policy

Research

Services

Prevention

engaging the community

Making progress by inches -

the issues of community "voice" and action
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BLACK GAY & LESBIAN LEADERSHIP FORUM/
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 11, 1994

Emory Smith
Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum
1219 La Brae Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter confirms the appearance of Kristine M. Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator, at the National Black Gay and Lesbian 6th Annual AIDS Institute, on Thursday, February, 17, 1994.

Ms. Gebbie plans to arrive in Secaucus earlier that day, but will deliver the keynote address at the closing plenary at 5:15 p.m. I will call you in the next few days to discuss possible topics for the speech.

Please call me at (202) 632-1090 with any questions or for further clarification.

Sincerely,



W. Steve Lee, Executive Assistant
and Scheduler to the
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

January 11, 1994

Valerie Wagner, Co-Chair
Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum
2108 Fair Park, #110
Los Angeles, CA 90041

Gregory Mays, Co-Chair
Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum
1219 La Brae Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Dear Ms. Wagner and Mr. Mays:

This letter confirms your meeting with Kristine M. Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator, on Thursday, February 17, 1994. The 60 minute meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in the Meadowlands Hilton, 2 Harmon Plaza in Secaucus, NJ.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide you an opportunity for a dialogue with Ms. Gebbie on AIDS prevention, service, and research as it impacts all African-Americans, and specifically the African-American lesbian, gay and bisexual community. Your suggestion to also include the Forum founders Phil Wilson and Ruth Waters in the meeting is an excellent idea. I trust that you will extend the invitation.

I look forward to talking with you soon to firm up the details. If you have questions, please call me at (202) 632-1090.

Sincerely,

W. Steve Lee, Executive Assistant
and Scheduler to
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