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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-JUL-1997 17:45:49.00

SUBJECT: Re: Results of Video Meeting

TO: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
I can't be involved in the Ashe video. I am out of town. I hate that!

What about Todd?

Sandy

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-AUG-1997 16:09:41.00

SUBJECT: Re: Interns

TO: tsummers (tsummers @ ahc.org @ INET @ LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hey Darlin'!

I know it is sad on your last day. I am so sorry.

Do page me when you get in and I will come get you. We'll talk about all the other stuff when you arrive.

Have a safe trip.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-AUG-1997 13:04:59.00

SUBJECT:

TO: Ashley L. Raines (CN=Ashley L. Raines/OU=OA/O=EOP @ EOP [OA])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hi

Can you put Sandy's middle initial "L." on her business card?

Thanks!

Todd

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-AUG-1997 13:16:26.00

SUBJECT: Parking Space

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. (CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hi Paul!

It's the first day on the job, and I'm still recovering from the Ethics in Government video. Seems like a violation of the Geneva Convention to make people sit through that.

Ashley tells me that I need to speak with you about a parking space at NEOB. I suppose that this will reveal my naivet?, but I'd like to know if I can get on from the DPC allotment. Ashley said that it would probably be possible for Sandy to get one at the West Wing and let me use the one we have here at the building. However, I don't want to do that because it's much more secure for Sandy to be going through the building to get to a space, particularly because of her schedule. So I'd like to be able to get one across the street at NEOB. Possible?

You can e-mail me back via Sandy's account since mine is yet to be implemented.

Thanks for all of your help!

Todd

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-AUG-1997 15:01:11.00

SUBJECT: Re: Parking Space

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. (CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Thanks for getting back to me. Just to clarify - Sandy uses a parking space here at 808 17th, not at NEOB. Does she have one assigned to her at NEOB that she's not using?

Todd

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-AUG-1997 15:35:43.00

SUBJECT: Re: Computers at ONAP

TO: Ashley L. Raines (CN=Ashley L. Raines/OU=OA/O=EOP @ EOP [OA])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Folks here don't know why they were here. Apparently, Carmena met them at the door, brought them back, and they loaded up and removed the computers. My guess is that Carmena was confused and thought that the ones they took were supposed to be surplused. But, as she is not here, that's but a guess.

FYI, it was in mid June, according to Sara.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-AUG-1997 15:35:22.00

SUBJECT: Computers at ONAP

TO: Ashley L. Raines (CN=Ashley L. Raines/OU=OA/O=EOP @ EOP [OA])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hi -

Thanks for the phone book location. Found a bunch. I'll go and get more next time I'm over there.

About the computers we just discussed, I think that the computer people made another mistake. They came by a few weeks ago and hauled off a bunch of the new computers (Gateways) and left all of the old IBMs. Carmena was directing them, but probably didn't know what was happening. So I think the one's that got taken were supposed to stay, and.....

Can we trade back the new ones for the old ones?

Todd (via Sandy's e-mail)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-AUG-1997 09:00:22.00

SUBJECT: Vacant Positions

TO: Jacquie_Lawing (Jacquie_Lawing @ hud.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Jacquie -

I know that you are very busy with the competition, but we are having a REAL problem not having a receptionist. It has been two months since Anthea left. How long do you think it will be before we can get that position replaced?

If you are too busy to address this, can you delegate it to someone else. We're drowning here!

Thanks,

Todd

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-AUG-1997 09:06:12.00

SUBJECT: Computer account

TO: Ashley L. Raines (CN=Ashley L. Raines/OU=OA/O=EOP @ EOP [OA])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Any news on the computer account?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-AUG-1997 17:55:33.00

SUBJECT: Re: Pediatric Labeling

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
---------- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 08/06/97 05:58 PM ----------

Christopher C. Jennings
08/06/97 11:37:03 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject: Re: Pediatric Labeling

Todd - I'm Sarah and I work for Chris and am working on this event. We should talk and I wil bring you up to speed on yesterday's conversations. But can you get the names, organizations to Barbara Woolley (Office of Public Liasion 6-2155) rigt away. We definitely want people you guys want to be there. But we have to get names to Social Office by 2pm. My number is 65585

Thanks

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-AUG-1997 11:44:16.00

SUBJECT: HRC Release: ABA Endorses Needle Exchange To Curb HIV/AIDS

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
---------- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 08/08/97 11:47 AM ----------

Richard Socarides 08/06/97 09:15:53 AM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc:
Subject:HRC Release: ABA Endorses Needle Exchange To Curb HIV/AIDS

---------- Forwarded by Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP on 08/06/97 09:14 AM ----------

Doug.Case @ sdsu.edu
08/05/97 09:25:00 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Stuart D. Rosenstein, Richard Socarides
cc:
Subject: HRC Release: ABA Endorses Needle Exchange To Curb HIV/AIDS

NEWS from the
Human Rights Campaign

1101 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
email: hrc@hrc.org
WWW: http://www.hrc.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1997

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ENDORSES NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS,
PUTS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY FIRST, HRC SAYS

ABA Joins Growing Consensus Recognizing Such Programs
Help Curb HIV/AIDS While Complementing Fight Against Drug Abuse

WASHINGTON -- The American Bar Association endorsed the use of needle

exchange programs today as an effective way to help stem the spread of HIV/AIDS while complementing the fight against drug abuse, and encouraged the removal of legal barriers to such efforts.

"The ABA has joined public health experts in recognizing the scientific evidence that needle exchange and drug treatment efforts complement each other and save lives," said Seth Kilbourn, senior health policy advocate for the Human Rights Campaign. "Needle exchange programs help meet an urgent public health need in communities combating the dual epidemics of AIDS and illegal drug use."

Needle exchange programs provide intravenous drug users with sterile syringes in exchange for used ones. Such programs have been implemented in more than 100 communities around the country, and have been shown to stem the spread of HIV and other blood-borne diseases transmitted through the sharing of injection equipment.

In February, the Department of Health and Human Services released a report concluding that needle exchange programs are effective in slowing the spread of HIV and AIDS.

The Human Rights Campaign continues to call on the secretary of Health and Human Services to act on the scientific evidence demonstrating the necessity and effectiveness of needle exchange programs. HRC is encouraging her to remove current restrictions preventing local communities from using federal funds for these life-saving programs.

The ABA's resolution states that "in order to further scientifically based public health objectives to reduce HIV infection and other blood-borne diseases, and in support of our long-standing opposition to substance abuse, the American Bar Association supports the removal of legal barriers to the establishment and operation of approved needle exchange programs that include a component of drug counseling and drug treatment referrals."

Approximately one-third of reported AIDS cases are related to injection drug use. Sixty-six percent of all AIDS cases among women -- and more than half of such cases among children -- are related to injection drug use.

With the adoption of its resolution today, the ABA has joined a growing consensus in favor of needle exchange programs. Groups supporting such HIV prevention efforts include the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and the United States Conference of Mayors.

The ABA cited evidence that needle exchange programs reduce the spread of HIV and hepatitis among injection drug users and their families; reduce the number of contaminated needles on the street that pose a risk to public safety; do not increase -- and may actually reduce -- illegal drug use; and are vastly more cost-effective than treating the additional people who would otherwise become HIV-positive.

"It's all too rare that saving lives and saving money end up on the same side of the public health equation," noted HRC's Kilbourn. "So ignoring the mountain of scientific evidence in favor of needle exchange efforts would be both morally and fiscally irresponsible."

Beyond the support from public health, scientific and legal experts, needle exchange programs are earning favor with the majority of Americans. Fifty-five percent of voters support such programs, according to a bipartisan poll commissioned by HRC and conducted April 8-10 by the Tarrance Group, a Republican firm, and Lake Sosin Snell and Associates, a Democratic polling company. The overall margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percent.

In addition, a March 1996 survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 66 percent of Americans favor "having clinics make clean needles available to IV drug users to help stop the spread of AIDS."

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-AUG-1997 19:53:53.00

SUBJECT: Reponse to letter from Gov. Pataki

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
---------- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 08/11/97 07:57 PM ----------

Sandra Thurman 08/06/97 03:07:16 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sarah S. Knight/WHO/EOP
cc:
Subject:Reponse to letter from Gov. Pataki

Hi Sarah -

I've been asked to craft a response from the POTUS to a letter from Gov. Pataki relative to funding for AIDS drugs. The letter from Gov. Pataki is dated 6/10/97.

PLEASE give me a call to let me know if you need anything else, or if I'm not doing this correctly. I just started on Monday and don't know my way around.

Todd Summers
Deputy Director

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:27-AUG-1997 19:45:13.00

SUBJECT: Re: POTUS Letter to Keville/Arnold - ADAP

TO: James A. Dorskind (CN=James A. Dorskind/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Jim -

Just to clarify - I drafted a letter from the POTUS to Gov. Pataki, and there was an error in the language. I caught the error and corrected it with Wayna (who was VERY helpful) because Sara was out of town. Neither Wayne nor I knew that the same language had been incorporated into a second letter (the one to the ADAP folks). I did not even know that letter was being prepared, or that my language was being used for another letter.

No biggie - I just wanted to let you know.

Todd

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:27-AUG-1997 16:18:39.00

SUBJECT: Re: Burgos Letter to POTUS

TO: Daniel C. Montoya (CN=Daniel C. Montoya/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Is Tonio leaving the council?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:28-AUG-1997 14:15:33.00

SUBJECT: Re: Larry Brillant

TO: helenmm (helenmm @ itsa.ucsf.edu @ INET @ LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hey There!

No, I don't know Larry. However, I do know that the White House, particularly the President, often ask for the opinions and recommendations of a variety of folks on any given issue for the purpose of review and discussion. Whether they follow them or not is another story all together!

Who is he and what did he recommend?

I will try to be on the call tomorrow for at least part of the time. I have a 9:30 with the VP's office and a 10:30 with the folks at USAID in preparation for my meeting on Tuesday with Brian Atwood to talk about international issues. Let's try to catch up after the call one way or the other.

Hugs!

Sandy

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FOIA: ELENA KAGAN SYSTEMATIC

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:29-AUG-1997 12:37:29.00

SUBJECT: Re: today

TO: Philip G Dufour (CN=Philip G Dufour/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
If we are talking about the meeting with Erskine on needle exchange, I think I am supposed to be in it anyway. If not, I ought to be. I will be awfully unhappy (and vocal) if I am not!

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:29-AUG-1997 12:17:55.00

SUBJECT: Re: today

TO: Philip G Dufour (CN=Philip G Dufour/O=OVP @ OVP [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hey there!

Thanks so much for meeting with us today. It was very helpful.

I would love to be in the meeting with Erskine next week. I don't know him at all (although we have mutual friends) and I think it is probably a good idea to start elevating my visibility with him and the other west wing crew. What do you think?

Sandy

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SUBJECT: Phone Message from Carleton Harrison

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
---------- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 09/03/97 04:37 PM ----------
From: Todd A. Summers on 09/03/97 04:20:22 PM
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To: Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP
cc:

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-SEP-1997 19:36:37.00

SUBJECT: "Plan B"

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
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Let's talk soon.

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-SEP-1997 09:52:37.00

SUBJECT: Re: Talking points on needle exchange

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-SEP-1997 17:39:36.00

SUBJECT: Miami speech

TO: Meiskowitz (Meiskowitz @ aol.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
---------- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 09/17/97 05:42 PM ----------

Sarah T. Holewinski
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I would like to close by mentioning one of the promising endeavors of the federal government, and that is our effort to find a vaccine or vaccines for HIV. You all know that no disease has ever been eradicated without a vaccine.

Several months ago, the President made a bold commitment to finding a vaccine within ten years. The NIH is currently advertising for the position of director, and is planning a new facility on its campus. Dr. David Baltimore, a highly respected researcher, is heading an advisory committee that will guide the work of the vaccine initiative.

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Tom: SLT's closing should refer back to the Tagore quote.

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SUBJECT: Re: Revised Draft Language for Conference Letter -- PLEASE COMMENT

TO: Gordon P. Agress (CN=Gordon P. Agress/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hello Gordon, this is Sarah in Sandy's office. She has actually left already for the US Conference on AIDS in Miami...I hope I am not committing a felony by using her email!

I have fowarded your email to Todd Summers, her Deputy Director who will have his email with him in Miami and therefore be able to be in contact with both Sandy and yourself. I will also be in contact with him later on this evening

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TO: meiskowitz (meiskowitz @ aol.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])
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In fact, there is every reason to believe that the false perception that the cure is here is leading many into a false sense of security that threatens prevention efforts and fuels public and political indifference.

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(Tom Sheridan: Didn't CDC issues a new figure on 9/16 on decline in AIDS deaths? Use most current data. Also, insert a paragraph noting that as deaths decline, people live longer with AIDS and need more care services and need them for a longer period of time. We must remember that our success in preventing death imposes ever increasing care burdens upon our health system and step forward to shoulder those burdens.)

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CREATION DATE/TIME:17-SEP-1997 19:34:20.00

SUBJECT: miami

TO: meiskowitz (meiskowitz @ aol.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
if you are not able to fax the revisions to me (our fax machines may not be accepting either) -- see if you can email them to sandy's address. i am not sure how many huge changes you have made so far....emailing them may not be possible either.

i'll be happy to make the changes that you have, but i am worried that you will not be able to get them to me.
if you decide to fax to the Eden Roc Resort and Spa in Miami the F number is
305 674-5555
and toddly is in room 429

...but please LET ME KNOW! though sandy's chair is quite comfy, i want to make sure that i don't miss something by staying or leaving. I should be at her desk for a while (632-1215).

thanks michael!
sa

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CREATION DATE/TIME:17-SEP-1997 22:11:44.00

SUBJECT: POTUS Letter

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
This is the letter that Daniel has given me from POTUS for Sandy to read with her speech tomorrow morning.

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Warm greetings to everyone gathered in Miami Beach, Florida, for the United States Conference on AIDS.

The epidemic of HIV and AIDS has taken far too many of our friends and loved ones. But HIV/AIDS has also brought forth a remarkable response of hope and determination. That response is reflected in events like this conference.

My Administration remains dedicated to fighting AIDS. We can be proud that, in the last four years, funding for AIDS research, prevention, and treatment has increased by more than 60 percent. But we must ensure that the commitment from communities, families, and individuals remains strong. Each of you represents that vital commitment, and Hillary and I salute you for your compassion and generosity of spirit.

Best wishes for a productive conference.

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SUBJECT: Revised Draft Language for Conference Letter -- PLEASE COMMENT

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
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Gordon P. Agress

09/17/97 07:54:10 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP, Sarah T. Holewinski/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject:Revised Draft Language for Conference Letter -- PLEASE COMMENT

HHS has expressed some concerns about our draft language on AIDS funding for the Administration's letter to the conference on the Labor/HHS appropriation. We've revised our language in an effort to address their concerns, and think the following may do the trick.

Please disregard the language we sent you Monday, and let us know what you think of the following by mid-day Thursday. The goal here is to maintain consistency with the President's Budget, and maintain the President's policy of maximizing medical care to take advantage of the new drugs, without unduly emphasizing differences among Titles.

(New language in bold, deletions in red italics.)

The Administration is pleased that both the House and Senate have provided increased funding for Ryan White AIDS Treatment Grants and AIDS drugs, and hopes that the final bill includes as large an increase for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program set-aside as is possible, consistent with the President's other priorities in the Labor/HHS bill. The Administration is also pleased that both the House and Senate provided at least the $40 million increase over FY 1997 requested in the President's Budget for Ryan White AIDS Treatment Grants, and hopes that the Conference allocates these funds as requested in the President□,s Budget to take advantage of recent advances in AIDS treatment as quickly as possible. The Senate allocated this increase roughly as requested by the President, providing an additional $38 million in Title II grants to States, and the Administration hopes that the final bill reflects the Senate's allocation of this increase. The President's Budget allocated most of its requested increase to Titles II and III (grants to clinics) because these Titles spend larger proportions of their grants on primary care and drugs than other AIDS treatment programs, and the Administration wants to take advant age of recent advances in AIDS treatment as quickly as possible.

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SUBJECT: Miami speech

TO: meiskowitz (meiskowitz @ aol.com @ inet [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
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Sarah T. Holewinski
09/17/97 05:11:36 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject:Miami speech

Thank you all for getting up so early this morning! I'd like to start out by thanking Paul Kawata, the National Minority AIDS Council staff and board, and all of you for allowing me to talk with you today.

I think all of you realize this is an extraordinarily important time for people living with HIV and AIDS. Consequently, the work of those here at the United States Conference on AIDS could not be more critical.

The Indian philosopher Tagore wrote: "Faith is the bird that feels the light of day and sings while the dawn is still dark." Today, paradoxically at the dawn of new AIDS treatments, our faith is challenged as never before.

Most of us have been filled with a sense of great hope and optimism by the new treatment therapies. I know I thought that this might in fact be the beginning of the end of this terrible epidemic, and that maybe, just maybe, we were on the brink of finding a cure.

We know better now. We know that these new therapies do in fact help some people for some time, often in miraculous ways. But we also know that they do not work for others. So the reality of emerging new drug therapies keeps us optimistic, but cannot make us complacent.

The epidemic is not over. (not sure if this sentence was meant to be at the beginning of the paragraph or at the end) You and I know that, but much of America does not. The hope that we all shared has led many across this nation, including those in Washington, to believing that the AIDS epidemic is over. Perhaps our most important job over the next few months is to fight that perception, and share the sad news that AIDS is thriving and growing both here in the United States and across the world.

Yes, the number of deaths from AIDS has declined. That means that many of those here and at home who are living with HIV and AIDS are living longer and better lives. But the number of new infections -- 40,000 per year in

this country and 3 million per year across the globe -- have not slowed. (Tom: add a sentence saying that new infections among women are the #1 growth)

In fact, there is every reason to believe that the false perception that the cure is here is leading many into a false sense of complacency that threatens prevention efforts and fuels public and political indifference.

This morning, I would like to walk through some of the progress made by the Administration in addressing the AIDS epidemic. Then I would like to offer a picture of where the AIDS epidemic is on a national level as evidenced by numbers from the CDC. And finally, I'd like to lay out for you just some of the many public policy issues that are currently being discussed in Washington and ways in which you can and hopefully will play a role in those discussions.

But before all of that, let me start by simply thanking you for all of the good work that you do. I know that many here have been working at ending this epidemic since its beginnings over sixteen years ago. Others have joined along the way, and have helped bring new ideas and energy to the struggle. I know what you're going through. I ran a community-based AIDS organization for seven years, and was involved in AIDS work well before it was called AIDS. Most of us don't take the time to acknowledge how much pain and anguish we witness and experience, so I'd like to take minute just to thank you.

Now on with the work!!!!

I want you to know that there has been a good deal of progress in our Administration's effort to fight the AIDS epidemic and to serve those who are living with the disease. Let me give you some idea of what we've done in the past five years:

(Tom Sheridan suggestion: make all bullets declarative and in an active voice)

The Clinton Administration has increased discretionary funding by 60% since 1993. This compares with an overall increase of just 1% in the total amount of discretionary spending over that same period.

The Ryan White Care Act, which helps many of you provide for the care and treatment for people living with AIDS, has benefited from a 186% increase in funding in four years.

Ryan White funding dedicated to AIDS drugs -- ADAP -- has tripled from the fiscal year 1996 level of $52 million to $167 million in fiscal year 1997.

The Food and Drug Administration has responded to the urgent needs of people living with AIDS by accelerating the drug approval process, resulting in the approval of 16 new drugs and two new diagnostic tests in just the last four years.

We have preserved the guarantee of Medicaid coverage for people living with AIDS. Medicaid is the primary health insurance provider for over 50% of people with AIDS and 92% of children with AIDS.

The Administration supported the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993,

which created a strengthened Office of AIDS Research with the authority to plan and carry out the AIDS research agenda.

We increased funding for the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (or HOPWA) Program from $100 million in 1993 to $204 million in the 1998 budget.

These have been hard-won victories for people with AIDS, and I know that many of you fought hard to make them happen. We all know that there is much more that needs to be done, and that is what we must be about for the next few days here in Miami and for however many years at home it takes until this epidemic is over.

I think the recently released statistics on AIDS deaths by the CDC give us some direction to follow. The CDC analysis fro 1996 reported a 19% decline in AIDS deaths. That is a truly remarkable accomplishment that we need to celebrate.

(Tom Sheridan: Didn't CDC issues a new figure on 9/16 on decline in AIDS deaths? Use most current data. Also, insert a paragraph noting that as deaths decline, people live longer with AIDS and need more care services and need them for a longer period of time. We must remember that our success in preventing death imposes ever increasing care burdens upon our health system and step forward to shoulder those burdens.)

However, we also know that underneath that overall statistic are signs of the substantial disparity in how this epidemic is fairing among those who are often more marginalized and ill-treated in this country.

For example, while the death rate declined 22% for men, it went down only 7% for women.

For whites, the decline in AIDS deaths was 28%. For Latinos, it was only 16%. And for blacks, it was only 10%.

If we look at groupings based on the primary risk factors for infection, the decline was greatest among men who have sex with men, for whom AIDS deaths dropped 26%. For injection drug users, the reduction was only 15%, and for heterosexuals (which includes the partners of injection drug users) the decline was only 4%.

Broken out along racial lines, African-American and Latina women comprise less than one-fourth of all the women in this country and yet they account for more than three-fourths of all AIDS cases among American women.

Now these numbers get a little blurry after a while, particularly this early in the morning, but buried in here are some of the most pressing policy questions of our time. They are now, or soon will be, considered both within federal agencies and Congress as well as in many of your local communities and agencies.

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Let me take a minute to outline some of the issues. I'm sure that they'll sound familiar to most of you.

How does the Ryan White CARE Act adjust to the new systems of managed care?

If we choose to begin surveillance of HIV cases, how do we assure confidentiality and years of carefully constructed and fought-for patient protections?

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READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TO: Richard J. Turman (CN=Richard J. Turman/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
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Please let me know when we have the final language.

Again, thanks so much for your help.

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TO: Richard J. Turman (CN=Richard J. Turman/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
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TEXT:
Absolutely! Todd picked up the HHS summary from Gordon today, though we need (if they are provided to you) the details behind the numbers (e.g., does HHS provide recommendations for each Title of Ryan White?). Can you also send us the HUD budget so that we can see the HOPWA and McKinney funding?

I can't believe that this is now my recreational reading! I need to get a life!

Thanks again.

Sandy

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SUBJECT: Re: Next Steps on Ryan White text in L/HHS Conference Letter

TO: Richard J. Turman (CN=Richard J. Turman/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Yeah!

Thanks so much for your help. Martinis are on me. I am sure you will need one after this.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-SEP-1997 21:29:26.00

SUBJECT: Thanks

TO: Joshua Gotbaum (CN=Joshua Gotbaum/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Thanks so much for all of your help. The changes in the language are extremely helpful.

You do great work. Don't you want to stay in that position forever?....somehow I think not.

Again, many thanks.

Sandy

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We are getting closer!

If we can drop the phrase " as proposed in the President's budget" it would make more sense. It negates the previous statement. The President's budget has lower numbers for both the big cities and the babies. This is not politically wise. The language that I suggested gives us both political cover and consistency with the President's priorities.I think that the language " consistent with the President's other priorities" also gives you the flexibility to insure that other line items are protected.

I realize that this may seem like we are splitting hairs, however, the language is very important in giving us the opportunity to support the President in the AIDS community. These folks are convinced that they have been abandoned by us.

Thanks so much. Let me know what you think.

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Subject: Re: Next Steps on Ryan White text in L/HHS Conference Letter

Thanks for the update! I have a couple of additional suggestions for the Conference Letter.

It might be helpful if we asked for the highest possible numbers across the board (For example...while the President's budget request provided a $5 million increase for Title 1, the House provided a $21 million increase; the President's budget request provided a $4 million increase for Title 4, the Senate provided a $9 million increase). This could be coupled with option 1...offsets which Republicans would not necessarily accept but would give us political cover or option 2 ...accompanied by the caveat that they need to be consistent with the President's other priorities. As long as an out is provided....why not get the political points the Administration deserves.

For example:

The Administration is pleased that both the House and Senate have provided increased funding for many of the Ryan White AIDS CARE Act programs including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. The Administration hopes that

the final bill includes as large an increase for all CARE Act programs, including ADAP as is possible, consistent with the President's other priorities in the Labor/HHS bill to maximize provision of primary care and take advantage of the recent advances in AIDS treatment as quickly as possible.

Give me a call if you have any questions.

Message Sent
To:
Sylvia M. Mathews/WHO/EOP
Maria Echaveste/WHO/EOP
Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP
Joshua Gotbaum/OMB/EOP
Christopher C. Jennings/OPD/EOP
Richard Socarides/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:22-SEP-1997 12:54:38.00

SUBJECT: Re: Next Steps on Ryan White text in L/HHS Conference Letter

TO: Richard J. Turman (CN=Richard J. Turman/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
We are getting closer!

If we can drop the phrase " as proposed in the President's budget" it would make more sense. It negates the previous statement. The President's budget has lower numbers for both the big cities and the babies. This is not politically wise. The language that I suggested gives us both political cover and consistency with the President's priorities.I think that the language " consistent with the President's other priorities" also gives you the flexibility to insure that other line items are protected.

I realize that this may seem like we are splitting hairs, however, the language is very important in giving us the opportunity to support the President in the AIDS community. These folks are convinced that they have been abandoned by us.

Thanks so much. Let me know what you think.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:23-SEP-1997 14:54:20.00

SUBJECT: Meeting With The AIDS Community

TO: John Podesta (CN=John Podesta/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
I am delighted that you are meeting with Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign and Daniel Zingale of the AIDS Action Council to discuss AIDS issues. They are great folk. I in no way intended to usurp your meeting or overstep my bounds by inquiring if others might be included. It was merely an attempt to handle with some expediency a growing number of requests from AIDS groups to meet with senior White House officials.

While both HRC and AIDS Action Council are important players in the world of AIDS, they represent a small part of a much broader and diverse AIDS community. While I have been meeting with all of the major organizations on a regular basis in an attempt to handle their concerns within this office, their growing anxiety about a range of pending issues (see primer below) , in their opinion, merits some attention from those higher up on the totem pole.

It may be that a larger meeting is still be warranted in order to, at least, give the Administration more broad based cover. In any case, I believe that these issues can be effectively managed with a little strategy, a few deliverables, and a lot of finesse. I look forward to working with you to insure that the President and people living with HIV/AIDS are well served.

Many thanks!

FYI -- AIDS-issues-at-a-glance PRIMER:
We are at a particularly challenging juncture in this epidemic. While AIDS has received some of the largest increases in funding in recent years, that gravy train has clearly come to a halt. The balanced budget agreement only complicates matters, particularly in light of the fact that AIDS programs are no longer in the "protected" category. The AIDS community characterizes this move to mean that AIDS has been "deprioritized." Then we add the new (and expensive) drugs to the mix. HHS released wonderful guidelines suggesting that more people needed to get more drugs at an earlier stage of disease, and then made no request for additional drug money. Then we have the Vice President's announcement that the Administration would look into the feasibility of expanding Medicaid to cover AIDS at an earlier stage of disease which raised the expectations of the community right through the roof. That plan is now dead according to Secretary Shalala (although she has not bothered to tell the VP). And last but not least, we have federal support for needle exchange programs, which has become largely symbolic of the Administration's willingness "to do the right thing" in a way that no other issue has since the beginning of the epidemic. All of these issues have combined have led many of the Administration's staunchest supporters to feel abandoned and placed a Republican Congress in the position to take credit for caring more about AIDS than the White House does.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:23-SEP-1997 15:07:38.00

SUBJECT: Thanks!

TO: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Thanks so much for all of your help yesterday with the folks at OMB. The language in the SAP is much improved and puts the Administration in much better light in the eyes of the AIDS community. Hopefully the process will be a little easier next time.

It wouldn't have happened without you!

Again, thanks a million.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:23-SEP-1997 10:34:15.00

SUBJECT: AIDS Meeting

TO: Sara M. Latham (CN=Sara M. Latham/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
I know that Richard Socarities mentioned to you that it might be helpful to include a very limited number of additional AIDS community folk in todays meeting. I have discussed this with both Winnie and Daniel (who set up the meeting) and they are fine with the idea.

As you know, the AIDS community is grapling with a variety of difficult issues at the moment, and have been less than happy with how the Administration has responded. Expanding the meeting would give us added political cover and hopefully save us from having to have another meeting during this busy time.

Any support you can give us in getting this done would be greatly appreciated. It is a great opportunity to kill several birds with one stone.

Call me at 632-1215 if you have any questions.

Many thanks.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-SEP-1997 11:11:41.00

SUBJECT: Re: Philly Gay News and Needle Exchange

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hey! I'll be happy to chat with these folks. Set up a time.

Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-SEP-1997 12:04:31.00

SUBJECT: Re: Meeting with AIDS groups

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
---------- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 09/25/97 12:10 PM ----------

Sandra Thurman
06/05/97 01:18:11 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Nancy A. Min/OMB/EOP
cc:
Subject: Re: Meeting with AIDS groups

Hi There!

You may have already received this message, but my computer is acting up and I couldn't tell if the other note had been sent. So, here is the info again.

We have resheduled the meeting for next Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

We are trying to secure space in the White House, however should that not work ,we will have it in our office.I was under the impression that we had cleared the time and date with someone in your office, but I will double check just to make sure.

As soon as we have a location we will let you know.

Reaction to the letter from Franklin Raines has been mixed. While everyone thinks the letter was nice, they feel that it doesn't have any balast. I have heard from almost all the national groups with the exception of AIDS Action. I will check in with them today.

I have also heard a rumor that there are some numbers floating around on the Hill that are attributed to OMB that outline some sort of "what if" scenarios with respect to additional cuts, should they become nessesary. Of course, as you know, the budget is not my forte, so I don't have a clue what that means. So, I have asked the people who called me about it to get a copy and fax it to us.

I hope all is well. Talk to you soon.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-SEP-1997 14:08:41.00

SUBJECT: Re: Senior Appointee Pledge

TO: Tanya L. Miller (CN=Tanya L. Miller/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
I am not sure that I have ever seen the senior appointee pledge. Please send me another one and I will get it right over to you.

We are located at 808 17th Sreet N.W. Suite 820

Thanks so much.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-SEP-1997 12:04:15.00

SUBJECT: Re: Hey there!

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-SEP-1997 11:48:28.00

SUBJECT: Update on Needle Exchange

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hi There! How are you surviving over there?

As I am sure you know by now, Daniel Zingale of the AIDS Action Council and Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign have met with John Podesta and Rahm Emmanuel to discuss the needle exchange issue. They (Daniel and Winnie) felt that both meetings were quite productive.

I have all of the polling data and talking points that they shared with them and will be happy to get them to you or brief you on them, if that is helpful. However, understanding that this just might not be the only thing on your agenda today....here it is in a nutshell:

1) Recent polls conducted by The Tarrance Group (R) and Lake Sosin Snell & Associates (D) and the Kaiser Family Foundation show that a majority (55%, 55%, 66% respectively) of Americans support needle exchange programs.

2) Needle exchange has become symbolic of the Administration's commitment to AIDS,
particularly among those who perceive that the Administration is abandoning AIDS as
the epidemic moves into communities of color.

3) Mainstream organizations support needle exchange programs:

American Medical Association
American Bar Association
American Public Health Association
American Nurses Association
American Academy of Pediatrics
United States Conference of Mayors
Association of Schools of Public Health
National Black Caucus of State Legislators
National Association of County and City Health Directors
National Academy of Sciences

4) Major newspapers have expressed support in editorials:

New York Times
Washington Post
Los Angeles Times
Chicago Tribune
Seattle Times
Plain Dealer (Cleveland)

5) If we are unsuccessful at protecting the Secretary's waiver authority in conference, the AIDS community is working with Congress to introduce legislation that would give the authority to the Surgeon General (where it was intended to be originally), which could have an effect on the Satcher nomination.

We are working on a memo outling possible "next steps" which might advance this issue ways that best serve the President and the public health and AIDS communities. In the mean time I need your help on the legislative stategy. While Mr. Specter et. al. are happy to chat with me about this issue, any committment on their part will require a push someone higher up on the totem pole than I.

With a little strategy and finnese this"sticky" issue can be managed effectively.

Thanks for your help.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-SEP-1997 14:35:53.00

SUBJECT: Re: Final Day at ONAP

TO: Carmena Parris (CN=Carmena Parris/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
I am so sorry to learn that today is your last day with us. However, I know that you must be looking forward to your next project.

I have enjoyed working with you. I regret that we didn't have an opportunity to spend more time together. These first few months not allowed me to accomplish all the tasks I had planned initially.

Best of luck in your new endeavors. If I can ever be of help in any way I hope you will give me a call.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-SEP-1997 12:19:23.00

SUBJECT: Needle Exchange

TO: Rahm I. Emanuel (CN=Rahm I. Emanuel/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Thanks so much for meeting with Daniel Zingale and Winnie Stachelberg. They were pleased to have an opportunity to share information on needle exchange programs with you and felt like the meeting was very productive.

We have been working continuously on this issue for the past few months. It has certainly not been without a few challenges. However, we have collected good data and have, in addition to the polling data Winnie and Daniel gave you yesterday, talking points and briefing books that might be helpful to you in future disussions.

Again, thanks for the meeting and let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. I would be more than happy to pull together whatever you need.

Sandy

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006. email	Sandra Thurman to Sylvia M. Mathews at 09:41:40.00. Subject: Re: Meeting with the AIDS Commmunity. (1 page)	09/26/1997	P5

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:30-SEP-1997 15:47:52.00

SUBJECT: Re: HHS Guidebook for grandparenting orphaned children

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Good idea! But call Dedorah to get the book. If we tip our hand to the others at HHS they will shut us down pronto. We have to get the info first, decide to do whatever, and then call HHS and tell them what we are going to do before they even know we have the info.

Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-OCT-1997 13:30:24.00

SUBJECT: Paul Yandura

TO: Ashley L. Raines (CN=Ashley L. Raines/OU=OA/O=EOP @ EOP [OA])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hey Darlin'!

What do I have to do to get my little Paul a blue badge so that he can give tours and schlep stuff over tothe DPC? If I have to beg I will!

Hugs.

Sandy

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-OCT-1997 17:13:21.00

SUBJECT: Re: Next Steps on Ryan White text in L/HHS Conference Letter

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
---------- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 10/03/97 05:18 PM ----------

Richard J. Turman
09/22/97 08:56:55 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP
cc: Barry T. Clendenin/OMB/EOP, Gordon P. Agress/OMB/EOP
Subject: Re: Next Steps on Ryan White text in L/HHS Conference Letter

We're done.

I just finished consulting with Josh on your suggestion to drop the reference to the President's Budget, and he agreed that it could be removed. The text may already be in clearance, but we'll catch up to it so that it reads as follows:

The Administration is pleased that both the House and Senate have provided increased funding for many of the Ryan White AIDS CARE Act programs including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. The Administration hopes that the final bill includes as large an increase for all CARE Act programs, including ADAP, as is possible, consistent with the President's other priorities in the Labor/HHS bill, and that the funds are allocated to maximize the provision of primary care.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1997 10:16:26.00

SUBJECT: Re: Travel vouchers

TO: Sarah T. Holewinski (CN=Sarah T. Holewinski/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
I don't have a clue! Carmena used to do them. We better call Ashley.

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007. email	Sandra Thurman to Bruce N. Reed. Subject: Re: World AIDS AIDS Day Activities. (1 page)	10/06/1997	P6/b(6)

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-OCT-1997 11:31:23.00

SUBJECT: World AIDS Day Activities

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hi! I hope you had a nice weekend.

We have been working on our plans for World AIDS Day, which is Monday, December 1. I think it might be in our best interest, given the climate in the AIDS community, to seize the opportunity to do something high profile (and very low risk) that could include as many of our constituents as possible.

The theme this year, which is set by the World Health Organization, is "Children Living in a World with AIDS." You can't get much safer than that on this issue ....and it is consistent with the Administration's focus on children's issues.

I thought we might plan something at the White House in the afternoon (I checked the schedule. The President is available) and honor one of the greatest heroes of the AIDS epidemic, the ever popular Dr. C. Everett Koop, who just happens to be a pediatrician. We could use a format similar to the one we used for the Tuskeegee event, with the address happening in one room, and a reception following in the other. The President could make remarks about all the great news we have on the pediatric AIDS front in t he United States, i.e. dramatically declining neonatal transmission rates, pediatric labeling and new treatment guidelines for children, and stress the importance of the Vaccine Initiative in light of the 1 million new pediatric infections per year worldwide and the challenge of the exploding number of AIDS orphans.

We can stage the backdrop with international children's choirs and portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt dedicated to children. The White House should already be decorated for the holidays (I'll check with Robin) which should get everyone in the spirit.

There is an chance that we can get Rosie O'Donnell or Whoopi Goldberg to join us as possible MCs if you think that might be interesting. I spoke to Elton John about being with us but he is going to be out of the country. He has asked to do something with us in the spring.

Both the Vice President and Mrs. Gore have asked us to arrange something for them for the day that is "hands on". I have not yet talked to the First Lady's staff about her interest. However, there are several activities that might work for her including a vigil sponsored by the AIDS Interfaith Network and our office on Sunday night at which Marion Wright Edelman is giving the sermon, and a prayer breakfast with the AIDS Interfaith Network releasing their report on the state of the epidemic in the national church.

The AIDS office has tried to put together a similar event for the last couple of years but it never quite happened. Why not now?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-OCT-1997 13:36:59.00

SUBJECT: Washington Whispers

TO: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Christopher C. Jennings (CN=Christopher C. Jennings/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Sarah A. Bianchi (CN=Sarah A. Bianchi/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
FYI - This story is still brewing but we are attempting to manage it.

Sandy

From the Washington Whispers section of the current issue of U.S. News and World Report:

Web page:
http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/971013/13whis.htm

A needling issue

Several members of President Clinton's advisory council on HIV/AIDS are upset over his failure to speak out against a bill tightening a ban on federally funded needle-exchange programs. They have threatened to resign if he signs such legislation. For years, the ban--annually tacked on to the appropriations bill for the Department of Health and Human Services--included a clause permitting needle exchanges only if scientific evidence showed they would lower HIV infections and not increase drug use. Now that seven major studies have reached that conclusion, HHS could lift the ban. However, the House has passed a revised version of the bill that drops the scientific loophole. The Senate bill did not include the new language. The two chambers

will try to resolve their differences this week. But Clinton's reluctance to join the fray has frustrated several members of the 34-person council he set up two years ago. Bob Fogel, a Chicago lawyer and Clinton fund-raiser, was among those who told the council he will step down if Clinton, wary of being branded as soft on drugs, signs any bill with the stricter language. Proponents of needle exchange argue that such programs, which are supported by the American Medical Association, National Science Foundation, and American Bar Association, could save 10,000 lives over the next five years.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-OCT-1997 17:26:18.00

SUBJECT: Pelosi language

TO: dvonzinkernagel (dvonzinkernagel @ osophs.dhhs.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
From Todd -

---------- Forwarded by Sandra Thurman/OPD/EOP on 10/08/97 05:31 PM ----------

Sandra Thurman 10/08/97 05:23:12 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Joshua Gotbaum/OMB/EOP, Richard J. Turman/OMB/EOP
cc: Todd A. Summers/OPD/EOP
Subject:Pelosi language

In response to the substitute amendment on needle exchange prepared by Representative Pelosi, I would like to offer the following comments:

This amendment transfers authority away from the Secretary of HHS and puts it into the hands of local public health officials. We have been working a great deal with community groups and Senate staff, telling them that the White House is firmly behind the Senate version of the bill which leaves the Secretary's waiver authority intact. I do not think they will be at all happy if we suddenly change our tune on them.

I talked to HHS today and they are still firmly behind the effort to support the Senate version, and we are as well.

Several of the most active community people have expressed strong objection to compromising now. They feel that the fight to maintain the Senate version is far from over and that a compromise now simply defeats their efforts.

Recognizing that this is an attempt to mediate a compromise, I have concern about the delineation of specific conditions that must be met in order for a needle exchange program to be acceptable. Though the conditions outlined in the Pelosi language are not in and of themselves inappropriate, it would be preferable to have more generic language about local control instead of restricting the Secretary by prescribing conditions in the legislation at this time. This preserves the option for the Secretary to narrow the scope in the future.

Should we find ourselves in the unfortunate position of having to offer a compromise, I would recommend that we suggest language which retains the authority with the Secretary of HHS and which includes more general language providing for local control over the implementation of needle exchange programs. If the delineation of specific conditions is necessary in order for a compromise to be achieved, then those outlined in the

Pelosi language would be acceptable, along with retention of the Secretary's authority.

Alternative language:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds appropriated under this Act may be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needle for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drugs unless the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that such programs are effective in preventing the spread of HIV and do not encourage the use of illegal drugs. Further, should the Secretary make such a determination, no funds appropriated under this Act may be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drugs unless the chief public health officer of t he State or of the political subdivision proposing to use Federal funds for such a program determines that such an expenditure is a necessary component of the comprehensive HIV prevention plan for the jurisdiction and that entities expending funds for this activity provide referrals for the treatment of intravenous drug abuse and for other appropriate health and social services.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

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SUBJECT: Pelosi language

TO: Richard J. Turman (CN=Richard J. Turman/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
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TO: Joshua Gotbaum (CN=Joshua Gotbaum/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
In response to the substitute amendment on needle exchange prepared by Representative Pelosi, I would like to offer the following comments:

This amendment transfers authority away from the Secretary of HHS and puts it into the hands of local public health officials. We have been working a great deal with community groups and Senate staff, telling them that the White House is firmly behind the Senate version of the bill which leaves the Secretary's waiver authority intact. I do not think they will be at all happy if we suddenly change our tune on them.

I talked to HHS today and they are still firmly behind the effort to support the Senate version, and we are as well.

Several of the most active community people have expressed strong objection to compromising now. They feel that the fight to maintain the Senate version is far from over and that a compromise now simply defeats their efforts.

Recognizing that this is an attempt to mediate a compromise, I have concern about the delineation of specific conditions that must be met in order for a needle exchange program to be acceptable. Though the conditions outlined in the Pelosi language are not in and of themselves inappropriate, it would be preferable to have more generic language about local control instead of restricting the Secretary by prescribing conditions in the legislation at this time. This preserves the option for the Secretary to narrow the scope in the future.

Should we find ourselves in the unfortunate position of having to offer a compromise, I would recommend that we suggest language which retains the authority with the Secretary of HHS and which includes more general language providing for local control over the implementation of needle exchange programs. If the delineation of specific conditions is necessary in order for a compromise to be achieved, then those outlined in the Pelosi language would be acceptable, along with retention of the Secretary's authority.

Alternative language:

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SUBJECT: Re: AIDS communications strategy

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Rumbling in the AIDS community? What a surprise! I think a meeting to map out a communications stategy is a novel idea.

A quick update:

1.We have been working around the clock with the AIDS groups, HHS,OMB, our friends on the hill, including Pelosi, and the AIDS Council to manage needle exchange.

2.The news articles re Council members threats of resignation, while serious, reflect the views of perhaps 4 out of 30 members.The others are angry, but not rabid.

3.We have 3 outstanding policy issues that, if properly handled, could get us out of the ditch in very short order. Needle exchange, 1999 budget, VP's sub for medicaid expansion.....all very doable.

4.We must not let it appear that we are driving AIDS policy out of the PR shop.

That only reinforces the perception that we are not serious about this issue.

This is policy and public affairs. I think regular meetings to coordinate our efforts is a jolly good idea.

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CREATOR: Sandra Thurman (CN=Sandra Thurman/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-OCT-1997 09:34:38.00

SUBJECT: Re: AIDS communications strategy

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
I think a little group meeting to map out a communications strategy is a great idea. However, both the council and the AIDS community are looking for results, not rhetoric.
The community is up in arms because these issues have been hanging out there for so long, and the Administration has not been clear with these folks with regard to how we plan to resolve any of them. Our PR is going to have to be spiked with policy if we expect these people to swallow it....the good news is that I think we are at a point where we might have some movement on some of these issues.

We are talking to the groups and the Council on a daily basis. While the news articles regarding the pending resignations of Council members are true, there are only 3 or 4 out of 30 who are ready to resign. The others are angry, but willing to work with us.

Let me know if you need any help pulling the meeting together.

Thanks for your help!

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TO: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
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TEXT:
Either day is fine. Please let me know so I can rework my schedule.

Thanks.