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FW: global AIDS coordinator

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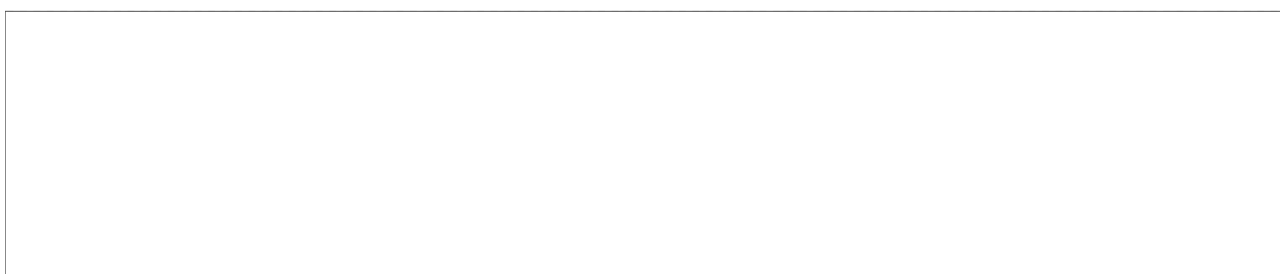
Hello Cheryl:

I've made some initial calls today and have gotten the preliminary sense that people are intrigued - some very excited - by [redacted]. She is seen as a strong advocate, particularly on prevention issues, and would go a long way to signaling a commitment to beefing up the prevention side of PEPFAR. The downside is that she is not a medical doctor, but I don't think that should be the one thing barring her from consideration. This criticism can be assuaged with four points:

1. When this position was created by Bush, the first appointee was also not a doctor, nor did he have an extensive clinical background aside from working at a pharma company.
2. The head of the Office of National AIDS Policy that was recently announced by President Obama is also not a medical doctor, but someone with extensive experience in health policy and health care financing.
3. The head of UNAIDS is not a medical doctor, but has extensive experience working on HIV/AIDS issues.

4. The current Assistant Coordinator is a nurse-midwife, and there are multiple medical experts working within the office to address the necessary treatment issues.

I should have more to share by Monday afternoon.



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Thanks very much,

Ann