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01-Nov-1995 06:04pm

TO: Deborah L. Fine

FROM: Patsy Fleming
 AIDS Policy Council

SUBJECT: RE: weekly reports

Weekly Report for the AIDS Policy Office:

Patsy Fleming spoke at the opening of SafeHome, a transitional living space for HIV positive, homeless young people, a project of the Center for Children and Families in New York City.

Patsy was interviewed by the Advocate, a monthly magazine targeting the gay and lesbian community about the up-coming White House AIDS Conference.

The AIDS Policy Office continues to work very hard on the White House AIDS Conference. The invitation list is almost final and invitations will go out early next week. The media and communications strategies are developed and the workshop issue areas are final.

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26-Oct-1995 12:55pm

TO: Deborah L. Fine

FROM: Patsy Fleming
 AIDS Policy Council

SUBJECT: RE: weekly report

Weekly Report:

The AIDS Policy Office continues to work on the December 6 White House Conference on AIDS. Participants will be selected and invited within the next two weeks. The program is in its final stage of development, focusing on the President's speech and interaction with about 10 very carefully chosen participants. Appropriate Cabinet and sub-cabinet officials have been asked to clear their calendars for the day.

Patsy Fleming was interviewed by David Dunlop of the New York Times on Medicaid. She also did an on-camera interview on Medicaid with Medill News Services of Northwestern University.

Patsy spoke and then met informally with 75 women at the National Skills Building Conference in Los Angeles.

Patsy spoke to high school students, persons living with AIDS and at a fundraising dinner in Portland, Indiana.

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The Presidential HIV/AIDS Advisory Council met on July 27th and 28th. The council was briefed by a wide range of Administration officials, developed initial recommendations for immediate action (relating to Presidential visibility on AIDS, prevention, care, research, and discrimination), and met with the President and Vice President on July 28th. The AIDS office will be preparing a detailed review of the recommendations and proposed responses.

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Weekly Report for July 5, 1995

Key initiatives:

Immediate attention items:

External activities:

Patsy Fleming met with Dr. Peter Piot, head of the UN AIDS Program on June 28th. She hosted a meeting for Dr. Piot with domestic non-governmental organizations. She accompanied Dr. Piot on meetings with House appropriations committee staff regarding international AIDS funding.

Patsy Fleming spoke to the Fourth Annual Ryan White CARE Act National Technical Assistance meeting on June 29th.

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Weekly Report for June 28, 1995

Key initiatives:

The House Commerce Committee delayed markup of the Ryan White CARE Act reauthorization, scheduled for June 27th, because of controversy over an amendment that would have required mandatory HIV testing of newborns in cases where the mother's HIV status is unknown. Action is not expected until after the recess. Senate floor consideration of the reauthorization is still on hold due to objections from Senator Helms, even though there are now 60 cosponsors of the bill.

Immediate attention items:

The AIDS Office has received considerable pressure from both the AIDS constituency and the scientific community, expressing concern that AIDS research programs at the Defense Department will be phased down in FY 1996 due to reduced funding. This would result in serious cutbacks in both clinical trials for HIV-infected military personnel and losses in vaccine research. Traditionally, the Congress has increased the President's budget request (of \$10 million) for this purpose by \$30 million. However, this year, with tight fiscal constraints, this is unlikely. Therefore, in order to save these vital programs, the Defense Department would have to make these funds available. The AIDS Office has brought NIH and DOD together to discuss the possibility of transferring some of the research to NIH, but very little can actually be transferred because of the need to use military personnel in many of the research studies. In addition, the infrastructure that is in place through DOD could not be duplicated elsewhere. It is our hope that the Defense Department can be directed to identify sufficient funds to continue this research.

External activities:

Patsy Fleming appeared on America's Talking as part of an AIDS Awareness Day program on June 22nd.

Weekly Report for June 21, 1995

~~Key initiatives:~~

~~No immediate attention items.~~

External activities:

The Office of National AIDS Policy convened a meeting between the David Geffen Foundation and other foundations funding AIDS programs to provide advice to the Geffen Foundation about its AIDS activities. This is the start of on-going dialogue.

Patsy Fleming met with Carlos Del Rio, Director of AIDS Policy for Mexico.

Patsy Fleming taped an interview with George Strait of ABC News on prevention of HIV infection in newborns.

Patsy Fleming spoke to a CDC conference on prevention of HIV among youth in Atlanta.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

07-June-1995

TO: Rosalyn A. Miller

FROM: Jeffrey Levi
AIDS Policy Office

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for June 7, 1995

Key initiatives:

The AIDS Office continued discussions with HHS regarding Administration policy on HIV testing of pregnant women.

Continued to work with HHS and AIDS groups on final changes in the performance partnership grants.

No immediate attention items:

External activities:

Patsy Fleming met with State Department, Bureau of African Affairs to discuss international AIDS issues on May 30th.

Patsy Fleming participated in the National Public Health and Hospital Institute press conference on payment sources for HIV/AIDS care on May 31st.

Patsy Fleming met with Richard Feachem and Debrework Zewdie of the World Bank to discuss international AIDS activities on June 6th.

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Weekly Report for May 31, 1995

Key initiatives:

Continued discussions at all levels regarding Administration policy on HIV testing of pregnant women.

No immediate attention items:

External activities:

Patsy Fleming did a site visit to New York, meeting with staff and clients of the Hetrick Martin Institute (a program that serves gay and lesbian youth) and Stand Up Harlem (a program serving recovering substance abusers with HIV). She also spoke at an event sponsored by the New York AIDS Coalition and met with Irene Diamond, President of the Aaron Diamond Foundation and principal funder of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center.

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E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

17-May-1995 06:39pm

TO: Rosalyn A. Miller
FROM: Jeffrey Levi
AIDS Policy Council

SUBJECT: weekly report

Weekly Report for May 17, 1995

Key initiatives:

The AIDS Office continued to work with AIDS groups and HHS on final changes in the performance partnership grants.

No immediate attention items:

External activities:

Patsy Fleming attended the World Health Assembly meeting in Geneva and led the US delegation at the UN AIDS program meeting in Venice.

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April 12, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR JEREMY BEN-AMI

FROM: Patsy Fleming

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for April 12, 1995

Key initiatives:

Patsy Fleming convened a meeting with representatives of the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense regarding proposed cuts in AIDS research at the Department of Defense and the impact of these cuts on both NIH studies and other scientific activities. As a result of your letter, DOD is spending its current AIDS research budget of approximately \$45 million; the President's FY 1996 request is \$10 million. In the past Congress has added on significant amounts to the President's budget request. DOD has ordered the AIDS program not to assume this will occur in FY 96 and thus DOD is phasing the reduction to \$10 million over a two-year period. This will permit the completion of some studies, but could result in the loss of significant scientific opportunities unless more money is found for DOD or NIH picks up some of these projects.

No immediate attention items:

External activities:

Patsy Fleming spoke at a Harvard AIDS Institute forum on April 5th in the Kennedy Library and spoke at a press conference.

Patsy Fleming spoke at the Michigan AIDS Fund and participated in a variety of press interviews on April 6th.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR JEREMY BEN-AMI

FROM: Patsy Fleming *PF*

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for March 22, 1995

Key initiatives:

Ongoing discussions with HHS regarding the Administration's policy on prenatal screening and testing of newborns in developing a response that emphasizes universal counseling and voluntary rather than mandatory prenatal testing programs.

Worked with the State Department on the United States nominees for the position at the United Nations Joint Cooperative Program on AIDS.

No immediate attention items:

External activities:

Met with Alexis Herman and the leadership of AIDS Project Los Angeles.

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March 1, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR JEREMY BEN-AMI

FROM: Patsy Fleming

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for March 1, 1995

Key initiatives:

Work with constituency groups on rescissions in Ryan White CARE Act (\$13 million), CDC HIV prevention activities (\$23 million), elimination of AIDS Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program (\$186 million). The AIDS community is responding aggressively to this challenge.

Hearings we held last week by Senator Kassebaum on reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act. We continue to work with HHS and Kassebaum's staff on framing legislation. Kassebaum hopes to mark up a bill in late March.

I briefed Dr. Henry Foster on AIDS issues in preparation for his congressional visits and hearing.

No immediate attention items.

External activities:

I met with representatives of the National Hemophilia Foundation regarding blood policy issues.

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