

Noted AIDS Expert Joins Agnos Staff One Day a Week

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Dr. Donald P. Francis, an internationally known epidemiologist, will join the staff of San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos as a part-time consultant on AIDS beginning on August 1.

Agnos announced yesterday that Francis, who has a federally financed job at the state health department, will join Agnos' staff one day a week.

The rest of the week, Francis will continue in his job as the national Centers for Disease Control adviser on AIDS to the California Department of Health Services in Berkeley, a position he has held since 1985.

Francis' salary is paid by the federal government.

The announcement formalizes lengthy negotiations between Agnos and Kenneth Kizer, the director of the California Department of Health Services. Agnos said the arrangement can serve as a model for other cities.

Francis, 45, was one of the first physicians in the nation to recognize that AIDS was caused by a new

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virus that was being spread sexually.

He received international acclaim as one of a handful of epidemiologists who virtually wiped out smallpox in the 1970s, working in Africa and later in India and Bangladesh.

Francis, who was in Washington, D.C., yesterday, referred all comment on his new position to Agnos' office.

Agnos said Francis' main responsibility in San Francisco will be to work with the private sector to broaden its response to the epidemic that has claimed the lives of 3,000 San Franciscans since 1981.

"The private sector has pioneered model workplace and education and safety programs," Agnos said. "It has expressed a strong willingness and strong interest in working with the mayor's office. Dr. Francis will help serve as that bridge."

Dr. David Werdegarr, director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, said, "Don is a well-informed, excellent person. My understanding is he will be serving more as a liaison, to encourage closer coordination among the city, the county, the state and federal levels. It will not be in an operational job in charge of programs."

Francis has worked with the Centers for Disease Control since 1971, serving in a number of international posts, the latest being an AIDS assignment with the World Health Organization in Sudan in 1987.

His work in the Centers for Disease Control was instrumental in developing an effective vaccine against hepatitis.

Francis received his medical degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., in 1968 and a doctor of science degree in virology from Harvard University School of Public Health in 1979.

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AIDS expert named consultant

Mayor Agnos has announced that an internationally acclaimed AIDS expert, Dr. Donald Francis, will serve San Francisco as a special consultant on the epidemic.

Francis, who starts in his new position Aug. 1, is a specialist in infectious disease with the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. He also serves as an AIDS adviser for state Health Director Dr. Ken Kizer. Francis will hold the state and city positions concurrently.

Francis, whose salary is paid by the federal government, will be responsible for helping the private sector broaden its response to the AIDS epidemic.

"The private sector has pioneered model work-place education and safety programs," Agnos said. "It has expressed a strong willingness and strong interest in working with the mayor's office. Dr. Francis will help serve as that bridge."

Francis, 45, studied at UC-Berkeley and earned his medical degree from Northwestern University in 1968. He received a doctor of science degree from Harvard in 1979.

He joined the CDC in 1971 and is recognized as one of the first researchers to recognize that AIDS was caused by a sexually transmitted virus.

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State Expert Joins City AIDS Fight

by Alex MacDonald

The California State Department of Health will lend the services of Dr. Donald Francis to San Francisco as the city struggles to keep ahead of the burgeoning AIDS epidemic. Francis, one of the world's first AIDS experts, currently serves as an AIDS advisor to State Health Director, Dr. Ken Kizer.

In accepting his new assignment, Francis said it signaled San Francisco's commitment to stay at the forefront of AIDS education, treatment and care. Francis will work one day a week as a

special consultant to Mayor Agnos, the mayor's office announced this week.

A graduate of UC Berkeley, Francis received his MD from Northwestern University in 1968 and a Doctor of



Dr. Don Francis

Science degree from Harvard in 1979. He worked in the World Health Organization's smallpox eradication programs in Africa, India and Bangladesh. Later he contributed to the development of an effective hepatitis vaccine and was one of the first to recognize AIDS as a sexually transmitted viral disease. In 1985 he moved to Berkeley to become the CDC's AIDS advisor to state Health Director Kizer.

Francis, 45, will continue working with the state. His main duty in San Francisco will be to work with the private sector to broaden its response to the epidemic. "The private sector," Agnos said, "has expressed a strong willingness and strong interest in working with the mayor's office. Dr. Francis will help serve as that bridge. Francis will work closely with the state and

federal governments, the Department of Public Health, UC San Francisco and San Francisco General Hospital.

Overall, the city manages \$36 million in AIDS programs and spends about \$10 million annually from the general fund. The mayor's office estimates that the overall cost of AIDS to the city's economy, including insurance and private health plan payments, will reach \$85 million in the coming year.

Since 1981, San Francisco has recorded more than 5,000 cases of AIDS. Three thousand San Franciscans died of the disease and the total, experts predict, will reach 7,200 by 1991. Between three and five San Franciscans are expected to die of AIDS each day in 1991. ■



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DATE: September 17, 1986
FROM: Jeff Amory, Director, AIDS Activity Office
THROUGH: David Werdegar, MD, Director of Health
TO: Y. Clement Shek, DDS, Health Commissioner
RE: AIDS advisory groups

You have requested information about the various advisory groups in the community who contribute in one way or another to the Department's policies and planning for AIDS services.

There are a number of functioning advisory groups. The concerns of some are general, some specific to a particular subdivision of the Department, others have developed in response to community-based concerns. Some are more active than others; some have been active in the past and have become inactive.

Here is the list of groups that we are aware of. I hope I have not inadvertently omitted anyone. If you know of others, I would appreciate your alerting Gary Titus in my office.

(1) The Mayor's AIDS Task Force:

Dr. Werdegar and other senior staff of DPH, UCSF's AIDS specialists at SFGH, Commissioners Lee and Foster, and others. Their main function has been to keep the Mayor abreast of emerging epidemiological trends, diagnosis and treatment issues, and prevention strategies.

(2) The Director's AIDS Medical Advisory Group:

Physicians from DPH, SFGH, UCSF, the San Francisco Medical Society, Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, and others from private practice. Their main function has been to help keep the Director's communication lines to the medical community open.

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(3) Departmental AIDS Committee:

Representatives of all the major subdivisions of DPH providing AIDS-related services. Their main function is to advise the Director on the development of departmental AIDS policy and program, coordination of programs between subdivisions of the department, and discussion of program strategy.

(4) The AIDS Coordinating Committee (no longer active):

A come-if-you're-interested group chaired by the AAO's community liaison. At one point most subdivisions of the Department and all contractors providing AIDS services, as well as concerned individuals without any organizational affiliation, participated. Their primary function was to identify service gaps and identify strategies to fill gaps. Since their functions have been coopted by the AIDS Education and Health Care Services Advisory Committee and various divisional task forces, the ACC has been dissolved.

(5) The AIDS Education and Health Care Services Advisory Committee:

Convened initially as the AIDS Health Care Services Advisory Committee and chaired by the Director of Health, this committee includes members from AIDS contract services agencies, subdivisions of DPH providing AIDS services, private sector providers (e. g. physicians in private practice, Kaiser-Permanente HMO) and community interest groups (e. g. people with AIDS/ARC, ethnic minority groups, gay-identified organizations). The group replaces the AIDS Coordinating Committee and advises the Director of Health on the development and coordination of AIDS programs for which the Department is responsible. It is being expanded to provide greater representation from community groups; its scope has also recently been broadened to include education as well as health care services.

(6) The Advisory Committee on AIDS Services in Ethnic Minority Communities (not yet active):

The Director of Health has made a commitment to convene this group to provide a direct avenue of input from San Francisco's ethnic minority communities regarding their concerns about AIDS. Substantial overlap between this group's membership and that of the AIDS Education and Health Care Services Advisory Committee is anticipated.

(7) Population-specific task forces organized by DPH staff:

- * The AIDS Substance Abuse Task Force, initiated in 1983 by substance abuse health care providers and staffed by DPH's Community Substance Abuse Services, includes representatives of community substance abuse services and concerned health care professionals. Their focus is information sharing, coordination, and advocacy.

- * The AIDS Forensics Task Force, initiated and staffed by Forensic Services includes representatives from the Sheriff's Department, Youth Guidance Center, and the AIDS Foundation. The focus of the group has been the development of educational materials and programs for inmates and Deputy Sheriff staff, policies and procedures for handling of prisoners with AIDS and ARC, and advocacy for expanding AIDS programs in the jails.
- * Perinatal and Pediatric AIDS Advisory Committee includes representatives of various DPH, SFGH, and UCSF departments as well as professional medical societies and the City Attorney's Office. The focus has been on the development and review of guidelines for perinatal and pediatric AIDS cases.

(8) Public agency coordinating groups:

- * The San Francisco Unified School District AIDS Task Force initiated by the school district includes representatives from the school district, DPH, and community-based organizations. The focus of the group is the development of AIDS education guidelines and curriculum for school-age youth and teacher training.
- * The AIDS Research Council, initiated in March, 1986, by Dr. Werdegarr of DPH, and Drs. Volberding and Sande of UCSF, is composed of representatives of both DPH and UCSF. Its function is information sharing, coordination, and identification of funding for AIDS research.

(9) Population-specific task forces convened by community-based organizations or individuals which include participants from DPH:

- * The Latino Coalition for AIDS/SIDA Education and Action (a coalition of Latino-focused service providers), initiated in 1985 by a group of Latino community leaders in the Mission district concerned about AIDS/ARC in the Latino community, includes representation from 15 Latino organizations plus concerned individuals. Primary focus is the development and funding of ethnically sensitive AIDS education and prevention programs and AIDS/ARC services for the Latino community.
- * The Black Coalition on AIDS, initially convened by Commissioner Naomi Gray in February 1986, includes representatives of community agencies and individuals concerned about AIDS in the Black community. Its focus is AIDS education in the Black community and advocacy for resources to support education.
- * The Third World AIDS Advisory Task Force was initiated in the summer of 1985 by a group of Third World service providers, many of whom are gay, whose interest or primary work focus is dealing with AIDS. Its function is to assure the development of ethnically sensitive AIDS education, prevention, and service programs in the Bay Area.

- * The Women's AIDS Network, initiated in 1984 by a group of women working in AIDS services, includes women in medical, mental health, social service and community programs that provide services to women who have AIDS or are at risk of AIDS. Their focus is education, support and advocacy on issues concerning women and AIDS.
- * The Tenderloin AIDS Network, initiated during the summer of 1986 by service providers and neighborhood activists, includes neighborhood residents, business people and service providers. Its main focus is on lobbying for the development of AIDS education, prevention and service programs for the Tenderloin and increasing neighborhood participation in these programs.
- * The Homeless Service Providers Coalition, AIDS Subcommittee, initiated by members of the Homeless Service Providers Coalition concerned about the problems of people with AIDS/ARC in shelters and on the streets, includes representatives of major providers of shelter to the homeless and representatives of AIDS service agencies and city departments. The focus is on the development of a supportive living environment for persons with AIDS/ARC who are disqualified on behavioral grounds from current housing programs.
- * The Kaiser Community Council on AIDS Health Care, initiated by the administration of Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in 1985, includes representatives from Kaiser and designated community agencies. Its function is to facilitate the provision of health care for Kaiser Health Plan members who are persons with AIDS/ARC, through cooperation and coordination with community AIDS service providers.

(10) Other groups with interests in AIDS with which DPH personnel have informal contact:

- * Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights
- * San Francisco Medical Society
- * People with AIDS/San Francisco
- * National Gay Rights Advocates
- * Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom
- * AIDS/ARC Vigil

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MINUTES OF COUNTY COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM
MARCH 24, 1986

The next meeting of the County Community Consortium will be held on Monday, April 28, 1986 at 5:30 P.M. in a second floor conference room at the San Francisco Medical Society. Fran Strychaz, Director of the West Bay Hospital Conference, will be in attendance at this session. We hope to be able to assist Ms. Strychaz with information that will help expedite the ability of medical records workers to code for ARC from patients' records. We will also forward our comments with regards to the correspondence on this issue that was available at the March 24th meeting for those in attendance. This is a most important problem and I urge all interested clinicians to try to attend.

The March 24th meeting was a very productive review of the second draft of the Pneumocystis prophylaxis protocol and consent form. Many worthwhile recommendations and suggestions were made and will be incorporated into the next and, hopefully, final draft of the protocol and consent form. Fourteen of physicians in attendance indicated that they were interested in enrolling patients from their clinic population into the protocol once it is initiated. Copies of the protocol with constructive comments and recommendations for change should be returned to Donald Abrams, M.D., Ward 84, 995 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110 prior to the April 16th meeting of the smaller subcommittee. Hopefully, we will then be able to mail to each interested physician a copy of the final protocol, consent forms, and case report forms for submission to the respective committees on human research. If you were unable to attend the March 24th meeting but are interested in reviewing a copy of the protocol for possible use at your own institution, please call 821-5531 and contact E.T. so that you can be sent a copy of the second draft of the protocol. If you are interested in receiving only the final draft of the protocol, again, please call so that this can be sent prior to the April 28th meeting.

Enclosed please find the schedule for a course entitled "AIDS, 1986, Overview and Update." Harvey Bartnof, M.D., Course Director, asked that this be distributed to members of the group. Although the course is aimed predominantly at medical students, practicing physicians are invited to attend.

Again, please send back your comments with regards to the Pneumocystis prophylaxis protocol so that a final version can be available prior to the next meeting.

Sincerely yours,



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AIDS 1986:

Overview and Update

A Multidisciplinary Survey Course on AIDS

FCM 170.01B (1 Unit) A Preclinical Elective Spring Quarter

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Harvey Bartnof, M.D. - Course Director
Mary Anne Johnson, M.D. - Course Co-Director

April 3

Overview and Introduction/*Harvey Bartnof, MD*

April 10

Immunology and Diagnostic Tests/*Daniel Stites, MD*

Vaccination Horizons/*Donald Francis, MD, DSc*

April 17

Virology and Natural History of AIDS Virus Infection/*Jay Levy, MD*

April 24

Clinical Manifestations of AIDS/*Harry Hollander, MD*

Pediatric AIDS and ARC/*Diane Wara, MD*

May 1

ARC/*Donald Abrams, MD*

Transfusion and Hemophilia Issues/*Herbert Perkins, MD*

May 8

Epidemiology and Public Health/*Andrew Moss, PhD*

Oral Manifestations/*Deborah Greenspan, BDS*

Neurologic AIDS and ARC/*Robert Levy, MD, PhD*

May 15

Infection Control and Prevention/*Mary Anne Johnson, MD*

Heterosexual Concerns/*Connie Wofsy, MD*

Health Care Worker Risks/*Julie Gerberding, MD*

May 22

Treatment/*Paul Volberding, MD*

AIDS: The San Francisco Experience/*Mervyn Silverman, MD*

May 29

Ethical Issues/*Albert Jonsen, PhD*

Psychosocial Issues/*James Dilley, MD*

Legal Issues/*Ben Shatz, JD*

Economics/*Mary Cline, BA*

June 5

San Francisco Systems of Care Panel/*Representatives from the following:*

San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Hospice of San Francisco - AIDS Home Care Program, UCSF AIDS Project and Alternative Test Sites, and Shantl Project. A person with AIDS will also speak.