

SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PROPOSED RESOLUTIONWOMEN AND AIDS

WHEREAS, SFAF is seen world wide as a model of education and client services for people with AIDS and ARC, and

WHEREAS, the Women's AIDS Network (WAN) has requested the Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, Dr. David Werdegart to augment client services and education to women affected by AIDS in San Francisco, and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Physicians For Human Rights (AAPHR) identifies women as the fastest growing population of people with AIDS in the United States, and

WHEREAS, FURTHER it is known that:

- * The majority of women with AIDS and ARC are Black or Latina, and are typically excluded from medical, educational, and social services.
- * Women may infect their own children perinatally.
- * A large number of women with AIDS and ARC are IV drug users or are partners of IV drug users.
- * Research indicates that women with AIDS and ARC come late to treatment of any kind and are therefore in a state of crisis.
- * Women who are at risk for AIDS and ARC are often unaware of their risk, making them a difficult population to reach.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation in recognizing that AIDS and ARC affects women, directs the staff to:

1. Assume and maintain a leadership role in addressing the specific needs of women with AIDS/ARC, their children, families, and partners;
2. Create educational materials and other educational ventures targeted to women, children, families, and partners which are culturally and linguistically sensitive to these populations;
3. To use inclusive language in all policies of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation;
4. Insure that policies address the specific needs and concerns of women with AIDS and ARC, their children, families, and partners;
5. Distribute information pertaining to significant policies and program changes to the Women's AIDS Network, Department of Public Health, and other AIDS-related agencies;
6. Assist other agencies in San Francisco in developing programs and resources sensitive to the needs of women affected by AIDS and ARC;

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7. Develop a women's program within the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Client Services Department with the objective of addressing the complex social service needs of women with AIDS and ARC, their children, families, and partners;
8. Send a copy of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation Board of Director's Resolution signed by the President of the Board to Women's AIDS Network, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, the Center for Disease Control, and other AIDS-related agencies.



SHANTI
PROJECT

Support Services for People with AIDS and Their Loved Ones

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION
SHANTI PROJECT

The Board of Directors of Shanti Project move to direct staff to assume a leadership role which insists that the Department of Public Health takes action to pro-actively deal with the current un-met housing needs of women with AIDS, as well as single parents with AIDS who have dependent children, and to specifically follow the following steps:

1. Ensure all Shanti Project clients services policies have inclusive language which specifically spells out that women do have access to all Shanti Project services.
2. Distribute aforementioned policies to Women's AIDS Network (WAN).
3. Direct the Director of Shanti Project Residence Program to establish and on-going formal working relationship with C. Maier, Women's Services Coordinator of San Francisco AIDS Foundation Client Services Department, in order to advocate for and problem solve the special housing needs of women clients with AIDS in San Francisco. Shanti Project Residential services should be utilized whenever appropriate.
4. Direct staff to generate a letter to the Department of Public Health ("cc" to WAN) requesting that the Department of Public Health convene a special group to analyze and make recommendations on how to meet the special needs of women with AIDS as well as all clients with dependent children. Such recommendations should address both short-range and long-range needs and include implementation strategies that can solve immediate need, as well as future needs which should be addressed via the fiscal year 1988/89 budgetary process.
5. Send a copy of the Board of Directors Resolution to WAN under cover letter jointly signed by Carol Tocher, Chair; and, Shelley Fernandez, Board Member. MSPU.



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AAPHR

Position AIDS: A Women's Issue

Background

- Women are proportionately the fastest growing group of people with AIDS in the United States.
- The majority of women with AIDS in the United States are Black and Hispanic.
- Approximately half the people with AIDS in many countries are women.
- Women are often the primary caretakers for those people with AIDS who have lost financial and social resources.
- Women in the sex industry, who often have no alternative means of self-support, are excluded from traditional medical, social, and educational services, yet may be at risk for HIV transmissions.
- Women must be educated as to the role of perinatal HIV transmission.
- Women comprise a substantial number of intravenous drug users, and many women are partners of such users.

Position

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) recognizes HIV disease as an entity affecting women as well as men. We recommend that women be represented at all local, state, and federal levels of HIV disease research, education, and planning. We urge that sexual transmission, perinatal transmission, parenteral transmission, child care, and family care issues as they relate to women are addressed at every level.

Adopted August 1987

PROJECTED AIDS PATIENTS ALIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO BY FISCAL YEAR THROUGH JUNE 30, 1993

(PROJECTIONS FOR WOMEN, AND CHILDREN)

Dr. George Lemp, Dept. of Public Health

* TOTAL LIVING CHILDREN (0-12 YRS) *			
FY ENDING	LOW	MID.	HIGH
80	0	0	0
81	0	0	0
82	0	0	0
83	1	1	1
84	0	0	1
85	1	1	1
86	2	2	3
87	6	6	8
88	9	10	13
89	12	13	17
90	13	15	22
91	15	20	28
92	17	23	33
93	19	28	41

* LIVING ADULT/ADOLESCENT FEMALES *			
FY ENDING	LOW	MID.	HIGH
80	0	0	0
81	0	0	0
82	0	0	0
83	0	0	0
84	0	0	0
85	9	9	10
86	14	14	17
87	16	16	22
88	26	26	34
89	31	40	53
90	43	47	66
91	49	60	85
92	61	76	107
93	68	93	133

1988 data are projections based on the epidemic model, not the actual totals.

Statistical Data Collection - Women's Services Program

As of May 26, 1988

Women (Age 19-61) 65 + over 50 anon phone calls

Heterosexual	51
Lesbian	6
Transexual	6
Bisexual	2
AIDS	22
ARC	43

Women of Color 30

Black	18
Latino	8
Asian	2
Pacific Islander	1
Native Amercian	1
<u>Caucasian</u>	35



IV Drug Users	38
Partners of IV Drug Users	12
Non IV Drug User Male Partners 7	
Transfusion Recipients	3
Unknown	5
Methadone	24
Mothers	39
Grandmothers	6
Children Placed	12
Homeless	19



(Drug Culture 50)

WOMEN WITH AIDS AND ARC RESOURCE GROUP



THE SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION offers two ongoing, open-ended groups to give women with AIDS and ARC the opportunity to meet as a community in a safe, supportive atmosphere.

Join us to:

- * Develop resources
- * Solve Problems
- * Learn more about medical and psychosocial needs and concerns of women with AIDS and ARC

To make referrals, receive information or to become a group member, please call:

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