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AIDS ACTION

memorandum

To:	Winnie Stachelberg
CC:	Rebecca Haag, Ronald Johnson
From:	Bill McColl
Re:	World AIDS Day Dec. 1, 2008 – Transition Plan
Date:	November 11, 2008

Per our discussion here are our recommendations for activities for we have written for President-Elect Obama on World AIDS Day. (December 1st). World AIDS Day is an opportunity to highlight Senator Obama’s policy agenda and perhaps more importantly his connection to the communities most impacted.

1. Visit locally based HIV/AIDS Service Provider(s).

A. Per our recommendation of the BAI event below, if in New York such a visit could take place at or be coordinated in conjunction with Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC). GMHC is the nation’s oldest not-for-profit, volunteer-supported and community-based organization committed to national leadership in the fight against AIDS. GMHC, like each of the organizations mentioned below, has the capacity and ability to organize and publicize this type of visit.

B. If in Chicago, an event can be coordinated by AIDS Foundation of Chicago to visit an appropriate HIV/AIDS program. The AIDS Foundation of Chicago is a local and national leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS and is well known to Senator Obama. AFC collaborates with community organizations to develop and improve HIV/AIDS services; funds and coordinates prevention, care, and advocacy projects; and champions effective, compassionate HIV/AIDS policy.

C. If in Washington D.C. an appropriate event can be coordinated with Whitman Walker Clinic, a non-profit community-based health organization serving the Washington, DC metropolitan region. The clinic is comprised of diverse volunteers and staff who provide or facilitate the delivery of high quality, comprehensive, accessible health care and community services. Another option is to visit Us Helping Us, which specializes in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care services for black gay and bisexual men.

Note: AIDS Action through its national membership can help coordinate the events with our local partners where necessary. We can also connect the transition team with any of these local agencies or many other service providers in any area of the country.

2. Public Announcement of High Priority HIV/AIDS Issues

Such a statement should include:

- A. Announcements, if any, of appropriate transition appointments if possible (such as the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy).
- B. Reiterate commitment to National AIDS Strategy



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- Note 4-5 major priorities. One issue would be to ensure mention of affected communities including specific mention of Women, People of Color, Gay Men.

C. Reaffirm Commitment to Global HIV/AIDS

3. Evening Event

A. Barack and/or Michelle Obama should attend the “Heroes in the Struggle” Black AIDS Institute Gala Event in New York. Phill Wilson is the Executive Director and a nationally known leader in HIV/AIDS.

Date: December 1, 2008, World AIDS Day

Time: 6 p.m. Reception 7:30 p.m. Awards Presentation

Location: Frederick P. Rose Hall, Home Of Jazz At Lincoln Center (Broadway At 60th Street, New York)

The theme is “Black Men Honoring Black Women in the Struggle.” This year’s honorees include pioneering women who have demonstrated incredible commitments to ending the AIDS epidemic in the Black community:

- Sandra Evers-Manly (President of the Northrop Grumman Foundation)
- Dr. Marjorie Hill (GMHC)
- The Honorable Barbara Lee (U.S. Congress, D-CA)
- Sandra D. Lockett (VP of Public Affairs, BET Networks)
- Gloria Reuben (Actress, AIDS Activist)
- Bev Smith (The Bev Smith Show)
- Dr. Kimberly Smith
- Andrea Williams (AIDS Activist)
- This year's corporate hero is MAC AIDS Fund