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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410-0001**

Dear HOPWA Coordinator:

MAY - 8 1998

Warm greetings to all those participating in the first national meeting of grantees under the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. The efforts you have undertaken in your cities and States have evidenced a strong commitment to care-giving as a response to the growing HIV epidemic. Together, we can do more to ensure that the national response to AIDS is ever vigilant and that the housing needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS are appropriately addressed.

During these days, I encourage you to discuss the successes and the lessons learned in facing the difficult challenges of AIDS. In meeting our responsibilities as government officials serving at the local, State and Federal levels, our schedules offer too few opportunities to join with colleagues in a face-to-face dialogue to consider what remains to be done and what can be improved. Thus, it is critical that we hear of your experiences and challenges in using this Federal program.

In organizing this meeting with AIDS Housing of Washington, our objective has been to provide the opportunity: (1) to learn from the best practices and examples of successful community efforts to design, plan, operate and evaluate AIDS housing efforts; (2) to explore unresolved issues, emerging challenges and discuss potential solutions to problems facing us; and (3) to learn ways of building a better collaboration between the Federal and State and local governments in our common missions to respond to HIV/AIDS.

At HUD, our efforts are directed at making this federal agency a more successful partner in helping communities use resources to design community solutions to locally defined needs. As recipients of HOPWA funds, your work to administer this program in your community is a vital part of our mission to ensure the public trust in using HOPWA funds. A key theme for our planned discussion is accountability and performance in our efforts to address urgent unmet needs. This is a program that matters on a daily basis to thousands of individuals and families who are severely challenged by HIV and the costs of care. Let us keep their faith by seizing this opportunity for a serious look at what we are accomplishing, and consider how to do an even better job.

Thank you for your on-going efforts to administer HOPWA funds to benefit persons and families in need in your community. I encourage your active role in making this conference a time of sharing, listening, and learning as we seek to improve our responsiveness to our clients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Andrew Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "C".

Andrew Cuomo

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 13th

3:00pm–12:00am Hotel Check-in
 6:00–8:00pm Early Registration
 6:30–8:00pm Reception hosted by Office of HIV/AIDS Housing and AIDS Housing of WA
 (Check with hotel reception for room location)

Thursday, May 14th

8:00am–5:00pm Registration, foyer of Ballroom, 2nd floor

Morning Program

Focus: New Formula Grantees & Grantees' Newer Staff

8:45–8:55am Welcome, David Vos
 8:55–9:15am Ice-breaking activity
 9:15–11:15am HOPWA program overview [presentation, Q&A, discussion]
 11:15–11:30am Break

Luncheon Program for All Participants

11:30–11:40am Welcome, Fred Karnas
 11:40am–12:00pm State of AIDS Housing, Betsy Lieberman
 (overhead transparency presentation at luncheon tables)
 12:00–12:25pm Lunch
 12:25–1:00pm Plenary speaker, HUD Senior Staff [20 min presentation followed by Q&A]

Afternoon Program for All Participants

Focus: HOPWA Program

1:15–1:30pm Overview of meeting, logistics, & staff introductions
 1:30–1:45pm Summary of issues raised in grantee APR's
 1:45–2:00pm Reconfirm key issues, brainstorm desired outcomes, & note additional issues
 2:00–2:45pm HOPWA Program: Implementation issues, unresolved issues, & SPNS
 2:45–3:00pm Break
 3:00–4:10pm Break-out sessions: Grantees' unique roles
 1) Identifying needs (surveying existing resources and assessing unmet needs)
 2) Managing resources by integrating HOPWA with Consolidated Plan, Continuum of Care, & other HUD programs
 3) Listening to advisory panels and consumer input strategies
 4) Working with program sponsors (contracting, timely expenditures, monitoring, and assessing performance)
 4:10–4:20pm Break
 4:20–5:00pm Report back/wrap-up



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Friday, May 15th

Morning Program

Focus: Collaboration with Ryan White Programs

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| 8:30-8:50am | HRSA welcome, introduction to Ryan White programs, emerging issues for HIV/AIDS providers, Steven Young |
| 8:50-9:30am | Why collaboration is important: HRSA & HUD's perspectives on collaboration, common vision, & goals [Q&A, discussion] |
| 9:30-9:40am | Break |
| 9:40-10:50am | Break-out sessions: Enhancing collaboration at the local level |
| | 1) Roundtable discussion: City health dept. staff that also administer HOPWA |
| | 2) Roundtable discussion: All state entitlements & rural coordination issues |
| | 3) Roundtable discussion: Metro areas where HOPWA admin. is not in health dept. |
| | 4) Primer on the Ryan White CARE Act |
| | 5) Update on AIDS Drug Assistance Programs |
| 10:50-11:00am | Break |
| 11:00-11:30am | Report back/wrap-up |
| 11:30-11:40am | Break |

Luncheon Program

Focus: Department of Health & Human Services

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| 11:40-11:50am | Third National HIV/AIDS Housing Conference, Betsy Lieberman |
| 11:50am-12:15pm | Lunch |
| 12:15-12:50pm | Plenary speaker, HRSA Senior Staff [20 min presentation followed by Q&A] |

Afternoon Program

Focus: Multiply Diagnosed Initiatives (MDI)

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| 1:00-1:20pm | Introduction to MDI and overview of HUD & HRSA's programs |
| 1:20-1:50pm | Best practices panel: MDI programs (TBD) |
| 1:50-2:15pm | Question & Answer |
| 2:15-2:55pm | Standard HOPWA requirements [20 min presentation followed by Q&A] |
| | 1) Data collection |
| | 2) OMB circulars |
| 2:55-3:10pm | Break |
| 3:10-4:20pm | Break-out sessions |
| | 1) Roundtable discussion: HUD & HRSA staff on MDI housing issues |
| | 2) Primer on approaches to substance abuse |
| | 3) Capacity building: Technical assistance resources for sponsors |
| | 4) Technical discussion on HUD information systems: IDIS & Communities 2020 |
| | 5) Benefits and challenges of working with Ryan White programs |
| 4:20-4:30pm | Break |
| 4:30-5:00pm | Report back/wrap-up |



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Morning Program**Focus: Owned/Leased Housing, Information, & Referral**

- 8:30-9:30am Housing development: Panel (TBD), Betsy Lieberman, moderator
[10 min presentations followed by Q&A, discussion]
- 9:30-9:45am Break
- 9:45-11:00am Break-out sessions/roundtable discussions
- 1) Information and referral, centralized housing systems
 - 2) Users manual
 - 3) Overcoming impediments to housing development
 - 4) Housing strategies in small cities and rural areas
 - 5) Decreasing need for hospice, reduced demand for congregate: What's next?
- 11:00-11:30am Room check-out/break

Luncheon Program**Focus: White House Office of National AIDS Policy**

- 11:30-11:50am Technical assistance, capacity building, & training resources
- 11:50am-12:15pm Lunch
- 12:15-1:00pm Plenary speaker, White House Office of National AIDS Policy Staff
[20 min presentation followed by Q&A]

Afternoon Program**Focus: Housing Subsidies**

- 1:15-1:30pm Report back from morning sessions
- 1:30-2:30pm Housing subsidies & rental assistance programs: Panel (TBD)
Overview of housing assistance, programs modeled on Section 8, adapting for PWAs, transitioning clients between programs, statewide efforts, & shallow rent subsidy programs [30 min presentation followed by Q&A]
- 2:30-2:40pm Break
- 2:40-3:50pm Break-out sessions/roundtable discussions
- 1) Statewide rental assistance programs
 - 2) Rental subsidy & service coordination: HOPWA & Ryan White
 - 3) Issues in high cost cities
 - 4) Meeting with providers of HOPWA short-term rental assistance
- 3:50-4:50pm Report back, evaluations, & meeting wrap-up
- 4:50pm Adjourn



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