National Task Force on AIDS Prevention records

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Abstract: The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention (NTFAP) records document the establishment, development, and growth of this nationally significant organization. It was originated to serve as an advocacy and outreach group specifically targeting gay men of color, a frequently under-served population.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
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Donated to the Library by the realty company that managed the building where the NTFAP was located. The GLBTHS received permission from this reality company to remove historical material to the GLBTHS Archives.
Biography/Administrative History
The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention (NTFAP) originated as a program of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT), a multi-racial gay organization. NTFAP was officially founded in July of 1988, but was preceded by AIDS education and support work carried out by BWMT chapters across the country. The San Francisco chapter of BWMT was the first to work with AIDS education and prevention, starting in the mid-1980’s. Members of the National Board saw this work as an effective model and wanted to carry it to other communities. It was becoming clear throughout the later 1980s that the rate of infection among gay men of color was increasing much faster than that of white gay men, and that new methods of outreach needed to be developed. NTFAP was created as a vehicle to foster culturally appropriate education and prevention specifically geared to gay and bisexual men of color. Although much of its actual service has been performed locally, this has always been intended as model testing for a national audience of BWMT chapters and other groups working with gay and bi men of color. The San Francisco Chapter of BWMT formed its AIDS Task Force in 1985. This evolved into a non-profit AIDS service provider, Bay Area HIV Support and Education Services (BAHSES) by the late 1980s. NTFAP originally organized under BAHSES and contracts were secured under its non-profit status. In 1992 NTFAP received its own non-profit status and direct ties between it and BAHSES began to unravel. BAHSES weakened and eventually closed in early 1994. As NTFAP grew in the 1990s under its first director Reggie Williams, much of the focus was on NTFAP’s mission to help develop similar organizations in other cities. An exception was the popular walk-in counseling and educational program, the Brothers Network, NTFAP opened to help local gay and bisexual men and transgender people. Some of the major programs contracted for by NTFAP have been jointly developed and run with other people of color groups. Chief among these is the Gay Men of Color Consortium, a coalition of the various gay men of color AIDS organizations in San Francisco. Because of its size and multicultural nature, NTFAP was chosen as the lead agency for these programs, and contracts were awarded to NTFAP. Among these programs have been Early Advocacy and Care for HIV (EACH), Educational Models for Community Change (EMC2), and the Brothers Network. In the late 1990s the Task Force had a financial crisis that unexpectedly destroyed the organization. In lieu of back rent, the manager of the building the NTFAP offices had been in (973 Market), seized furnishings, filing cabinets, and many cartons of records which were moved into basement storage. Note: This organizational history was largely taken from Finding Aid to the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, 1986-1994, MSS 94-59 at the University of California, San Francisco, accessed through the Online Archive of California, September 2, 2007.
Scope and Content of Collection
The NTFAP records document the establishment, development, and growth of this nationally significant organization. It was originated to serve as an advocacy and outreach group specifically targeting gay men of color, a frequently under-served population. Its success in responding quickly and creatively to demands of the AIDS bureaucracy, while still fulfilling both missions has insured its place as a national model. Materials in the collection include meeting minutes, notes, memos, correspondence, publications, needs assessment surveys, survey results, presentations, and grant proposals. The collection
also includes documents from Proyecto Contra SIDA Por Vida, Gay Men of Color (GMOC), Black and White Men Together (BWMT), Men of All Colors Together (MACT), and Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA). Also included are photos and some audio cassettes that are stored at the back of box 4.

**Indexing Terms**

AIDS (disease)
People of color
Gay men

Finding Aid