



The Cambridge Hospital

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May 12, 1997

Robert W. Healy, City Manager
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Dear Mr. Healy,

I am writing in response to City Council Order #014 regarding CDC funding for Cambridge Cares About AIDS (CCAA) and Concilio Hispano.

In March, 1997, CCAA was notified that it was not awarded \$299,949 in grant funding from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CCAA has been funded by CDC for the past seven years. This grant pays for staff that perform HIV prevention work. CCAA also received notice of a \$30,000 decrease in Ryan White Title 1 funding. Ryan White pays for case management and other support services.

CCAA's operating budget for fiscal year 1997 is approximately \$1 million dollars. The sources for this money include a mixture of government and private funding.

Because of several vacant positions, no immediate layoffs are necessary. The full impact of the funding losses will be evaluated along side of the current round for funding requests from the Mass Dept. of Public Health. CCAA, as well as many other organizations in Massachusetts, is writing proposals to the Mass Dept. of Public Health for continuation program funding. Decisions on these requests are due in July.

The board of directors of CCAA is exploring the impact of the funding losses. The board is considering a wide range of program and organizational changes. The board is also continuing to search for a new executive director.

Concilio Hispano also received notice that it was not awarded CDC funding. Like CCAA, the funding covers HIV prevention activities. Concilio's HIV budget is \$355,000 and comes from various sources, including Mass Dept. of Public Health, CDC and Cambridge Public Health Commission.

A meeting is currently planned with CCAA and Concilio Hispano to discuss HIV prevention activities in Cambridge. The purpose of this meeting is to explore current needs and ways of collaborating to meet those needs. At this time, there is no specific request to the City Council from CCAA. As the organizations continue to explore options, it will approach the City Council for assistance, as appropriate. A report of the meeting will be sent to the City Council.

Please contact me at 498-1001 if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John G. O'Brien, CEO



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June 2, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 8, regarding what effects funding reductions will have on Cambridge Cares about Aids and Concilio Hispano, received from John O'Brien, CEO of the Cambridge Public Health Commission.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Eight, regarding what effects
funding reductions will have on
Cambridge Cares About Aids and Concilio
Hispano.

In City Council June 2, 1997

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