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HEADLINE: PREGNANCY PANEL MULLS FUNDS' USE;
BUT TASK FORCE OUT OF LOOP ON SUBCOMMITTEE'S WORK

BYLINE: BETH MACY STAFF WRITER

BODY:

While Roanoke's task force on teen pregnancy is still struggling to get organized, a sub-group of pregnancy prevention experts has been quietly meeting to decide how to allocate resources recently awarded by the Virginia Department of Health.

The task force subcommittee, led by Dr. Molly Rutledge, acting Roanoke Health Department director, has been charged with deciding how best to use the \$ 150,000 plus four staff positions targeted toward Roanoke's teen-pregnancy rate, the highest in the state.

The subcommittee's actions weren't discussed at Wednesday's task force meeting. In fact, what the subcommittee plans to propose to the state within the next two months will not be reviewed, approved or disapproved by the 20-member communitywide group, according to Rutledge and Glenn Radcliffe, city director of human development.

"In effect, the subcommittee has more power than the task force, because it's the subcommittee that's deciding on the distribution of this money," said Janet McDowell, a subcommittee member who attended Wednesday's task force meeting.

"If I didn't personally know people on the subcommittee, I wouldn't even know about it," Planned Parenthood outreach worker and task force member Anthony Drakeford said after the task force meeting, the group's fourth.

"That's crazy," added Roanoke businessman and task force member Howard Packett, referring to the situation. "There needs to be continuity."

"I know nothing of what's going on with the subcommittee," said task force co-chairwoman Debbie Henderson, a social worker.

A newspaper reporter sitting in on the subcommittee's last meeting, held earlier this month, was asked to leave 10 minutes into the meeting, during which proposals for spending the money were discussed. Rutledge said later the group asked the reporter to leave because it feared a story might mislead the public into believing the discussions were actual recommendations.

She also acknowledged fearing arguments between subcommittee members representing the anti-abortion group, Crisis Pregnancy Center, and Planned Parenthood of the Blue Ridge, which supports abortion rights. Apparently, the two members did not argue as predicted, she said.

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The subcommittee has decided to target the city's teen-male population, beefing up such programs as "For Males Only," which teaches decision-making skills to at-risk males, Rutledge said. She also said the subcommittee agreed during its last meeting on a goal: "to prevent teen pregnancy."

One other strategy the subcommittee agreed to undertake is expanding neighborhood prevention programs already in place. Funding possibilities include the Roanoke Adolescent Health Project's school-based clinics, the Project Hope recreation and self-esteem program at Landsdowne and Hurt Park housing developments, and the West End Community Center, according to McDowell.

At Wednesday's task force meeting, city training coordinator Celia Denning gave an overview of the task force process, suggesting ways to organize and set goals, as well as how to define and research a problem.

Representatives from Virginia Tech's College of Human Resources outlined prevention programs in other cities, including Baltimore, Columbia, S.C.; and Savannah, Ga. The Tech researchers and Roanoke's Better Beginnings Coalition agreed to join forces to evaluate Roanoke's current teen-pregnancy prevention programs with the goal of identifying gaps in services.

Howard Packett said he would examine why the Maryland-based Campaign For Our Children has only been sporadically implemented in Roanoke. The abstinence-based media campaign, purchased by Virginia with a \$ 250,000 grant from the Virginia Hospital Association, was supposed to have included TV ads with a local telephone number for teens to call with questions, family-life education lesson plans, posters, billboards and brochures.

So far, TV ads from the campaign have aired on some local stations, but a local number has not been supplied, nor have many of the other materials been sent by the state.

"The problem here is we don't have enough money. It would take \$ 100,000 to \$ 200,000 to do it right just in Roanoke, and over \$ 1 million to do it statewide," Packett said. The Maryland campaign has been instrumental in reducing that state's teen-pregnancy rate by 7 percent in two years, he added.

Previous task force meetings have included presentations by Virginia Tech researchers on at-risk behaviors and an overview of the at-risk population by some of the social workers and educators who work with it.

"It's frustrating, because you've got to get the whole group up to speed before you can do anything," Henderson said. "If nothing else, I'd like the city to take a firm stand and say premarital sex is wrong, then back people up - back up the schools, support the teen moms, beef up the school-based clinics, give power back to the parents."

"They're starting to nibble at the edge of the problem," McDowell added. "But they need to get a clearly defined process in place."

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HEADLINE: TEENS RALLY IN D.C. FOR ABSTINENCE

BYLINE: By S. Marshall Poindexter; The Capital Times/Medill News Service

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

BODY:

When Madison resident Matt Pilster-Pearson, 15, stepped onto a bus last week for the 20-hour ride to Washington, he had one goal in mind: to convince the nation that it isn't crazy to abstain from sex until marriage.

"You don't have to be a complete nerd to strive for abstinence," he said.

Pilster-Pearson and 128 other Madison area teenagers who believe in abstaining from intercourse until marriage were in Washington this past week along with 25,000 like-minded youths for DC/LA '94, a teen conference sponsored by Youth for Christ/USA, an interdenominational group that sponsors campus ministries and programs for at-risk teens.

Friday, with the support of Catholic, Protestant and independent churches, the participants planted 200,000 cards in the grass on the Capitol Mall, pledging their abstinence. Simultaneously, thousands of youth in Ottawa, Canada, and Kampala, Uganda, staged rallies as part of this "True Love Waits" celebration sponsored by Youth for Christ and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

While these teens' convictions stem from their Christian faith, they said that abstinence should make good sense regardless of an individual's religious beliefs.

"You shouldn't just base a relationship on passion or hormones," said Eric Jensen, 17, another Madison high school student. "It should be based on trust and love."

Two weeks ago, in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala declared that the administration was "absolutely committed to promoting abstinence-based programs in the schools as a key to preventing teen pregnancy."

But abstinence-based sex education in schools is a lightning rod for controversy. At issue is the definition of what abstinence is and how much it should be emphasized in educational programs for youth.

Some groups, such as Planned Parenthood, define abstinence as varying levels of sexual activity, with moderate health risks associated with nonintercourse activities, and the highest risk with intercourse, said Stan Kocos, district

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public affairs coordinator for Planned Parenthood in Dane County.

In many education programs, abstinence is mentioned as one of many family planning options, with condoms and other contraceptives also mentioned, he said.

Other groups, such as Youth for Christ, define abstinence as avoiding all sexual activity before marriage, according to Ralph Radix, coordinator of Dane County Youth for Christ. Radix's group and others favor abstinence-only sexual education.

Some people object to that type of abstinence education as teaching morals in the public schools, but several states have made nonreligious abstinence-only education available for school districts and have seen positive results in student attitudes toward sex and pregnancy. (The following paragraphs were not published.)

In 1988, Maryland's state Health Department entered a public-private partnership with a group called Campaign for Our Children. After television and radio commercials, and billboards and bus signs that stated "'Virgin is not a dirty word,'" state officials report dramatic drops in teen pregnancy rates, said Kristin Kelley, associate director of the campaign.

In the mid-1980s, Baltimore had the highest rate of teen pregnancy of any city in the nation. After three years under the program, the Maryland Health Department's birth rate figures showed a 10.6 percent drop in births to teens in Baltimore and a similar drop throughout the state, Kelley said. During the same period, the teen pregnancy rate nationwide jumped 6 percent, she added.

Kelley also said the drop in teen birth rates saved the state some \$ 46 million that would have been spent to support babies born to young mothers.

Madison public schools currently include abstinence as one family planning option in their sex education programs for students, said Eliza Dresang, assistant to the superintendent for communications. She said the city program advocates abstinence as the "'preferred family planning alternative'" and includes role-playing to enable teens to learn to say no to peer pressure for sexual activity.

However, several of the Madison teens in Washington said the sex education they received in Madison public high schools hardly emphasized abstinence at all. "'I never had a class that talked about abstinence in depth,'" said Julie Rodenberg, 18, a recent graduate of Memorial High School who will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall. "'Instead they should look at the advantages to health from abstaining.'"

GRAPHIC: Associated Press

Tiffany Koller (left) and Lesile Fisher, both from Louisville, KY., pray near pledges of celibacy that teens from across the country laid in the grass on the Mall in Washington.

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HEADLINE: SOCIAL PROBLEMS; Mass media blamed for teen sex woes; Moscow speaker says parents are also at fault; state legislator says social cost is too high

BYLINE: Jim Jacobs

BODY:

MOSCOW A public health nurse proposed on Wednesday an innovative method to pay the social costs of teen pregnancies: a surcharge on movies and other forms of entertainment that glamorize sex for young people.

Mary Pluhta works with pregnant teens in her job with the Moscow office of the North Central District Health Department. Pluhta addressed a meeting Wednesday of the Moscow League of Women Voters.

'I don't blame the teen-agers a lot,' she said. 'I blame the mass media.'

Pluhta said young people who get their information about sex from television, movies and books often see only one side of the story.

'They don't see the young girl in my office,' the one who's pregnant at 15 or has contracted venereal warts or herpes, Pluhta said. 'Films don't show this at all.'

But Pluhta does during trips to schools around Latah County. She shows students slides of people with sexually transmitted diseases.

Pluhta said she has been making the presentations to students at the ninth-grade level, but that may need to be adjusted because students are becoming sexually active at younger ages.

Girls 10 to 14 years old had 31 babies in Idaho during 1992, she said, one of them in Latah County. The state recorded 751 babies born to girls ages 15 to 17 the same year, 10 in Latah County.

The entertainment industry is partly to blame for teen pregnancy and disease, Pluhta said, but so are parents who don't discuss sex and values with their children.

Some parents let their junior-high daughters dress like 20-year-old women and allow 14-year-old girls to date 21-year-old men, she said.

'Parents had better get a clue,' she said.

'You're right,' said Idaho Rep. James (Doc) Lucas, who attended the forum. 'The teen-agers are getting pregnant to older men.'

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The Moscow Republican said the social cost of teen pregnancies is enormous.

Lucas said teen parents produce 85 percent of both drug addicts and prisoners. They account for 71 percent of aid to dependent children.

Only about 2 percent of teen moms graduate from college. They earn an estimated 50 percent less income during their lifetimes, Lucas said.

Idaho will begin to address the problem with a \$329,000 appropriation in this year's budget. Lucas said he fought for eight years to finance a state campaign against teen pregnancy.

That campaign will include television spots and billboards, the focus of which will be teaching parents how to discuss sex with their sons and daughters early on.

'You have to talk to them before they reach the age of being cool,' Lucas said.

A similar educational campaign in Maryland, he said, contributed to a 5 percent reduction in teen pregnancies while the problem increased 8 percent nationally.

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An American Crisis
Last of four parts

BODY:

Ministers preach that the disease of out-of-wedlock births to teenagers can be cured by returning to traditional values. Politicians prescribe cutting welfare benefits. Educators advocate comprehensive instruction to fortify teenagers against having sex at an early age. Social workers and health care professionals want government to pass out birth-control devices. Everyone seems to support pressuring, or even forcing, the entertainment media to end its obsession with sex topics and portrayal of unwed motherhood as trendy.

Going back to the good old days is impossible. So is censorship of the media. Still, there are many workable solutions. What's lacking is the determination to fight the disease on many fronts. That would be very expensive.

One useful example may be found in Europe, where teenagers are as sexually active as Americans. But American teenage girls have 10 times the pregnancy rate of adolescents in the Netherlands, four times that of teens in Denmark and Finland and twice that of England and Wales.

In general, European societies are more open than American society about sexual relationships, sex education and the use of contraception. As a result, they are more successful in getting the message across that it's wrong for teenagers to have babies out of wedlock.

Comprehensive, age-specific sex education that promotes chastity and birth control are rarities in the United States. Moreover, talking only about sexuality isn't enough. Many teenage girls and boys need help putting together fulfilling lives. Diplomas and jobs are as effective in reducing pregnancies as contraceptives.

Some examples:

In New Britain, the Pathways/Senderos Center is a neighborhood-based program that detours teenagers from the streets and gives them the motivation and competence to succeed in school and beyond -- and to keep clear of parenthood.

Pathways/Senderos, modeled after a program that Dr. Michael Carrera began in Harlem in the 1980s, drew high praise earlier this year from federal officials and hopes to receive federal support.

3 examples

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The state-funded project is expensive -- about \$9,000 per student per year. But none of the boys or girls have become parents during their two years in Pathways/Senderos and all are maintaining passing grades in school.

Another effective program, Postponing Sexual Involvement, was developed by Emory University physicians at Grady Hospital in Atlanta 10 years ago. It uses high school leaders as role models to teach eighth-graders how to anticipate sexual advances and deflect them.

★ In Bridgeport, a program whose guides include the Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese and representatives of Planned Parenthood has developed a comprehensive sexuality education course. It is being credited for a 50 percent drop in pregnancies among younger teenagers.

California and Maryland are bringing together all the elements of a successful pregnancy-prevention program to help teenagers resist pressure from peers, television, rap music and advertisers to get sexually active; to emphasize diplomas and jobs; to discuss contraception in detail; to reawaken the moral strictures against out-of-wedlock conceptions at all ages; and to insist that the father become involved with mother and child.

A well-crafted package of five teen-pregnancy prevention bills from the state Select Committee on Children unfortunately did not fare well during the budget debate at the Legislature last week. Particularly disappointing was the failure to appropriate any money for programs to reach sexually active teenagers. The committee had requested \$350,000 for school-related clinics.

Politicians apparently are unwilling to do more than condemn the high incidence of teenage pregnancy. When it comes to solutions, they take a rain check. Yet there are solutions to this American crisis. There is no going back to the good old days (they were really not all that good), but we cannot afford the sort of progress that results in millions of teenagers having babies out of wedlock.

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Tuesday, February 13, 1996

11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2175 Rayburn House Office Building

(Box lunches will be available for those who RSVP by Friday, February 9)

Unintended pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, within the adolescent population are two of the most serious problems facing the country today. Statistics abound, but straight talk about adolescence in the 1990s and its challenges, and effective solutions to combat these life-threatening problems is too rare. Youth have invaluable insights to offer on these issues. In addition, professionals on the front line, those who develop and administer youth-serving programs and those who work daily with adolescents, know first-hand the realities young people face. Our panel of experts will explore some of the reasons that so many of our nation's adolescents are at risk and discuss innovative and successful efforts in communities throughout the country to promote adolescent health.

Presenters

Deborah Y. Delgado

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Baltimore, Maryland

R. Dena Green

Administrator; Child, Adolescent/Family Health Services
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William Johnson

Peer Educator; Advocates for Youth Teen Council
Washington, D.C.

Jerald Newberry

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Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia

Advocates for Youth looks forward to your participation in this important and candid discussion. If you plan to attend, please call Michele Booth Cole at 202-347-5700 by Friday, February 9th. If your colleagues are interested in attending, please ask them to call us. If your plans change, please call to cancel your reservation.

Advocates for Youth is a non-profit organization that works to promote adolescent health worldwide through the prevention of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. This forum is made possible by the support of the Ford Foundation and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

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PLAIN TALK: A COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR REACHING SEXUALLY ACTIVE YOUTH

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW:

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III. EARLY LESSONS LEARNED

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SITES ARE NEIGHBORHOODS IN:

- 1 ATLANTA, GA
- 2 HARTFORD, CT.
- 3 NEW ORLEANS, LA.
- 4 SAN DIEGO, CA.
- 5 SEATTLE, WA.

PLAIN TALK IS ABOUT:

**MESSAGES THAT YOUNG PEOPLE
RECEIVE ABOUT SEX & SEXUALITY**

**MESSENGERS THAT DELIVER THESE
MESSAGES**

**THE TOOLS AND INFORMATION NEEDED
TO EQUIP MESSENGERS TO DELIVER
CLEAR & CONSISTENT MESSAGES**

designed to
↓ attitudes, practices, beliefs
adults, providers, etc

PLAIN TALK TEAMS CONSIST OF:

- **LEAD AGENCY** *county based organizations*

COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

SERVICE PROVIDERS & OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- develop plans based on surveys in county desired to gather info @ attitudes, practices, etc*
- *services already available*

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PLAIN TALK OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES:

- 1) COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ARE THE PRIMARY STAKEHOLDERS AND MUST PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

- 2) THERE MUST BE STRONG CONSENSUS
AMONG THE RESIDENTS ABOUT WHAT
CHANGES ARE NECESSARY**

- 3) COMMUNITIES MUST HAVE ACCESS TO, OR THE MEANS TO OBTAIN RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROBLEMS AND PRACTICES THEY ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS.**

CORE SET OF ACTIVITIES ACROSS FIVE PLAIN TALK SITES:

- O COMMUNITY OUTREACH,
ENGAGEMENT AND MOBILIZATION
STRATEGIES**
- O COMMUNITY EDUCATION & PUBLIC
AWARENESS FOR ADULTS ABOUT THE
NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF SEXUALLY
ACTIVE YOUTH**
- O WORKING WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS
& INSTITUTIONS TO CHANGE
PRACTICES**

CHARACTERISTICS FOR SITE SELECTION:

- O DEMONSTRATED NEED/PROBLEM
HIGH RATE OF BIRTHS TO TEENS
& STDS AMONGST ADOLESCENTS**

- O COMMUNITY HISTORY OF GRAPPLING
WITH CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING
TEENS & SEX**

- O COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
WILLING TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP
W/RESIDENTS**

RACIAL/ETHNIC CHARACTERISTICS:

**NEW ORLEANS - - 99% AFRICAN-
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AMERICAN**

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AMERICAN**

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

**HOW COMFORTABLE ARE YOU
DISCUSSING SEX WITH YOUR TEEN?**

**HOW MANY TEENS HAVE HAD SEX BY THE
TIME THEY REACH AGE 18?**

INITIAL THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT WILL WORK:

- 1) ADULTS ARE PEOPLE TOO.**
- 2) ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS REMAINS A PROBLEM BUT A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY MAY PRESENT ITSELF IN THE FORM OF CONTINUED REFORM**
- 3) IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS NOT A FORM OF BIRTH CONTROL FOR SEXUALLY ACTIVE YOUTH**

**“YOUTH ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING,
IT’S UP TO ADULTS TO SHOW THEM WHAT
IS WORTH EMULATING.”**

JESSE JACKSON

*File
to program*

March 15, 1996

Mr. Warren Jensen
Mr. Ned E. Baker
National Association of
Local Boards of Health
1840 East Gypsy Lane Road
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Dear Warren and Ned:

Thanks so much for your kind letter regarding our efforts to reduce smoking among young people and to bring down the teen pregnancy rate. I am grateful for your offer of support.

As we work to create a healthier society for young Americans and a stronger future for our country, I will certainly keep your organization in mind. Meanwhile, I have shared your letter with my staff.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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Ned E. Baker, MPH

February 6, 1996

The Honorable William Clinton
President of the United States
The White House

Dear President Clinton:

Thank you for sending us a copy of your State of the Union Address.

In response to your comments on protecting our children from tobacco, please be reassured that the National Association of Local Boards of health (NALBOH) continues to support this effort. As local board of health members, who are responsible for recommending or establishing public health policies in our local communities, we are most appreciative of your commitment and leadership on this very important health concern.

We will be following closely the implementation of legislation and regulations and will be standing by to assist in whatever way we can.

In addition to our support of your tobacco efforts, we are also most interested in your comments to reduce teenage pregnancy rates. Again, the over 23,000 voluntary local board of health members who provide the community "grass roots" leadership to local public health can be looked to for support in any national campaign against teen pregnancy.

Please feel free to call on us whenever we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Warren Jensen
Warren Jensen
President

Ned E. Baker
Ned E. Baker, MPH
Executive Director

cc: Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids
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HP program*

March 18, 1996

Ms. Nancy Petersen
Board President
The National Association of Women's
Health Professionals
Suite A-1711
175 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Nancy:

Thank you for your support of our efforts to combat teenage pregnancy. I appreciate your longstanding involvement with this issue, and I'm grateful for your message of encouragement.

We can all be proud that the teen pregnancy rate has decreased for two years in a row -- still, we know the numbers remain far too high. The public and private sectors must continue to work together, supporting grass-roots community efforts that teach personal responsibility and offering opportunities for young people to make the most of their lives. I am pleased that organizations like yours are a part of addressing this formidable challenge.

As you may know, I have asked Dr. Henry Foster to serve as my senior advisor on the issue of teen pregnancy and to act as my liaison to local communities so that I can be sure that we are doing everything we can do to support state and local efforts across the country. I have shared your letter with my staff and will certainly keep your perspective in mind as we work to strengthen families and help young adults make positive choices for themselves.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON

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January 31, 1996

President Bill Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

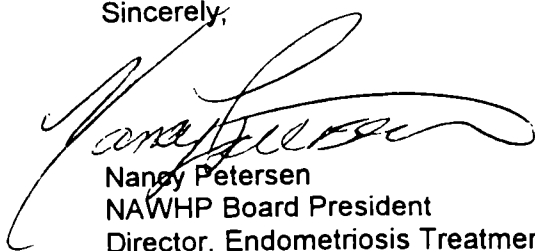
On behalf of the approximately eight hundred members of the National Association of Women's Health Professionals, I would like to recognize your efforts to address teen pregnancy, an issue that is critical to the continued overall health of our country.

As professionals from across the country who provide health care to women, we appreciate the complexity of the teen pregnancy issue. We also understand that teen pregnancy is one of the nation's most pressing social problems that needs to be actively addressed immediately. Our members are committed to providing preventive services and education to all women to improve health outcomes in their communities. Many of our members have implemented programs to reduce the teen pregnancy rate in their communities. In fact, one NAWHP member in Wisconsin is currently developing a pilot community-based program whose curriculum is based on the many lessons learned from numerous benchmark programs around the country. The Administration's recognition of this issue will contribute to the ability of our members to obtain support for their efforts.

Although reducing the national teen pregnancy rate will be a tremendous challenge, failure to address the matter will result in even larger social issues. We commend you for your action and support you in your efforts. We look forward to an opportunity to work with the White House to facilitate the implementation of a national campaign.

Please consider the National Association of Women's Health Professionals as a resource in the future.

Sincerely,



Nancy Petersen
NAWHP Board President
Director, Endometriosis Treatment Program
St. Charles Medical Center, Bend, OR

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NAWHP FACT SHEET

NAWHP was founded in 1987 and incorporated in 1990 as a non-profit, non-partisan professional membership association.

NAWHP's mission and purpose is:

To promote excellence among and provide superior resources to professionals who are responsible for and who champion quality health care for women. The Association:

- ◆ Provides professional development and networking toward the goal of superior leadership in women's health
- ◆ Facilitates informed dialogue on women's health and medicine issues
- ◆ Promotes excellence in the design of women's health programs and service delivery
- ◆ Supports responsible research on women's health issues and the advancement of women in research careers

NAWHP leadership:

The Association's activities are governed by an elected nine member national Board of Directors, composed of veteran women's health professionals whose leadership is further bolstered by the active participation of committee members from across the country.

NAWHP membership profile:

NAWHP currently represents nearly 800 members nationwide. Members are a growing constituency of women's health professionals— clinicians, administrators, educators, social workers, marketing professionals, research specialists, policy analysts, and others— all with a common interest in improving health outcomes for women.

NAWHP professional profile:

The majority of members are women and men working in hospital-based women's health care programs who support the premise that women should be informed decision-makers in their own health care. Their average tenure in women's health is 5-10 years. Most members have graduate degrees or clinical training.

NAWHP members' shared philosophy:

NAWHP members are professionals who have created effective women's health practices that address the unique health care needs of women. Their programs improve women's lives by turning research into reality. Through contact with their clients, NAWHP members reach 100,000 women each day - more than half a million women each week.

NAWHP member benefits and services:

- ◆ Membership Directory with detailed programmatic information
- ◆ Quarterly newsletter, *FOCUS*
- ◆ Regular updates in women's health with *Women's HealthBeat*
- ◆ Annual women's health conference
- ◆ Annual awards for excellence in women's health
- ◆ Mentor program to link professionals across states
- ◆ Surveys on women's health program design and implementation; compensation; general demographics
- ◆ Leadership opportunities through committee involvement
- ◆ Access to an extensive information library and database



**Consider The Leadership Within NAWHP--
Consider Some Accomplishments and Activities Over the Past Three Years**

- ◆ During 1994, the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times and MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour all featured NAWHP's response to fraud uncovered in the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP) Breast Cancer Trial
- ◆ Invited to Washington, D.C. by Health and Human Services Secretary, Donna Shalala, NAWHP worked with the nation's leading experts to develop an action plan to fight breast cancer
- ◆ Cooperated with Johns Hopkins University in the development of the first National Survey of Women's Health Centers (study supported by a grant from the Commonwealth Fund)
- ◆ NAWHP member institutions accounted for nearly 80 percent of *SELF* magazine's recent list of 25 of the best women's centers in the United States
- ◆ The NAWHP Board President facilitated a national conference call on women's health with over 20 participants. Sponsored by Planetree, a consumer health organization dedicated to empowering the health care consumer, the conference call addressed the provision of health care to women nationwide
- ◆ In 1994, NAWHP collaborated with the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the development of the 7th Annual Women's Health Conference
- ◆ When the *Healthcare Forum Journal* planned an issue dedicated to women's health, the editors selected an NAWHP Board member as the guest editor
- ◆ NAWHP was selected by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research as a peer reviewer for the Quality Determinants of Mammography Guidelines
- ◆ NAWHP was among the leading women's health organizations invited to attend the first Corporate Summit on Women's Health, sponsored by Fannie Mae, Merck and others to bring together congressional representatives, women's health experts and corporate leaders
- ◆ NAWHP has received an educational grant to develop four regional seminars across the country addressing prevention strategies and educational programming for the midlife woman

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL: 312-786-1468.

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March 13, 1996

Maureen Gillespie
Mother's Refuge-East and West
1406 East 17th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Dear Ms. Gillespie:

Thank you for the letter. I appreciate your interest in the National Campaign to Reduce Teen Pregnancy, and encourage you to work with the Campaign to address the issue.

Unfortunately, I cannot provide numbers and addresses for each of the individuals you listed, however, I can tell you how to reach both the National Campaign and Dr. Foster. (See attached.) I encourage you to write and to become involved with their work.

Thank you for your interest. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any other way.

Sincerely,



Debbie Fine
Senior Policy Analyst
Domestic Policy Council



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Karen Gaddis, Executive Director

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TO: Debbie Fine

FAX NUMBER: 202 456 7028

FROM: Maureen Gillespie

RE: Request for information about the National Campaign
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Karen Gaddis, Executive Director

February 6, 1996

Ms. Debbie Fine
Fax # 202 456 7028

Dear Ms. Fine,

I am interested in contacting those who are involved with the National Campaign to Reduce Teen Pregnancy. I hope that you will be able to help me by providing me with addresses, phone numbers, or fax numbers by which I could contact the following individuals. I received their names from a White House Press Release of the President's statement on Teen Pregnancy. If there is anyone else who might not have been included in that statement, I would like to contact them also.

Senator Pell
Senator murray
Senator Chafee
Congresswoman Clayton
Congressman Stokes
former Surgeon General Dr. Koop
David Hamburg
Tom Keane
Warren Rudman
Charlotte Beers
Whoopie Goldberg
Andrew Young
Judy McGrath
Dr. Isabel Sawhill
Dr. Henry Foster

Thank you for your assistance. Any information you have can be sent to 1406 E. 17th Street Kansas City, MO 64108. It can be faxed to 816 421 4346. This number is also our phone number so we need a phone call before the fax is sent so that we can turn the fax machine on. Thank you for your help and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Maureen Gillespie
Maureen Gillespie
Volunteer Resource Coordinator