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January 11, 1990

Ms. Katherine Collins
Erie Community College, North
Main and Youngs Rd.
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Ms. Collins:

The Health Systems Agency of Western New York, Inc., the eight county health planning and resource development authority, has recently been designated by the New York State AIDS Institute as the primary regional HIV/AIDS strategic planning body for the eight Western New York counties. The HIV/AIDS Institute regional planning process involves the development of regional coalitions composed of public and private sector representatives. The HSAWNY Coalition will provide input to the AIDS Institute with respect to developing annual updates to the NYS AIDS Five Year Plan specific to need and service development in WNY.

There is presently an HSAWNY AIDS Coalition group in place, which was responsible last year for preparing a comprehensive statement on the local system. Your name (or organization) has been suggested as a member of the Western New York HIV/AIDS Coalition Task Force. Task Force members must include providers of services, persons utilizing services, significant interest groups and various NYS agencies. Your particular area of expertise and knowledge would aid the Task Force in its primary goal of ensuring a coordination of effort to effectively address the variability of problems associated with the WNY region. Your inclusion in this group will enhance its effectiveness.

It is anticipated that the Task Force will meet 3-4 times between January 1990 and April 1990, during which time the first annual update of the NYS AIDS/HIV Five Year Plan must be completed. Thereafter, meetings will be convened approximately once a month to obtain your input on the State Plan and to apprise members of new information and new tasks. The first meeting of the WNY HIV/AIDS Coalition is scheduled for February 8, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. at the HSAWNY Offices, 2070 Sheridan Drive, Buffalo, NY 14223. Please fill out the enclosed postcard to indicate your willingness to continue participation on the Task Force. If you are unable to continue, please recommend another person or persons who would represent your organization or constituency. Please return this postcard by Friday, January 19, 1990.

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A meeting notice and materials for the first meeting will be sent out under separate cover.

If you have any questions regarding the work of the Task Force, please call Dr. Mary McNamara Ward, of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian McBride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Brian G. McBride, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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