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The Honorable Margarita López
250 Broadway, Room 405
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Dear Council Member López,

In response to a request by your staff, we have put together a brief overview of federal and state spending on HIV/AIDS-related programs in New York City. This summary provides information on state and federal funds that are budgeted for HIV/AIDS programs, which agencies are administering them, and what organizations are actually providing the services. In addition, we have tried to address the set of questions prepared by Elsa Rios of the HIV Law Project and sent to us by your staff.

Federal and state grant programs established specifically for HIV/AIDS in New York City totaled \$153 million in FY 2001, with the majority of the funds coming from two federal programs: Ryan White and Housing Opportunities for People Living With AIDS (HOPWA). These two programs offer a wide range of services, including health, housing, and support services for those with AIDS or HIV. In addition, two federal programs that support HIV prevention and surveillance programs provided \$20 million to New York City. In the current fiscal year, the city expects to receive \$1.7 million from the state in order to implement the HIV Reporting and Partner Notification Program; this is the first time the notification program has been fully funded. (Attachment A provides a summary of the HIV/AIDS programs administered by the city's Department of Health.)

Ryan White Program

In FY 2000, the city expected to receive \$97 million in Ryan White funds from the federal government. Of this amount, just under \$2 million was budgeted for administration by the city's Department of Health. The remaining \$95 million was distributed to the Medical and Health Research Association of New York (MHRA), which is under contract to administer the program. The association in turn contracts with over 130 different organizations, including the city's Department of Corrections and HRA, to provide a broad range of services to people with HIV/AIDS. A list of these providers has been included in Attachment B, though we do not have specific information on the contract amounts for each individual organization.

HOPWA

HOPWA is a federal program that provides funds for housing and other support services for the HIV/AIDS population. This program is coordinated by the Mayor's Office of AIDS Policy, and is primarily administered by HRA. The Department of Mental Health also administers a small part of the program. (In the past, the city's AIDS housing development projects – managed by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development – used HOPWA funds. This is no longer the case.) In addition to the federal grant, the city uses state public assistance grants as well as city tax levy to fund these HOPWA-related programs. In FY 2000 the budgeted federal grant was \$35 million. We have provided more detail about the HOPWA program in a news fax prepared by IBO in the fall of 2000.

Prevention and Surveillance Programs

The NYC Department of Health administers two additional federal programs that fund AIDS prevention and surveillance. The larger program, the HIV Prevention Project, provided \$15 million in 2000. Nine million dollars was spent directly by the city and \$6 million was contracted out to 60 community-based organizations. The second smaller program used \$4.6 million in federal funds to pay for HIV/AIDS surveillance efforts in the city, of which \$800,000 was contracted out to the NY Blood Center.

HIV/AIDS Spending Targeted at Women

The first set of questions raised by the HIV Law Project concerned HIV/AIDS-related spending for women. Unfortunately, the information sources that we use do not provide budget information at this level of detail. However, it is not likely that there is substantial funding targeted specifically for women.

In order to give you at least a sense of some of the federal and state HIV/AIDS spending specifically directed at women in NYC -- and to give you a more complete picture of the overall range of providers in the system -- we have included a list of organizations that provide services under contract with the city and with MHRA, the administrator of Ryan White . (See Attachment B.) A quick scan through this list shows that there are a handful of organizations that traditionally provide a range of HIV/AIDS-related services for women, such as the Haitian Women's Program and Life Force in Brooklyn, or the Women's Prison Association and Home in Manhattan. Unless there are other organizations that have developed their own programs specifically for women, it appears that the amount of funding for this purpose is quite limited. A more precise understanding of how many of the contracting organizations have programs targeted for women would require a survey of the contracting organizations.

HIV Reporting and Partner Notification Program

The second set of questions raised by the HIV Law Project concerned the HIV Reporting and Partner Notification Program. As noted earlier, funds for this program were included

in the budget starting only in the current fiscal year. Of the \$1.7 million that has been budgeted, approximately \$166,000 has been spent (through the end of January 2001). The bulk of the funds will be used to pay for 50 staff, most of whom will be acting as Public Health Advisors.

If you have any questions about this please feel free to call me at 212-676-9248 or George Sweeting at 212-442-8642.

Sincerely,

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