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MEMORANDUM

TO: HIV/AIDS Community Partners

FROM: Mildred Williamson, Phd, MSW *ENC*

DATE: August 26, 2009

RE: FY10 HIV/AIDS general revenue fund spending decisions

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information about fiscal year 2010 (FY10) HIV/AIDS general revenue fund (GRF) spending decisions made by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

In FY10, IDPH was allocated \$18.4 million in HIV/AIDS GRF lump sum funds, a reduction of about \$600,000 from the previous fiscal year, to support HIV prevention and care activities, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and administrative costs.

We have experienced a surge in the number of people served by ADAP, going from an average of 3,100 clients in FY08 to more than 4,000 clients currently. This increase in clients served will raise our costs to support the program by approximately \$5.4 million. And, depending upon continued growth and utilization in FY10, the cost to support ADAP could exceed this projected funding increase.

These fiscal pressures have forced us to reduce or eliminate grant awards to HIV/AIDS grantees funded in FY09. The grantees and the amount each were funded were based on an objective RFA process that took into consideration the epidemiology of the disease and grantee past performance.

Although these funding decisions were difficult, they were made to ensure the state will continue to maintain its ADAP program without a waiting list for services, something experienced by other state ADAPs. ADAP has historically been the Department's highest funding priority, because it provides life-sustaining medications, and it allows clients to continue working and be productive members of society. ADAP is the payer of last resort and individuals have no other option for this medication assistance.