

August 6, 1986

The Philadelphia AIDS Task Force (PATF) is performing a vital and valuable service to the Philadelphia area by addressing the needs and issues of the general community in response to the AIDS health emergency. PATF is to be especially commended for education efforts and for support given to people with AIDS.

Recently, a group of people, most of whom had been previously uninvolved formally in PATF, came together to discuss which of our special skills and areas of expertise we might be able to combine in an effort to support work being done around the issue of AIDS. After careful consideration, we have determined that we would be most useful and effective working as a committee within the structure of PATF, concerned with developing and implementing strategies to reach minority and poor communities with educational and support services. The committee will be called IMPACT (Interpreting Minority Perspectives for Action). Its job description follows.

JOB DESCRIPTION

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1. Provide minority perspective on PATF policies and procedures.
2. Encourage PATF volunteers to become aware of the effects of racism and culturally-biased attitudes on the effectiveness of PATF programs and services.
3. Network within the minority community for the purposes of education and to solicit support from minority professional organizations and churches.
4. Network with other organizations targeting AIDS education to minority and poor communities.
5. Assist in developing, producing and distributing population-specific literature.
6. Recruit minority volunteers for PATF committees.
7. Work in cooperation with the Support Services Committee to ensure that low-income and minority people with AIDS receive efficient, effective and compassionate treatment.
8. Review programs of and with other PATF committees with a view toward identifying other areas of special need.

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Goal Statement

IMPACT (Interpreting Minority Perspectives for Action) has adopted the following goals:

1. To increase the number of minority volunteers in the PATF.
2. To work to assure that minority volunteers are fully incorporated into the work of the PATF.
3. To increase among minority communities their awareness of AIDS and its effects on their lives.
4. To assist in fund-raising, public relations, education, administration, support services and all other aspects of PATF work.
5. To support PATF in addressing the needs of all communities.
6. To assist in lobbying efforts to seek increased funding for education, research, treatment, and support services.
7. To exist as a liaison for specific questions about the state of the Black community as it relates to AIDS.
8. To target specifically Black churches, the Black community and Black professional organizations for receiving information about AIDS and examining how said institutions can become involved in issues surrounding AIDS efforts.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF IMPACT MEMBERS

1. Co-Chairs: Tyrone Smith & Darlene Garner
 - A. Darlene is our contact with the Philadelphia AIDS Task Force (PATF)
 - B. Tyrone is our contact with community organizations
2. All IMPACT members, in their PATF work, must advocate and support:
 - A. The elimination of racist, sexist, economic, and classist attitudes, policies, and activities.
 - B. The awareness of the effects of racism and culturally-biased attitudes on the effectiveness of PATF services.
 - C. The concerns and needs of the following groups: people of color, women, children, the elderly, and IV Drug-users.

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AGENDA - AUGUST 16, 1986

- 7:00 - 7:30 RECEPTION/GETTING TO KNOW US
(HAVE SOME COFFEE, REST A BIT...)
- 7:30 - 8:00 SOME HISTORY AND AN OVERVIEW OF IMPACT
- 8:00 - 8:45 SMALL GROUPS
1. HUMAN SERVICES (TYRONE)
 2. POLITICAL ADVOCACY (KARL)
 3. FUNDRAISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS (FRED)
 4. COMMUNITY EDUCATION (ANNE & ELLEN)
- 8:45 - 9:00 WRAP-UP