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Christine Gebby
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Dear Ms. Gebby:

This is to confirm plans for a Center for Mental Health Services meeting on HIV/AIDS and Mental Health Services on Friday, February 25, 1994. I am very pleased that you will be able to attend. The meeting will be held in the Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington Virginia. Advanced Resource Technologies, Inc. (ARTI) has been contracted to help with logistical aspects of the meeting. I understand that they have been in contact with you about arrangements.

Let me provide you with some information that may be helpful as background. As you may know, Public Law 102-321 (the ADAMHA Reorganization Act) created a new Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the Public Health Service (PHS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This Act mandates a vigorous Federal leadership role in mental health services delivery and policy development. The challenge of HIV/AIDS must be met by every component of the health care system. CMHS will help provide leadership in the development of appropriate HIV/AIDS mental health services.

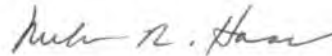
The purpose of our meeting is to bring together a relatively small group of people from diverse backgrounds with experience in the areas of HIV/AIDS and/or mental health services to solicit your views with regard to the issues associated with meeting the mental health services needs of people affected by and living with HIV/AIDS, their families, partners, significant others, volunteer and professional health care providers and other affected individuals. We are interested in learning from your unique experience how those mental health services needs are addressed within the current mental health system and in identifying ways to strengthen the system infrastructure, ultimately to improve the availability and delivery of those mental health services.

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We are aware that each of you has special expertise and experience in this area, and we are eager to learn from you. While we expect the discussion at the meeting to be fast-paced and relatively informal, if you have any additional written, audio, or video material that you think may help us in thinking through these issues, we would appreciate your making it available to us either before or at the meeting.

We have a very important challenge ahead and we are grateful that you have agreed to help us examine some of the unique issues involved in meeting that challenge. I look forward to seeing you on February 25. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak with Ms. Regina Guyther, logistics coordinator, ARTI. Ms. Guyther may be reached at 703-461-2381.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melvyn R. Haas".

Melvyn R. Haas, M.D.
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Ms. Christine Gebby
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Dear Ms. Gebby:

This is the final communication you will receive before the scheduled CMHS HIV/AIDS Mental Health Service Demonstration Program meeting, February 25, 1994, at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

The meeting will be held in Ballroom B, located on the second floor of the hotel. Registration and a continental breakfast will be from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. The meeting will begin **promptly** at 10:00 a.m. Participants are asked to arrange to be at the meeting until 4:00 p.m.

By now, all of the out-of-town participants should have made travel arrangements. If you have not, I urge you to do so **as soon as possible**. Hotel reservations have been made for you, and if you require late check-in, please call me at (703) 461-2381, if you have not already done so.

We look forward to your participation at this meeting. If you have any questions, please call me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,


REGINA G. GUYTHER
Logistics Coordinator