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KRISTINE GEBBIE

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DAY: MONDAY
DATE: JUNE 20, 1994
TIME: 11:00AM - 1:00PM
LOCATION: WATTS HEALTH FOUNDATION
BOARD ROOM
EVENT: SITE VISIT - AID REGIONAL
BOARD - LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Eligibility Criteria for the WIC Program

- (1) A woman must be pregnant, breastfeeding, or have recently delivered a baby.
- (2) A child must be under five years of age.
- (3) Participants must also:
 - (a) Receive regular medical assessments.
 - (b) Be determined at nutritional risk by a health professional.
 - (c) Meet income guidelines.

To apply for WIC at the AIC, participants must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be Native American
- Reside in Bellflower
- Be patients of AIC
- Be patients of Bellflower Doctor's Hospital, MOM'S Clinic.

For further information, contact 310/920-5868

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

The Dental Clinic Department has been a major component of the AIC since the early 1970's. The hours of service are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evening hours are to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. During fiscal year 1993, the Dental Department had 1,393 patient contacts. Over 85 - 90% of dental clients are American Indian.

Purpose: To provide quality care which meets the needs of American Indians and non-Native patients.

Types of Services:

- Teeth cleaning with preventative care
- operative (fillings)
- extraction
- endodontics (root canals)
- fixed prosthodontics (bridges and crowns)
- removable prosthodontics (dentures and partials).

Dental providers refer other types of dental treatment

The AIC accepts most insurance, including Medi-Cal and Medi-Care. All payments must be made at the time of service. American Indians are charged a reduced fee for every office visit. All other patients pay on a fee-for-service basis. No appointment is necessary for emergencies.

Staff: equivalent to two-full time dentists and two dental assistants, and one receptionist.

Health Education Programs

The AIC provides a variety of health education and wellness activities in diverse community settings (e.g., professional meetings, schools, health fairs). Examples of health education programs are HIV prevention (and HIV testing available on-site), Bicycle safety, Elder's Outreach Education Program (in collaboration with Senior Health and Peer Counseling, Inc.).

Purpose: To provide health education programs which promote wellness and disease prevention.

Dental Department - Health Education

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Research and Development Department is responsible for the development and implementation of programs which increase access to state-of-the-art prevention and control health services, increase quality of data collection, provide data for future program development and develop both short and long-term strategic plans for the AIC.

Purpose: To develop and implement innovative initiatives, projects and programs which are designed to improve the health and well-being of AIC clients and increase the self-sufficiency of the AIC.

Collaboration: The AIC has an established protocol for entering into collaborative relationships with other community organizations for innovative programs and research projects. Copies of research protocol are available from the office of the Executive Director. All collaboration with outside organizations requires Board of Director's approval and a resolution of agreement.

NATIVE AMERICAN CANCER RESEARCH CONSORTIUM, AMC/AIC



Native American Cancer Research Program
AMC Cancer Research Center
1600 Pierce Street
Denver, CO 80214
303/239-3392

WIC Program

WIC is the Special supplemental food program for *Women, Infants, and Children*. WIC is a temporary assistance program for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or who have recently had a baby, and for children under five of age. The woman and child must be low income and have a nutritional need for the program.

Purpose: To prevent health problems and to improve the health of program participants during the critical times of growth and development through better nutrition.

Type of Services:

Health Care

- Physicians refer patients with health problems related to nutrition to WIC
- WIC requires that all participants receive regular medical assessments.
- WIC encourages participants to obtain complete preventive care.

Nutrition Education

- WIC provides diet evaluations for all participants.
- Group and individual education sessions include discussion of topics such as prenatal nutrition, infant feeding, anemia, and weight control
- High-risk participants receive dietary counseling from nutritionist/registered dietitians.

Supplemental Foods

- WIC provides participants with extra foods at no cost.
- Foods can be purchased at most community retail food stores with food vouchers.
- WIC foods are specifically chosen to provide vitamins A, C, D, iron, protein and calcium.
- Foods are meant to supplement an individual's diet, not provide total nutrient needs.

Medical Department - Nutrition / WIC

Nutrition Program

Nutrition services are provided by a registered dietitian through the Medical Department of the AIC. The nutritionist participates as a member of the health care team in promoting the health of the AIC patients by encouraging the application of sound nutritional practices. Patients are referred for nutrition services by the AIC providers.

Purposes:

- (1) To improve the nutritional status of diabetic and hypertensive patients and thereby help in the control of the diseases and the prevention of complications.
- (2) To reduce the incidence of non-insulin dependent diabetes, hypertension, and obesity through nutritional intervention among the patients who are at risk.
- (3) To raise the nutritional status of the AIC patients to the highest possible level.
- (4) To help patients adopt healthy eating habits and maintain ideal body weight.

Type of Services:

- Nutritional assessment for all age groups.
- Individual and group counseling to patients or family members.
- In-service training for the AIC staff.
- Consultation to staff in other programs and departments at the AIC.
- Referral to nutrition and health care resources and programs in the community.
- Nutrition education classes integrated with other on-going health education classes.

Native American Cancer Research Consortium:

- Initiated September 1, 1993
- Between the AMC Cancer Research Center, Denver, Colorado and the American Indian Clinic, Bellflower, California.

Purpose: The Consortium is designed to develop culturally sensitive and appropriate Native American cancer research programs among local, regional and national Native American communities.

Priority Research Projects.

The Native American Cancer Research Consortium has proposed a list of priority research projects to be implemented in the near future. The following are two examples: (1) Native American Breast Cancer Screening Research Project; and (2) Native American Cancer Counseling Support Materials.



AMERICAN INDIAN EAGLE LODGE



Eagle Lodge

- Was established in 1983
- Is funded by Indian Health Service (IHS) and the State of California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
- Provides a 90 day primary residential alcohol treatment program
- Is a 14 bed co-educational program for American Indian men and women
- Treatment focus is on 3 areas necessary for change: (1) delayed gratification, (2) self-discipline, and (3) responsibility

Purpose: To assist individuals and their families in promoting health and decreasing the preponderance of alcohol abuse/alcoholism.

Objectives:

- (1) To develop and maintain a service delivery system that mandates consistency in its approach to the recovery process. The criteria for implementing multi-modalities of therapy will be assess for their contribution/therapeutic effects on the reduction of self-abusive behavior and the modification of unwanted reactions to stress-provoking emotions.
- (2) To develop and implement state-of-the-art and practical methodologies that will help reduce recidivism and related activities, i.e., incarceration.
- (3) To formulate feasible and effective therapeutic environment that enhances the acceptability of the disease and the control (arrest of disorders that either predispose or perpetuate the consequences causing human dysfunctions.

Types of Services:

- 3 Phase residential treatment program

Purpose: To provide initial and continuous prenatal care to promote the safety, health and general well-being of Native American women and their babies.

Objectives:

- (1) Help reduce the factors that lead to maternal and infant mortality as well as prenatal and postpartum complications.
- (2) To help pregnant women become aware of health care options and enable them to make responsible choice for pregnancy and childbirth.

Access and Availability: Prenatal care is offered twice a week to everybody. American Indians receive free prenatal care, and non-Indian patients pay for services, or utilize Medi-Cal.

Services Offered:

- (1) Initial and continuing prenatal evaluation and management.
- (2) Nutrition counseling and enrollment in "Women, Infant, and Child" (WIC) program.
- (3) Social worker assistance for Medi-cal evaluation and appointment on-site.
- (4) Referrals for genetics, high-risk evaluation and management, and postpartum follow-up.
- (5) Referrals for prenatal and childbirth classes.
- (6) On-site ultrasound evaluation.

Collaboration: County Hospitals and private hospitals (e.g., Martin Luther King, UCLA Harbor Medical Center, St. Francis, Charter Suburban Medical Center.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Purpose: To provide the highest quality of care to clients of the AIC.

Types of Services: The Clinic provides primary care services between 8:00 am - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Prenatal Care and Family Planning services are available on Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings. Prenatal and Family Planning Programs are also available at various times during the weekdays when the midwife students are rotating through the Clinic. Typically, primary care services are provided by staff physicians along with other health care providers, such as physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, midwives and residents. Traditional Healers can be available upon request and given sufficient notification.

Payment for Services: The AIC medical costs are covered by most medical insurance, Medi-Cal, and Medi-Care. American Indian patients are provided free medical care with proof of Indian blood (e.g., tribal enrollment). The AIC does not pay for referrals for outside medical treatment. American Indian patients receive over-the-counter and prescriptive medications free-of-charge, and at a minimum cost to non-Native clients (e.g., cost + 5%). There is a minimum charge for lab fees for everyone.

Prenatal Program

- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Crisis counseling
- Alcohol education
- Psychological testing
- Family counseling

AMERICAN INDIAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION/EDUCATION PROJECT

Purposes:

- (1) Awaken and enhance identification with healthful Indian values.
- (2) Provide current scientific information about substance abuse and related health concerns.
- (3) Increase resistance to alcohol and drug use among participants.

Target Population: Kindergarten through grade 4. **NOTE:** Although the Project focuses on youth, adults are encouraged to participate.

Project Components:

- Alcohol and drug education
- Alcohol and drug abuse prevention training
- Cultural awareness presentations
- Sports and cultural enrichment activities
- Self-esteem and identity enhancement
- Monthly newsletter
- information and referral
- Annual Role Model Conferences
- Special workshops, e.g., Mental Wellness
- Professional consultation and assistance

Eagle Lodge - Substance Abuse Programs

PREVENTION/EDUCATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Prevention/Education Project compiles, publishes and distributes a monthly Newsletter, which includes:

- Prevention Research
- Director's Message
- Special Notes and Reports
- Cultural articles
- Current events
- Monthly "Calendar Notes" (up-coming conferences, meetings, and activities)



The Newsletter

- Promotes a healthy, culturally competent viewpoint for an American Indian person.
- has a circulation of over 2,200.

AMERICAN INDIAN TELEVISION

American Indian TV

- is a monthly thirty minute program.
- Utilizes positive role models, Indian performers, issues in the Indian community.
- Emphasizes respect for Peoples of all colors and ethnic backgrounds.



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| • Oral health and dental treatment services | • Well baby care |
| • Alcoholism and substance abuse prevention and education | • Family planning |
| • Alcoholism and residential treatment | • Referral for mental health counseling |
| • HIV prevention education, testing and counseling | • Outreach and health education services |
| • Diabetes prevention and treatment | • Public Health Nursing Program |
| • Nutrition counseling services | • Monthly Substance Abuse Prevention/Education Newsletter |
| • Obesity prevention and treatment | • American Indian Television |
| • Hypertension prevention and treatment | • Bicycle safety and helmet use education |
| • Prenatal clinic | • American Indian Temporary Shelter |

The AIC Logo: The Teepee

- The traditional home of the mobile Plains Indians.
- Represents family, home, community, sharing, wholeness, and wellness.



Location and access to the AIC / Services

Access

- Artesia Boulevard is a major bus route. The closest bus stop is within 1 ½ blocks.
- The location is also accessible by freeways.
 - It is within a few blocks of the 91 (Artesia) Freeway [Bellflower exit]
 - The 605 (San Gabriel) Freeway and the 7 (Long Beach) Freeways run perpendicular to the 91 Freeway and feed into the 91 system.
- Los Angeles Metro Rail System is partially complete. The Blue Line Metro-Rail Line will eventually run to the Century Freeway (107) and will stop on Artesia Boulevard, where the client can transfer to a bus to travel to the Clinic.

The AIC offers free transportation service as needed or in emergency situations. When possible, such services are scheduled through the AIC staff who will pick up and deliver the patients.

Services As of January, 1994, the American Indian Clinic services included:

- Comprehensive primary health care
- Women, infant, children program (WIC) supplemental food program

Purposes:

- (1) Present a positive image of American Indians
- (2) Provide accurate coverage of contemporary and historical American Indian issues and events
- (3) Educate both Native and Non-Native youth and adults of diversity of the community and its issues

Target Audience: Peoples of all ages, races and ethnic groups

Access and Availability

- Available to every cable subscriber in Los Angeles County and most of Orange County
- Day: 1st Saturday of every month
- Time: Varies in different areas
- Length: 30 minutes

Program Components: Each thirty minute production includes the following:

- Political issues (e.g., Puvungna Burial Site)
- Health Highlights (e.g., Diabetes)
- Cultural Perspectives (e.g., Ceremonial tobacco use versus habitual tobacco use)
- The "Custer Had it Coming" Award (e.g., Hornell Brewing Company of Brooklyn, NY for their insulting and offensive use of naming an alcoholic substance after a respected political and religious leader who was an advocate for abstinence, "Crazy Horse Beer")
- Special Awards of Positive Programs, Projects, Individuals (to be initiated spring 1994)

Special Guests: regularly features well-respected and notable American Indian leaders and celebrities on the show. For example, previous shows have featured

- Chief Wilma Mankiller
- The Honorable Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell
- Floyd Red Crow Westerman
- Celebrities, such as, Arnold Schwarzenegger have been featured on the program to discuss fitness and related health issues.

THE MAIN ARTERY is



- A comprehensive 90-day Recovery Program
- Alcohol and other drugs treatment and recovery
- Targeted to American Indian male substance abuser

Purpose: To eliminate substance dependencies by offering a program that will motivate responsibility, action toward self-improvement, and a self-awareness directed to a new life style that will meet the needs of each individual.

Types of Services:

- Personal recovery planning
- Alcoholism Education Classes
- Social and Family Activities
- Family sessions and Direction
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous Meetings
- Group sessions
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Indirect medical services offered by the AIC (e.g., health services classes)
- Educational services to community and Civic Organizations
- Non-residential Program
- Self awareness and assertion classes
- Spiritual Guidance Native Churches (Sweat Lodge, Mother Earth)
- Recreational and Physical Fitness Activities
- Referral to vocation rehabilitation, school, and job training

Collaboration with Other Community Organizations includes:

- Judicial and parole system
- Probation departments
- Community CETA/OJT training
- Mental Health Department
- General and Community Hospitals
- Referral services to other Indian organizations
- Utilization of community resources

Self-Help Groups which occur at the Main Artery include:

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Sober living (5 beds available for residents)
- Non-residential Program and Supportive Recovery

The AIC is organized through six departments:

- Medical
- Dental
- Behavioral Health
- Special Projects
- Research and Development
- Fiscal

Mission of the AIC

The mission of the AIC is to provide quality comprehensive primary outpatient services at reasonable cost to the medically underserved Indian population residing in the Los Angeles County and surrounding areas.

Purposes:

- (A) To supply free or low cost medical, dental, mental wellness, social and related services to any person requesting such service.
- (B) To develop improved techniques for serving that portion of the community whose needs are not adequately met by existing facilities; and,
- (C) To encourage the formation of collaborative relationships and consortia with other community organizations who have similar goals.

The American Indian Clinic, Inc.

The American Indian Clinic (AIC) was established in 1969 (and incorporated April 1970) to provide culturally sensitive services for American Indians. However, the AIC provides services to people of all colors. During 1992, the AIC had 23,495 client contacts, of which 43 % were American Indian or Alaska Native.

The American Indian Clinic, Inc., (AIC) is:

- A multi-purpose health care clinic
- A charitable, non profit health organization
- A 501 (c) (3)
- Not connected with any religious or political group
- Located in three sites: the main facility is in Bellflower; the Eagle Lodge is in Long Beach; and both the Main Artery and the Temporary Shelter are in Compton
- Open 5 days a week
- Staffed by 71 full and part-time staff, of whom 85% are Native American
- Overseen by an elected Board of Directors, at least five of the nine constitute a quorum; All programs, activities, and research projects must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to development or implementation.

AMERICAN INDIAN TEMPORARY SHELTER

- Initiated in 1993
- Has 6 living quarters
- Average stay is 60 days
- For further information, call (310) 537-4594



Purpose: To assist homeless Native Americans to

- (1) Recover from a current or on-going economic crisis
- (2) Provide a support system which increases the likelihood of saving money to obtain suitable housing
- (3) Establish eligibility to qualify for another homeless program (e.g., General Relief Fund and HUD housing).

Clients:

- May be referred by another organization/professional, or the client may refer oneself
- Must be able to provide verification of their Native American heritage or ancestry (e.g., enrollment card, birth certificate, tribal membership).
- Applicants admitted on a 72-hour evaluation period
- Required to obtain both a medical and dental examination (available free of charge from the American Indian Clinic)
- Priority ranking for acceptance into the Temporary Shelter follows: (1) families; (2) one-parent families; (3) couples without children; and (4) single males or single females.

Collaboration with Other Community Organizations includes, but is not limited to:

- Shelter Partnership (this is a LA-based group which receives collections from many large businesses)
- Lutheran Social Services
- Hawkins Facility near Martin Luther King
- UCLA Harbor Medical Center
- American Indian Counseling Center

Main Artery - Temporary Shelter

American Indian
Eagle Lodge
824 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90813
310/436-3991
FAX 310/495-1095

Satellite Sites
American Indian
Temporary Shelter
1330 South Long Beach Boulevard
Compton, CA 90224
310/537-4594

American Indian
Main Artery
1330 South Long Beach
Boulevard
Compton, CA 90224
310/537-0103



The American Indian Clinic, Inc.
Headquarters and Clinic
9500 E. Artesia Boulevard
Bellflower, California 90706
310/920-7227
fax 310/920-5677



AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS STORE

The Arts and Craft Store was opened during the fall 1993 and has served as a training site for individuals in need of job skills to enter the work force. During its initial job training cycle, six applicants were selected to participate in the three month training period. This program offered students an opportunity to work with the public and learn retail sale techniques. The store manager served as a model for youths and adults as she shared her retail knowledge with each trainee.

Purpose: To provide authentic Indian products to the local community and to increase the self sufficiency of the AIC.

Features Authentic Indian

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| • jewelry | • dream catchers | • feathers |
| • arrows | • headdress | • rugs |
| • pottery | • greeting cards | • T-shirts |
| • war shirt | • commuter cups | • hats |
| | | • cups |

The Arts and Crafts Store and its staff:

- Are responsible for the development of marketing information related to the Clinic. Marketing is implemented through the preparation of news releases and articles for local newspapers, fliers and brochures. The Store is the central location at the Clinic for a bulletin board which highlights cultural activities and special events.
- Represent the Clinic at gatherings which are held in our service area and district. Examples of such gatherings include conferences, conventions, and other types of meetings which allow for cultural exchange opportunities with the business community.
- Plan and host Chamber of Commerce mixers within the local area and with restaurants.

**AIDS REGIONAL BOARD
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INC.**

**GILBERT FERNANDEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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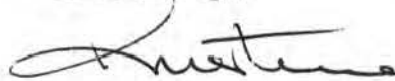
July 5, 1994

Mr. Gilbert Fernandez
Executive Director
AIDS Regional Board of Los Angeles
County, Inc.
Sixth Floor
600 South Commonwealth Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90005-4001

Dear Gil:

Thank you so much for arranging the meeting with the AIDS Regional Board and others. The issues raised are all important in our efforts to stop the HIV epidemic and serve those infected. I look forward to continuing collaboration with you and your colleagues. Please share my appreciation with all.

Sincerely,



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



JUN - 6 1994

AIDS REGIONAL BOARD OF**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**800 So. Commonwealth Ave., 6th Floor; Los Angeles, CA. 90005

Facsimile Cover Sheet**To: KRISTINE GEBBIE C/O
GUS VENTURA****Agency:** Natl AIDS Policy Coordinator**Phone:** 202/632-1090**Fax:** 202/632-1096**From: Gilbert Fernandez****Agency:** AIDS Regional Board**Phone:** 213/351-8026**Fax:** 213/738-0825**Date:** June 3, 1994**Pages Including 2
this cover page:**

COMMENTS: Gus, Attached is the letter of confirmation with the location time and date as agreed upon this morning. also included are the agenda items as well as, a brief description of what should be expected. Please let me know if directions are required or any additional information.

ARB

AIDS Regional Board of Los Angeles County, Inc.

June 3, 1994

Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN
c/o Gus Ventura
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
Executive Office of the President
750-17th Street, N.W., Suite 1060
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Ms. Gebbie:

I am writing to thank you for responding favorably to my request of visiting members of the AIDS Regional Board's Community Consortium on Monday, June 20, 1994. We are delighted that you have accepted our invitation and will be prepared to have meaningful dialogue with you upon your arrival.

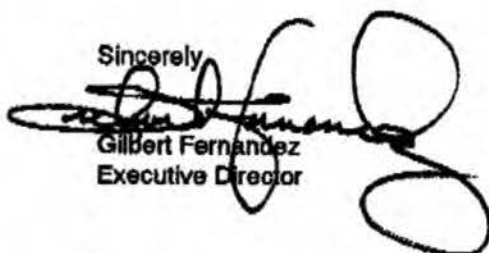
On the agreed upon time of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will meet at the Watts Health Foundation's Board Room, located at 10300 South Compton Ave., Los Angeles, CA. 90002. At that meeting some of the consortium members will be present to engage in dialogue with you around areas of their individual specialties, (housing, legal, mental health, youth & pediatrics, substance abuse, incarcerated, special group interest, CBOs, and being impacted personally by HIV/AIDS),

The theme of the meeting will be "The profile and expectations of CBOs in the AIDS arena, 1996 and beyond." Issues for discussion will include but not be limited to:

- What degree will fiscal management ability determine eligibility for funding dollars
- Will funding be at the 100 % level, or will raising supplemental dollars be required
- Will collaboration of CBOs with each other be expected to receive funding dollars
- Will current funding levels remain the same/are funding priorities changing
- How important will the role of community participation be in setting policy
- Are housing and homelessness expected to be high on the national agenda in 1996

The group will be seated around a rectangle table that accommodates 25 seats. Beyond the table are seats for others who wish to listen and later or earlier in the meeting be given an opportunity to make public comment. Each of the participants around the table will be given an opportunity to ask a question or make a statement regarding their particular area of expertise. We are not seeking formality, but rather to create dialogue for discussion that will allow us to begin preparation for 1996 and beyond. Your presence into this process provides us with the ability to make our issues known to the administration and receive first hand what is occurring on a national scale.

Sincerely,



Gilbert Fernandez
Executive Director

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AIDS Regional Board of Los Angeles County, Inc.

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April 13, 1994

What's the
LA schedule like?
Cas Evans

Monday 6/20 maybe
work w/ John

Kristine Gebbie
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Dear Ms. Gebbie:

I wish to take this opportunity and thank you for meeting with me on March 1, 1994 while I was in the Washington, D.C. area.

I also would like to extend an invitation to visit with some of the ARB community based agencies during your trip to Los Angeles in June of this year. During that time I wish to set up a meeting for community base agencies focused around the issue of "The profile of CBOs' in the second funding cycle of the CARE ACT, 1996 and beyond." The community needs to understand and begin preparing for issues that include but are not limited to:

- Demonstrating fiscal management ability to compete for funding dollars
- Writing proposals in a competitive environment
- Developing skills to raise supplemental monies when 100% funding is not available
- Collaborating with other CBOs to maximize the use of available resources
- Receiving a synopsis of the national strategic plan for community based agencies
- Understanding the impact that national health reform will have on AIDS policy
- Hearing from you on what an effective CBO should look like in 1996 and beyond.

I have generated interest from church leaders, provider agencies, target populations of persons with AIDS, housing programs, programs working with the incarcerated, and programs involved with high risk youth groups. If you are available on June 17, 1994 and can provide with me a schedule of how much time you have available, I would be happy to arrange for a community forum type meeting to discuss the above issues and any other topics that you might wish to address.

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Sincerely,



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