

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 1986
TO: PCHA/PATF
FROM: Curtis Wadlington, IMPACT Co-Chair

On behalf of the membership of IMPACT, the following proposals are made. It is requested that these proposals be given immediate attention and that a response be given without delay.

1. Housing

Given the reality that IMPACT has been left with primary responsibility for the implementation of the housing project, and that this project will, for the foreseeable future, be primarily oriented to minority PWAs, it is proposed that IMPACT be given formal responsibility for supervision and implementation of the program and funding for the housing project, including any re-designing of the program that may be necessary to more appropriately meet the needs of indigent PWAs.

2. Client Services

It is proposed that IMPACT be formally included in any client service strategy developed by PCHA, including assignment of buddies, development of client service programs, etc. Inasmuch as for the foreseeable future, an increasing number if not most of the clients seeking PCHA services will be from minority communities, it is further proposed that IMPACT assigned to hire the Client Service Coordinator from among whichever applicants currently are under consideration.

It is also proposed that PCHA contract with BEBASHI to train IMPACT volunteers to provide counseling services and support group services for PWAs, families and loved ones of PWAs, etc.

3. ATS Program

Inasmuch as there are no minority staff working under the ATS grant, IMPACT requests that minority staff be immediately hired to work in this project even if it means replacing current employees.

4. Minority Outreach Coordinator

It is already apparent that the Minority Outreach Coordinator will be unable to do the job for which he was hired because of the fact that he is being used to provide any and all services in any way related to minority concerns--not just developing the education and outreach programs for which he was hired. IMPACT, therefore, urgently requests that monies be re-directed to permit the hiring of an additional individual to assist in the provision of minority outreach and education services as well as perform the liaison duties which are being assigned to Ted Johnson.