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THE REPORT FROM MY AT THE TABLE:

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Date of Roundtable: 3/8/96

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Number of Participants at Roundtable: 12
(See attached At the Table Roundtable Sign-In Sheet. Please send back along with this form
and please make sure that all the participants have signed the sheet.)

Brief Description of Participants (i.e. working women, mothers, ethnicity, age):

President of local NOW, University professors
community activists, mothers, housing activists
former farm workers, lawyers, ages 30-68

Main Topics Discussed:

affirmative action, farm worker health & family problems and housing
+ working conditions, child care

Most Important Conclusion:

The President should stand firm on his commitment to
opportunities for women.

MISCELLANEOUS: (e.g. newspaper clips, other thoughts)

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WOMEN "AT THE TABLE" TALK

San Francisco, California

March 9, 1996

Nelba Chavez, Ph.D.

Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

During this 2 hour discussion, the overwhelming impression I was left with is that women want government funding to be spent on tools - *prevention, education, and community involvement* - to help them get back in the workplace, to help them protect their children from the environment they live in, to help them take better care of themselves, and to involve the community in issues like domestic violence, which they cannot fight themselves.

Managed care threatens women - There is an overwhelming concern that managed care will force the health care system to dump down to the cheapest provider, offer the absolute minimum services, and take no responsibility for further care. This is an especially ominous prospect for women who have mental health and substance abuse problems, for which rehabilitation and maintenance are key to successful treatment, and who often are not able to get health insurance through their work.

Another recurrent issues was the need for comprehensive care - to address the multiple needs of underserved women - family, health, addiction, job, education.

Mental Health is critical in our community. Many women feel hopeless.

Some Concerns and Ideas Expressed:

Build economic tools in places like shelters.

Women in recovery have many health problems. Provide care - including dental care.

Provide more education for adolescent girls on taking care of themselves - These are the ones who are the most likely to contract HIV in the future.

The Administration should use community continuum of care models.

Federal agencies should be better coordinated to provide comprehensive care.

More people of color need to be involved in the decision making process.

Flexibility should be built into government standards for programs.

Managed care must address issues of cultural sensitivity and be community based.

Need for more comprehensive elder care.

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Mental health is a key issue in communities of poor people - poor people need mental health counsel, especially in the areas of substance abuse, domestic violence and depression

2. Managed care does not take into account being culturally ~~center~~ sensitive, and community based

The problems in our areas (poor, people of color) need to be holistic - need to include healing the family

3. We need comprehensive elder care, we are seeing more & more elders who are abusing drugs & alcohol - we need long range planning in terms prevention

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Date of At the Table: 3/9/96

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I am a recovering addict, as a result of my drug addiction. I've been traumatized in every area possible. Empowered by a policy to JAIL ADDICTS versus treatment & prevention 3 strikes is draining our econ.

I'd like to see more treatment & prevention vs. the present war on drugs policy, which is felling miserably.

2. Women in coming into recovery have many health problems as well as mental health problems. Being that poverty & trauma is a way of life for substance abusers.

3. I'd like to see money in Black Grants allocated to areas needed not in building more prison. Our present administration believes prison is the answer for mental illness & addiction.

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. We are Dramatically concerned about the Cabwets Commitment to URBAN INDIAN Programs for Women and Children. Urban INDIAN Programs have historically been a low priority because of our ability to allegedly tap into other resources (ie CDBG, Single State Agency funds etc.) Yet we are serving and treating many, many Tribal members who have temporarily relocated to receive treatment. Further, the Tribes are not making a commitment to continuing to be responsible for members no longer domiciled on Res.

2. ^{Profile of ~~treatment~~} Our Women and Children ~~are~~ Populations in ~~Glitter~~ Treatment changing Dramatically. The Disease of Chemical Dependency is being seen (presenting in treatment) at much later stages today. 60-80% of our families (Single & Headed) ^{our} generally because men are either incarcerated or deceased have come from jail - usually substance abuse related. Most, about 75%, of same & are deemed/assessed to be dual diagnosis.

3. Managed CARE MUST be Considered to have a Component which will take into account the Aspects of ^{minority} Native Americans & Culture - How will we maintain what has been documented over the last 20 yrs to be our most successful method of intervention on the Alcohol & OTD problems of our people; Our Cultural Traditions

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Date of At the Table: 3/9/96

Host of At the Table: JAW Mirikitani

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the
last
3
years

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I need you to know that at age 62, my father came to live with me & he had alzheimer's. When I was 66 my husband developed parkinson's so here I was with two men to care for on my own. I had retired from the public schools but had to go back to work to survive because of the high cost of health services for these two persons. Also I was expected to live on very little or not get help from medicare. The care giving alone was almost devastating let alone the financial problems.
2. Many seniors are abused and it is well hidden, usually. They are sometimes alone and very frightened so they withdraw more and more sometimes abusing alcohol and other drugs and are, at times, over drugged by doctors.
3. The plight of many elderly women is desolate and frightening especially women of color who are poor and undereducated.

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Date of At the Table:

March 9, 1996

Host of At the Table:

Dr. Nelba Chavez
Janice Marquette

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Women and Children: many treatment programs don't provide services for families - Many women with substance abuse &/or mental health problems have family members, esp. children also need treatment.

Problems don't exist in a vacuum - they are multiple. Women need jobs, education, children, and freedom from violence as well as substance abuse prevention.

2. Women with multiple problems need services

Harm Reduction Programs need more promotion.

HIV positive women are being or kicked out of S.A. programs after one slip and left to fend for themselves on the street.

3. Do everything you can to stop cuts in health care, medicare, medicaid. Stop welfare cuts for the poor & encourage welfare cuts for the rich.

We need a national universal single payer health care system.

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Host of At the Table: Glide Memorial Church

Tan Miri Kitani

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Continue to increase diversity on policy levels in (i.e. on your cabinet level, Dept. level) and where decisions are made.
2. Need to speak out in support of affirmative action policies
3. Support for prevention funds for

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Location of At the Table: GLIDE CHURCH

Date of At the Table: 3/9/96

Host of At the Table: NELBA CHAVEZ

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

- Prevention*
1. Please Consider taking time & looking at this situation ~~and~~ prostitution. And Not let these women die and just be statistics of this county, give us the power to do intervention and allow us to reach this population that has never before been addressed. Stats show that over 65% percent of these were raped repeatedly and assaulted on sever occasions and no police calls / *one to harassment*
 2. Mental Health & Substance Abuse go hand in hand, and if I use drugs for 15 years, I need at least 2 1/2 to 3 years of ongoing recovery & therapy and I need all of the help I can get. From city, county, and state. Please continue to service Medical and Mental health to follow up after the program. 75% of all our clients are dually or have a *multitude of problems*
 3. *Intervention* Assist all people with Treatment, intervention, prevention as well as parenting, housing and living skills at this point on paper we are still among the lowest people in the country.

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Violence is not simply an issue of crime. It is very much a reflection of the "values" in our society that starts with how our government views its responsibility in the world particularly in the area of PEACE. As long as our mission for PEACE is not reflected in leaders, all levels of society will be permitted and encouraged to be non-peace oriented, non-negotiation oriented. The most likely victims will remain women and children in every ethnic or class group.
2. Economic - too many services focus on intervention too much funding promotes this imbalance between prevention & intervention. Too many services anaesthetize crisis, communities. Rarely do we empower individuals to lead viable economically stable lives - shelters, housing complexes, social services, educational models, etc. need to be more oriented toward developing economic advantages for underserved & underrepresented communities.
3. Tradition: Americans need to learn acceptance not tolerance. Acceptance, respect and concern over the preservation of every communities culture, religion or spirituality, healing and communication styles.

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Date of At the Table: March 9, 1996

Host of At the Table: Janice Mirikitani

Congratulations Y. Chavez

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. YOUNG WOMEN AGES 15 TO 34 ARE
the 60% of this country's ^{new} HIV INFECTIONS. young women
HAVE sex with males + females! That's a FACT. young women
must have Access to health care on a preventative basis
as well as when illness / crisis occurs in their lives. They must
be taught to pay attention - healthy attention to their bodies.
Educate Educate Educate. There is nothing for a young
woman to be afraid of about her body yet must do not
even look at themselves below their face.
2. PREVENTION MEANS CHOICES CHOICES ABOUT
LIVING NOT PREVENTING DEATH OR
JUST SURVIVING. ASK THE CONSTITUENTS
WHAT THEY ARE INVESTED IN TO LIVE
QUALITY LIVES. PREVENTION MUST INCLUDE
EDUCATION PEER EDUCATORS YOUTH EDUCATING
YOUTH, ELDERLY EDUCATING ELDERLY AND ALL
OF THE REST OF THE SPECTRUM IN BETWEEN TO DESIGN
IMPLEMENT QUALITY OF LIVING THAT EACH RESPECT
POPULATION IS INVESTED IN CULTIVATING. PREVENTION
IS INTERVENTION IN MOST COMMUNITIES SO NEW LANGUAGE IS
NEED TO EMPHASIZE THE EFFORTS ARE ABOUT
THE CHOICE TO LIVE
3. Finding Partners must include time for case
management. A client / patient is not just a unit
of service we are serving women comprehensively.

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Host of At the Table:

Especially women &
color lesbians
immigrants and
More!

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS & ITS IMPACT ON EDUCATION, HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES. WHILE THE EXPANSION OF THESE SYSTEMS IS LARGELY A RESULT OF STATES' POLICY, THE FEDERAL GOV'T SHOULD PROMOTE MORE PREVENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS/MEASURES. THE ~~EXPANDED~~ CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM IS THE FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRY IN CALIFORNIA — CONSUMES MORE MONEY & RESOURCES THAN HIGHER EDUCATION. WITH WOMEN AND GIRLS AS THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION IN THESE SYSTEMS, MOSTLY DUE TO THE "WAR ON DRUGS" / AM GREATLY CONCERNED THAT WOMEN/GIRLS OF COLOR IN PARTICULAR CONTINUE TO GET THE SHORT ~~OF~~ END OF STICK WHEN IT COMES TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAFE, HEALTHY, & PRODUCTIVE LIVES. THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IS ROBBING OUR CITIZENS OF LIMITED & VITAL RESOURCES, AND WAGES AN IMMENSE & DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON SO MANY WOMEN & CHILDREN.

2. DON'T FORGET GIRLS — LET'S STOP THE CYCLE OF ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR NEEDS ^① MOSTLY IN PREPOSITION TO BOYS or WOMEN, AND ^② WHEN THEY ARE FACING PREGNANCY or ACTUALLY BECOME MOTHERS.

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Host of At the Table: JANICE MIRIKITANI

3. COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROVIDING A VARIETY OF REPLICABLE MODELS SUPPORTING & CREATING A SENSIBLE CONTINUUMS OF CARE. I HOPE YOUR ADMINISTRATION IS WATCHING & LEARNING FROM THESE CBO'S.

4. PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS FOR ALL ♀

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. ~~PREVENTION~~ - ~~PREVENTION~~ - ~~PREVENTION~~ - ~~PREVENTION~~
~~PREGNANCY~~, ~~SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES~~
~~PREVENTION~~ - ~~PREVENTION~~ - ~~PREVENTION~~ - ~~PREVENTION~~
~~SUBSTANCE USE & ABUSE~~ -

~~EDUCATION~~ - ~~EDUCATION~~ - ~~EDUCATION~~ - ~~EDUCATION~~
TOTAL FAMILY CARES - HEALTH CARE - MENTAL HEALTH CARE
Harm Reduction - Harm Reduction - Harm Reduction

~~FAMILY RECONCILIATION~~ -
~~SUBSTANCE USE & ABUSE~~ - MENTAL ILLNESS, SUICIDES - PRE-
~~SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (HIV-AIDS)~~ - HOMELESSNESS, T.B.

2.

→ WHY, WHY, WHY, WHY - HOW, HOW, HOW, HOW.

CAN CANADA - AUSTRIA? - NOW SOUTH AFRICA - HAVE

HEALTH CARE - ~~SOCIALIZED~~ - (HMO) INITIATIVES FOR HEALTH
CARE THAT IS (IN-CLUSIVE) AND WE/THIS COUNTRY
CANNOT PROGRESSIVELY PROMOTE A HEALTH CARE WHICH
INCLUDES - MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE, PRENATAL PERI-
NATAL TREATMENT FOR THE MULTI-DIMENSIONS OF A PERSONS

3. NEEDS CONCERNING HEALTH CARE.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ELDER VIOLENCE - CHILDREN.

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Host of At the Table: GLIDE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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"Taking Care of Every Child's Mental Health."

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. Substance Abuse and Mental Health are family issues ^{especially} when the primary client is a woman. The treatment must be from a family systems approach. Treat the woman, her children, father of the children, her parents, brothers/sisters anyone who wants to be in the client's family in a positive way. Resources need to be pulled together to provide this comprehensive approach.
- 2.
- 3.

Women substance abuse impact is have been clients of Family & Childrens Agency, AFDC, medicaid, Criminal justice system. These agencies need to be pulled together to support the family.

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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I voted for you and will vote again, it has to be your policies because i don't know you as a friend next door. my family and extended family here in California need ~~our~~ medicare medical and all other state-government Health.
2. Our need for Health Care plans among Teens Elderly, families with children are needed. HIV Testing is need at all age stages. Drug abuse programs need more money. Outreach programs for adolescences!
3. Block Grants need to be taken out of the hands of Government Agencies and back to local.

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Location of At the Table: Glide Church

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Host of At the Table: Glide Memorial Church
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WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. As Dr. Chavez mentioned that no one comes for help with just one problem but rather a multitude of problems. Currently problems that greatly impact the Asian communities are legalized gambling and teen involvement in gangs. Yet these problems cannot be dealt with in conventional and interventional ways. There are issues to be dealt with such as cultural sensitivity, jobs for youths, positive Asian role models, and domestic violence prevention, as well as immigration issue.
2. More people of color need to be present at the decision-making table as these issues are brought up and policies are decided and designed programs that are ~~research~~ culturally sensitive to people of color.
3. More prevention programs are needed and please we need a national standardized health care system if you are serious about reforming welfare and Medicaid. And thank you for creating the office for Women's Initiatives & Outreach.

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Date of At the Table: Sat. 3/9/96

Host of At the Table: St. Glide Memorial Church

WHAT I WANT THE PRESIDENT TO KNOW

Dear President Clinton:

1. I Have A Concern for the Fragmentation of services to families. Do not just serve one member of family. It's important to serve THE whole family. IF THE child is receiving services the parents should as well. i.e. what is it like for the TEEN who
2. Child care is A problem for women who are trying to Recover from the problems of violence. At home, drug abuse. Child care should be utilized with Any program that includes job training and Education, OR Recovery.
3. As standards are developed for various programs there needs to be flexibility. You must listen to the grass root workers so that if standards or directions need to be changed they will be. So that we don't have the drain of money + human resources as in the welfare system. WORKERS cried out years ago, NO one listened. We need to change outcome expectations per Reality.

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