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TO: All AIDS Community Education and Prevention (E&P) Project Directors

FROM: Multicultural Liaison Board

SUBJECT: MULTICULTURAL LIAISON BOARD

The members of the Multicultural Liaison Board (MLB) would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you and your organization. The MLB was elected at the HIV/AIDS Consensus and Collaboration workshop sponsored by the Multicultural Training Resource Center (MTRC) and the State Office of AIDS on June 13-14, 1991.

The two day workshop solicited input from participants regarding barriers to delivering effective Education and Prevention services to communities of color. Participants sought to identify successful programs, strategies, and materials.

The task of the MLB is to push forward these recommendations and work with the State Office of AIDS to address barriers in delivering effective HIV/AIDS services. As you know, many of the barriers we face are not new. It is the goal of the MLB to advocate for changes that will improve services and service delivery.

The MLB has met three times since the June conference. These meetings have focused on defining our goals and objectives, logistical issues regarding meetings, resources, expanding the board to twelve representatives, defining roles of the State Office of AIDS and MTRC in relation to the Board.

Work has begun on the mission statement as well as a scope of work for the MLB. The working Mission statement is:

The MLB in collaboration with communities of Color and in partnership with the State Office of AIDS will develop recommendations and policies for providing effective education and prevention services for people of color. The board will take a proactive stand on solving the organizational and administrative barriers that face HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Service Providers in delivering services to communities of color.

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These recommendations and policies will address the need to develop and strengthen culturally and linguistically competent programs and strategies. Moreover the Board will advocate for improving the funding process as well push for increased funding for education and prevention services for communities of color.

The key points of the Scope of Work are:

To oversee and give input for the funding process in fiscal year 1993-94. The Board will also develop a response to the UCSF Institute for Health Policy Evaluation of Education and Prevention efforts in the State of California, and develop, with your input a position paper. The MLB position paper will provide direction to the State Office of AIDS for Education and Prevention efforts in communities of color. These products are still being discussed and your input is indispensable.

The Board will be busy in the following months. We are requesting a meeting with Dr. Molly Joel Coye, Director of the California State Department of Health Services. The MLB attended the December meeting of the UCSF Evaluation group and will be preparing a review of the report. we will also be developing the conference summary into a position paper.

Your participation is essential to this process. Please review the enclosed documents and direct your written comments to your representatives. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Board with any comments or questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you.

Attachments