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To: Bob Horel
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Compliance Team

cc: Bick, M.D. CMO

Subject: Denial of the Transgender community in program 4 access to the
Transgender Support Group / response to the attached memo

I am writing in response to the attached memorandum by Dr. Bick and to advocate for clinical mental health treatment for the CMF transgender prison community housed in program 4.

I have not been educating any program 4 HIV prisoners. I was granted permission by my superiors to educate the transgendered prisoners housed in program 4 if they were referred to the transgender support group I facilitate either by a clinician or self referral. Dr. Bick indicated in his memo (see attached) that he gave me " explicit instructions that I not provide services to any unit 4 patients." Dr. Bick has not spoken to me since Nov. 1, 1995! When he terminated the nationally recognized HIV peer education program.

Dr. Bick is acting in a very unprofessional manner. He apparently is allowing his own personal issues he may have with me to deny clinical mental health treatment to the transgender community housed in program 4. Program 4 does not offer any mental health service which address the psychosocial mental health needs of this unique CMF community.

Dr. Bick has been consistent in his endeavor to assure "quality" mental health and HIV health prevention be denied to the prison community he has jurisdiction over unless he receives the recognition. Dr. Bick couldn't tolerate me, a subordinate getting unsolicited international and national recognition for the HIV peer education program I developed, so he got rid of me. I did nothing wrong to warrant his actions accept provide good quality care to the population I served. He terminated a nationally and internationally recognized HIV peer education program in Nov. '95. Now he is denying the transgendered community the opportunity to have the option to attend a transgendered support group. All because of his own self interests.

I am requesting that Dr. Bick's action of denying the TG community housed in prog. 4 access to the only clinical mental health group available to them be reviewed by clinical mental health management and the Compliance team. Dr. Bick's action violates the National Asso. of Social Workers code of ethics by denying treatment to the CMF transgendered community.

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