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10:00 AM Monday

12 people

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LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT

*California's Oldest Statewide Civil Rights Organization
Devoted to Issues Concerning Lesbians, Gay Men,
Bisexuals, Transgender, People of Color, Women and
People Affected by or Living With HIV/AIDS*

To: Ms. Sandra Thurman, Director
White House National AIDS Policy Office
Fax (202) 456-2438

A delegation would like to meet with you during AIDS Watch '99. We propose a meeting on Monday May 3 or Tuesday May 4. Since we do not know the appointment times with Senators Boxer and Feinstein, we hope we can be flexible for a time slot with you.

Facilitator: *Herb Schultz will facilitate.* Tom Swann, Board member of Lambda Letters Project. Tom gave the HIV/AIDS report at the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the State Democratic Party and is secretary of Democrats of the Desert Club in Palm Springs. Tom is a member of the Riverside County Democratic Party Central Committee and officer of Desert Stonewall Democrats.

Representatives from Lambda Letters Project, Stonewall Democrats, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Desert AIDS Project, Inland Empire Ryan White Planning Council and Alexander Hamilton Post of the American Legion in San Francisco want to discuss issues including the following:

1. Lambda Letters Project will present a letter indicating the War on AIDS must continue. Lambda Letters supports needle exchange programs if desired by local communities.

2. Desert AIDS Project has the 6th highest per-capita number of HIV-infected people in the country. The executive director (Mr. John Brown) wants to discuss a number of issues with you.

3. AIDS Project Los Angeles and Inland Empire Ryan White Planning Council have several issues to discuss with you.

4. The Legion Post members are veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iranian Hostage Crisis. They have lost lovers due to AIDS and want the war on AIDS to continue. They won a discrimination complaint against the State American Legion and this year (for the first time ever) are going to the California American Legion Convention in San Diego as openly LGBT and HIV-infected delegates.

Please contact Tom Swann at (760) 324-5670 or TASwann@aol.com for more information.

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Herb Shaw
John

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Desert AIDS Project

AIDS Project Los Angeles

Inland Empire Ryan White Planning Council

Lambda Letters Project

Alexander Hamilton Post of the American Legion

San Francisco AIDS Foundation

Desert Stonewall Democratic Club

Stonewall Democratic Club of Los Angeles

Inland Empire Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club

Democrats of the Desert Club

Chair Los Angeles County Democratic Party

Chair Riverside County Democratic Party

Chair San Bernardino County Democratic Party

Human Rights Campaign

NGLTF

Four issues

Funding
Research
Prev
C of Color

Joe Ocosta - Desert AIDS Project

Edward Clayton - Mike Rankin
Veterans with AIDS

John Brown - Desert AIDS Project

Mark Report -

Paul Hagan

Christine Shultz -

Michael VanNessen - Food

John Brown

over 1500 clients

full service clinic - 800 clients

deaths ↓ 40% - 72%

- services from Ryan White very important
- \$320 million for Ryan White

deaths - predominantly gay

- only 19 women

- 6-7 children

International

Tom Swann

- Part of CA cohort
- Research -
- got into drug trial for ganaxolone ACT6-
- silicone oil - Gary Holland -
- NIH - "momentum dried up"
- Patient Bill of Rights

Joe Ocosta

- large cultural barriers in Latino community

HIV Prevention

\$191 million increase

\$474 increase in SAMHSA

362 clients

\$14,000 income per year cap