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Mr. Todd A. Summers
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Executive Office of the President
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Todd,

I am so pleased that you've agreed to work with us on our October 1 conference, entitled, *Integrating a Spectrum of HIV/AIDS Therapies: Maximizing Benefits of HAART with Complementary Care*.

I'm sorry that we were unable to touch base before I left on vacation. However, I've attached the final brochure for the conference here, for your information. We listed you as a panelist for the morning session, to lead a discussion of AIDS policy at the national level, and the actual or potential inclusion of CAM within that policymaking process.

Regarding your suggestion of carrying out more of a question-and-answer session than a lecture, I think it would be ideal if you could do a little of both -- that is, within the 45 minutes of your presentation, you might give a 20-25 minute introduction to the topic, and then open up the floor to another 20-25 minutes of questions.

I will be in touch with you in the coming weeks regarding the logistics of the conference. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or ideas. Again, thanks for your participation, and I look forward to working with you during the next few months.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Sacks
Co-Director of Community
Outreach and Education



Body Positive, a non-profit organization, unique within the AIDS service community, provides lifestyle education, medical information and support groups for people infected and affected by HIV.

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Introduction Representatives from Body Positive and Hunter College School of Health Sciences will introduce the conference structure and mission.

Part I. Envisioning a System of Integrated HIV/AIDS Care

MORNING PANEL SESSION

A. WHAT IS INTEGRATED CARE?

A health care provider will present a practical vision for the development of an integrated system of health care specific to the treatment of HIV/AIDS.

B. INTEGRATING CARE TODAY

Dr. Lark Lands will discuss the current system of care, focusing on specific treatments for symptoms associated with AIDS-related infections and side effects associated with HAART.

C. THE ROLE OF THE PATIENT IN THE INTEGRATION OF CARE

People living with HIV/AIDS will address the active role of patients in integrating the scope of HIV/AIDS therapies available, both today and in the future.

D. POLICY DISCUSSION

Todd A. Summers will lead a discussion about AIDS policy-making at the national level, and its implications for the development of integrated care.

Part II. Creating a System of Integrated HIV/AIDS Care

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Conference participants will choose two working group sessions from a menu of the following choices. Please note that Track I sessions are geared to an audience of clinicians/service providers; Track II sessions are geared to the general public. However, all sessions are open to all participants. *Each session will be repeated so that participants will have an opportunity to attend two workshops.*

TRACK A. CLINICAL ORIENTATION

1. Developing an Individualized Treatment Regimen
2. Evaluation of Therapies/Decision-Making Among Therapies
3. Overview of CAM Research Methodologies and Clinical Trials (Joyce K. Anastasi)

TRACK B. PRACTICAL ORIENTATION

4. Access and Advocacy: Creating a Network (Fred Bingham and Terje Anderson)
5. Modalities workshops:
 - 5A. Chinese medicine/acupuncture (Yolanda Castro)
 - 5B. Yoga/Massage (Niranjana Ron Zisa)
 - 5C. Nutrition/Symptom Management (Dr. Lark Lands)
 - 5D. Meditation/Spirituality/Flower Essence Therapy (Carola Burroughs and Sally Fisher)

SUMMARY: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Facilitators will present the critical issues raised in working groups, and a final panelist will transform those issues into a workplan for the road ahead.

CONFERENCE MISSION: How are people using complementary therapies and alternative medicine (CAM) now, and how should such therapies be promoted to enhance the success of pharmaceutical regimens to treat HIV/AIDS? This one-day conference will bring together a multidisciplinary team of panelists and facilitators to address both the medical and the practical aspects of developing an effective, feasible integrated health system specific to the needs of people with HIV/AIDS. Through panel presentations and working groups, conference attendees will gain practical knowledge and skills to assist them in creating individualized treatment regimens for HIV/AIDS, and in advocating for the development of integrated health care.

AUDIENCE: Over 500 community-based professionals, people living with HIV, policy makers, health department officials and health care professionals. CME credits and CEU credits pending.

SPEAKERS (List in Formation): Joyce K. Anastasi, RN, PhD, FAAN, L.Ac (Columbia School of Nursing), Terje Anderson (National Association of People with AIDS), Fred Bingham (Direct Access Alternative Information Resources), Carola Burroughs (AIDS Wasting Foundation), Yolanda Castro, L.Ac (Highbridge Woodcrest Center), Sally Fisher (Founder, Northern Lights Alternative), Lark Lands, PhD, Todd A. Summers (Office of National AIDS Policy), Niranjana Ron Zisa (Integral Yoga)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast and Registration
9:00 - 9:15 Introduction
9:15 - 10:00 Vision of the Future
10:00 - 10:45 Integration
10:45 - 11:00 Break
11:00 - 11:45 PWA Perspective
11:45 - 12:30 Policy
12:30 - 1:30 Lunch
1:30 - 2:45 Afternoon Session 1
3:00 - 4:15 Afternoon Session 2
4:15 - 4:30 Break
4:30 - 5:30 Closing Session

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For information on pending CME credits at an additional fee, please check here. ☐ CEU credits, check here. ☐

Please identify two working groups that you would like to attend by checking the number of the session below.
Working group titles/facilitators are listed within the conference description on the preceding page.

Afternoon Session I (1:30 - 2:45)

Afternoon Session II (3:00 - 4:15)

Please rank your first three choices (1,2,3) for each session.
You can attend only ONE working group during each session.

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After September 10, 1999

Free
\$15
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Breakfast and Lunch included in the price of your registration.
*Students must attach a copy of current ID with registration.

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Mail registration form to:
INTEGRATING HIV/AIDS THERAPIES
c/o Body Positive, Inc.
19 Fulton Street, 308B
New York, NY 10038-2100

If you would like proof of receipt of your registration, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. We are unable to confirm or register over the phone.