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Dear Mr. Wadlington:

As you know, the Public Health Service (PHS) sponsored eight Regional Minority HIV/AIDS Conferences across the United States in 1991. During those conferences, community based individuals and others were able to gain same valuable skills and share information about HIV/AIDS in minorities communities.

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is very interested in building on the momentum gained from the regional conferences. One of the many messages that the community gave to the PHS was that of the value of community input in the design of activities which affect minority communities. Thus, in following that message, OMH is holding a two-day meeting to review the results of the regional conferences and receive community input about potential follow-up activities.

Your work on the planning committee, as well as participation at the conference will provide valuable insight into potential follow-up activities. A total of 30 community representatives, three from each PHS region, have been invited to attend this meeting. In addition, staff members from OMH, the National AIDS Program Office, each of the PHS agencies, Office of Civil Rights, Social Security Administration, and the Veterans Administration have been invited. An agenda and list of invited participants for the meeting will be mailed to you shortly.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 1992, and is scheduled to end in the early afternoon on Thursday, June 11, 1992. An informal welcoming reception will be held on Tuesday evening. The Holiday Inn - Bethesda in Bethesda, Maryland is the meeting site. OMH will be able to cover the cost of transportation, hotel and meal per diem. Henderson Associates will arrange your travel and hotel, so please call them directly, identifying yourself as an OMH follow-up meeting participant; their number is 1-800-327-2309.

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OMH believes the Regional Conferences were a great success and wants to build on that success. If you have any questions about the meeting, please call Matthew Murguia of the Office of Minority Health at 301-443-9925. I look forward to meeting you at the meeting on June 10 and 11.

Sincerely,

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