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Dear Patients and Friends:

I am very pleased that the Board of Directors of the Institute of Women's Health of North America have given me the opportunity to provide leadership of this non-profit 503(c)(5) organization which has been serving the needs of indigent women population in the state for over twelve years.

In the spirit of shared governance, I have met with the key stakeholders in the Institute as well as in its affiliated organizations. I have discussed with them our mission, vision and values and have sought their valuable advice and input in defining the short and long-term vision and goals of this entity.

We have also initiated the process of meeting with key leaders in the state and county health departments to redefine our vital relationships with these entities. It is my goal to establish mutually beneficial partnerships with various units of the health departments to best serve the needs of our patients who are at high risk for acquiring HIV and/or STDs.

We have also initiated the process of evaluating the experience and expertise of staff in the Institute and its affiliated organizations. To provide optimal clinical care to our patients and to further enhance their subject knowledge, we have identified staff in our Orlando facilities to participate in the HIV/AIDS counseling, testing and linkage courses offered by the Orange County Health Department. They will be taking these courses in June 2009 and we plan to start offering their services sometime in Summer 2009 at these sites.

Concurrently, we are working with the Hillsborough County Department of Health to get our Tampa site approved for HIV/AIDS counseling, testing and linkage services. It is anticipated that this will be accomplished in June 2009 allowing us to start offering these services at that facility in July.

Given the expansive outreach of our affiliated network, we see a lot of patients who either have or are at high risk for developing cervical cancers. We will be working with our regional partners (American Cancer Society, Moffitt Cancer Center, etc.) to develop a more robust relationship allowing us to offer Pap tests, with or without concurrent hpv testing, to all high risk women who visit our affiliated clinics.

We look forward to working with you and keeping you informed of the progress that we have made to be a more effective and useful partner in managing your helathcare. Your vaulable feedback about how we can continue to enhance and expand our services will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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