

Traditional Values

SPECIAL REPORT

Federal AIDS Dollars Fund Homosexual Proms And Fisting Seminars

Tax dollars to help reduce the spread of AIDS among homosexuals are actually going to fund sex workshops and homosexual dating services.

VINCE GAITHER is a homosexual activist in San Francisco who goes by the name “Sister Marymae Himm.”

He is a member of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a drag queen organization that attacks Christianity and engages in lewd sex acts in public.

Gaither has also been a major force behind San Francisco’s HIV Prevention Planning Council and was responsible for helping set spending priorities of millions of dollars a year in Centers for Disease Control grant money for San Francisco’s HIV programs.

According to Eva M. Seiler with the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention with the CDC, Gaither resigned his post in April, 2001.

Gaither, who is HIV positive, was supposed to be promoting “safe sex” among homosexuals in the city, but he himself has advertised on Internet web sites for “barebacking” sex partners. Barebacking is the practice of engaging in anal intercourse without a condom. Gaither was exposed last year in the press for attempting to connect HIV-infected men with others who refuse to use condoms.

PLAY FAIR!

This area of the “Play Fair!” pamphlet contained a drawing of a sex orgy including transgendered men who had male and female sex organs.



The CDC has provided millions to various AIDS groups to allegedly fight the spread of HIV infection among homosexuals. Much of this money is going for projects that actually promote homosexual sex acts—the very behaviors that spread the AIDS virus—and leads to more needless and painful deaths. Programs that fuel homosexual activism should be defunded.

AIDS activist Keith Folger is an organizer for the Stop AIDS Project, a CDC-funded organization. Yet Folger also engages in barebacking. Folger’s group holds “Positive Force,” seminars, which include workshops on how to seduce men and how to engage in satisfying sex if you’re HIV positive.

In April, 2001, Positive Force held a “Poz Prom,” for HIV-infected homosexuals. In September of 2001, this group will be

sponsoring “Great Sex for Poz Men,” described in a flyer as a “hands-on, clothes-on exploration of intimacy and fantasy.”

The Stop AIDS Project also held a “Tranny Fag” forum at the Eros Sex Club in San Francisco on April 10. The theme of this forum was on transgenderism and the male sex organ.

The Stop AIDS Project received \$231,754 from the Centers for Disease Control for 2001. As part of its “educational” campaign, this group sponsored a forum on April 5, 2001 on “fisting” one’s partner.

Drag Queen Fuels Epidemic

Vince Gaither's (Sister Marymae Himm) involvement in the HIV Prevention Planning Council provided him with the resources needed to produce a vulgar "safe sex" booklet called "Play Fair!" The cover of this booklet shows a drag queen holding two sex toys in his hands. To his left is a drawing of five homosexual couples (including a transgendered man) who are engaged in a sex orgy.

Inside the pamphlet, Sister Himm describes various venereal diseases that afflict homosexuals as well as numerous deviant sex practices that include oral and anal sex acts.

Sister Himm also includes a section on "Guilt," which is described as the "deadliest of STDs." According to Himm, homosexuals can contract "guilt" from "someone else's Family Values; Catholic schools (or Jewish, or Mormon, or Muslim, or other religious schools." The cure, says Himm is to "respect and love yourself; Random acts of kindness; your own family values; a good giggle, lightening up."

Throughout Himm's pamphlet, there is no talk about the dangers of engaging in homosexual sex acts—the behaviors that almost inevitably lead to HIV infection and certain death. His discussions focus on various "barriers" homosexuals can use to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV and dozens of life-threatening venereal diseases, but ignores the fact that abstinence from these behaviors will reduce the risk to 0%.

Thanks to the Centers for Disease Control, individuals like Sister Himm can continue to help fuel the AIDS epidemic with our tax dollars by providing information that promotes risky sex acts.

Spending millions on promoting condom use is a waste of money. Last year, the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California at San Francisco published a study showing that 6.6% of homosexuals are being HIV infected through oral sex. According to Walter Armstrong, editor of the homosexual magazine *POZ*, (May, 2000), homosexuals "are willing to die for sex" and that they will not use condoms when engaging in oral sex. Armstrong urges that more money be spent on microbicides so homosexuals can continue engaging in condomless oral and anal intercourse. We pay, while they play.

CDC Helps Fund Erotic Sex Campaign

The CDC also provides funding to the Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center in San Francisco. This group targets Polynesian homosexuals and transgendered individuals with HIV educational materials.

The group has developed a special program to appeal to cross-dressers, transsexuals, and drag queens. It sponsors "Club Euphoria," a support group where transgenders meet in a "safe and nurturing space for making new friends, companionship, and uninhibited discussion." It also provides

Sister Marymae Himm claims that "Guilt" is the "deadliest of STDs." He claims it comes from "someone else's Family Values" or religious schools.

"retreats" for transgenders. Transgenderism is treated as being a perfectly normal expression of sexuality.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation has also been the recipient of hundreds of thousands of dollars from the CDC for "AIDS education" programs.

In 1998, the CDC awarded five jurisdictions in the U.S. funding for demonstration projects to address the HIV prevention needs of those who were already infected with HIV. San Francisco, of course, was one of the sites chosen for this project. At least \$750,000 was awarded to various groups in San Francisco for educational programs. The San Francisco AIDS Foundation is one of those groups.

What has the San Francisco AIDS Foundation done with its CDC funding? Well, it has set up a "Gay Life" web site that helps promote such activities as a "Sexual Health Faire." According to Gay Life, this fair will help men "learn how to awaken and sustain full-body erotic energy." In addition, "Mr. S. Leathers" will hold a workshop on sex toys, while another seminar presenter will discuss the "good, the bad and the ugly of Butt Sex."

The Gay Life web site also offers tips to show homosexuals how to have a more erotic sex life.

Many of these HIV prevention activities actually promote activity that leads to additional infections. It is a disservice to taxpayers who are being asked to pay for these frivolous programs.

Michael Petrelis, an HIV-infected AIDS activist who lives in San Francisco is critical of how CDC's monies are being misused by San Francisco AIDS groups.

In January of 2001, Petrelis began writing a series of letters to Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson, asking his department to investigate the misuse of CDC funds. In a letter dated Jan. 27, Petrelis describes several questionable CDC-funded activities in San Francisco:

- A seminar on "Express Dating." The ad copy says: "Master the art of meeting and seducing men. ... just in time for Valentine's Day."
- "Hooking Up," a seminar on dating and cruising.
- "Man in the Mirror," a self-esteem class to show HIV-infected men how to have a "good — with diarrhea, gaunt cheeks, pro-tease paunch...." Men dying of AIDS should not be encouraged to "feel good" about possibly infecting others.

These projects were sponsored by the Stop AIDS Project, a CDC grantee.

Federal AIDS Dollars Foster Scams

Not only is the CDC funding fisting seminars and cushy retreats for transgenders, federal dollars made available through the Ryan White CARE Act are being embezzled by the heads of AIDS groups throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

The Ryan White CARE Act was reauthorized by the 106th Congress in late 2000. This \$1.7 billion program has turned into a cash cow for scam artists and for activists who are using federal dollars to promote homosexual sexual activities—the very behaviors that contribute to the spread of HIV.

Wayne Turner, a co-founder of ACT-UP, Washington, DC, has expressed concern about how AIDS funding has become a cash cow for frivolous and wasteful programs. According to Turner, it has also become an opportunity for scam artists and embez-

zlers to rip off millions of AIDS dollars for personal gain.

Writing in the April, 2001 issue of *The Washington Monthly*, Turner details several cases that show how easy it has been for criminals to exploit AIDS outreach programs. Among them are:

- In Puerto Rico, Dr. Jorge Garib who ran the federally-funded San Juan AIDS Institute embezzled \$2.2 million in AIDS dollars for luxury cars, jet skis, and off-shore bank accounts. Lawrence Pool, an HHS official responsible for monitoring how Ryan White money is spent has admitted that he never required Garib to provide him with a financial report.
- In Dallas, the FBI is currently investigating an AIDS clinic whose employees had charged Nieman Marcus shopping sprees, calls to psychic phone services, and home appliances for personal use.
- A bookkeeper for the Central Florida United AIDS Resources has been jailed for embezzling \$500,000 from the group.
- The director of a North Carolina AIDS group is being investigated for embezzling thousands of dollars.

The list goes on. Yet there appears to be little accountability or oversight from the federal government on how tax dollars are spent by AIDS organizations.

Unfortunately, AIDS activists are lobbying for far more tax dollars to fund new AIDS activities. President Bush is asking Congress to provide \$11 billion for various AIDS programs. His new AIDS Czar, Scott Evertz, is planning on expanding the responsibilities of the White House AIDS office to include international AIDS efforts.

Evertz, an activist homosexual, is also planning on targeting minority homosexual groups who are being increasingly impacted by AIDS infections. According to Evertz, he will work to remove the "stigma" of homosexuality among black men. He apparently believes that he can reduce the spread of AIDS among black homosexuals by encouraging self-esteem among these individuals about engaging in anal intercourse.

"Stigma" and "homophobia" are the mantras being used among homosexual activists as they seek more

funding for the homosexual agenda. According to Mark Tuggle, with Gay Men of African Descent, “Homophobia is a co-factor to HIV and AIDS. Because of homophobia, men who partner with men won’t discuss their sexual behavior or thoughts with each other.” Tuggle condemns black church pastors who teach that homosexuality is a sin. He says that when black homosexuals hear these messages, they “don’t feel valued.”

We Need a Rational Response to AIDS

According to several AIDS experts, our national policies on fighting this epidemic have been a disaster. Dr. Tom Coburn, former Congressman from Oklahoma was the co-author of the Ryan White CARE Act that was reauthorized in 2000.

In *American Health Line*, Coburn observed: *“I still think that when history judges our response to the HIV epidemic, it will judge us very, very harshly because we truly abandoned public health policy ... Most of medicine has been infiltrated by politics. It didn’t used to be that way; we used to make decisions based on what was the best medical advice, not what was the best political advice and will the best medical advice fit with that. Most of the institutions that represent organized medicine today have forgotten medicine and are into politics, and the country’s the worse for it.”*

Coburn’s concerns are echoed by William Kaliher, a disease intervention specialist who works in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Kaliher has been working with AIDS and venereal disease control issues for decades.

Writing in *The World & I*, (May 1, 1998), Kaliher says that working with HIV patients and doing contact tracing has made him “acutely aware of and concerned over the illogical public health decisions concerning AIDS. Scrutinizing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one could conclude that this agency is concealing certain facts from the public, or one could think, as a respected Doctor said after working at the CDC, **‘Every decision is being politically made.’**”

Kaliher laments the fact that politics has trumped sound medical decisions in dealing with AIDS. He notes that his area of South Carolina is one of the few places in the United States where AIDS is treated as a communicable disease. In most states,

Kaliher notes that most AIDS programs are operated by non-physicians or homosexual lobbyists who have a political agenda.

no efforts are made to contact those who may be infected by sex partners. Kaliher says thousands of individuals are being condemned to death by our refusal to engage in contact tracing for sex partners infected by someone with HIV.

According to Kaliher, “the selection of inexperienced leadership combined with homosexual lobbying resulted in many states lacking the essentials of a disease-control program.”

It is time, says Kaliher, “to separate AIDS control from the homosexual agenda. There is no difference between a Klansman hiding his sheets during the day while appearing to work for civil rights and a closeted queen health official pretending to work for disease control while ensuring the opposite. It is past time we add disease prevention to the title of the AIDS program.”

Here’s a partial list of what should be done to control the spread of AIDS in our society:

- **Defund AIDS groups operated by activist homosexuals.** Homosexual sex is the primary transmission route of AIDS in our culture. Individuals who engage in this behavior should not receive federal or state funding. Money should not be used for “fisting” seminars or transgender retreats. These groups spread HIV; they do not stop it.
- **Criminalize the knowing transmission of AIDS to another person.** AIDS-infected homosexuals who have sex with non-infected partners should be brought to trial for attempted murder.
- **Separate homosexual politics from standard medical procedures used to control the spread of venereal diseases.** Health officials should institute contact tracing and other policies to ensure others will not be infected.
- **Stigmatize homosexual sex as a public health hazard.** Health officials and the media should discourage a behavior that leads to HIV infection and a host of other serious STDs. Homosexuals are also at high risk for anal cancer because of their sex practices. Stop the behavior to stop the spread of HIV.