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Collection Summary

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Abstract: Materials from the Third World AIDS Advisory Task Force, and other similar organizations, consisting of meeting minutes, organizational records, and correspondence. Materials from other organizations were compiled by members of TWAAFT.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Related Collections
Multicultural AIDS Resource Center, MSS 94-19 [finding aid to the collection]
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services, MSS 93-18

Organizational History
The Third World AIDS Advisory Task Force (TWAATF) was the first organization in San Francisco to focus on the needs of people of color affected by AIDS. The actual founding date was never recorded, but it appears to have been in the later part of 1985. Principal founders were Ernest Andrews, Calu Lester, and Larry Saxon, and other early leaders included Norm Nickens and Pat Norman. One of its first accomplishments was the organization of a Conference on Ethnic Minorities and AIDS, held at UCSF in 1986. That conference drew more people into active involvement, including Hank Tavera, who was later elected Chair of TWAAFT.

TWAAFT activities primarily involved advocacy for people of color with AIDS, as well as lobbying for support of agencies that served and supported people of color. This collection documents how TWAAFT - and other coalitions that subsequently evolved - pressured the Health Commission, the San Francisco AIDS Office, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Shanti Project, and other AIDS organizations to deal with issues of race and the need for a multicultural approach to education and treatment. Among the results of this campaign was the formation by the San Francisco AIDS Office of a Minority AIDS Advisory Committee (renamed people of color HIV Advisory Committee in 1990). While TWAAFT was primarily a watchdog and advocacy organization, key members were also active in the AIDS/ARC Vigil and other groups, as well as needle exchanges, immigration rights, and numerous other social issues. TWAAFT representatives also sat on the initial Ryan White Care Council. With the growth of other organizations serving people of color with AIDS however, the original role that TWAAFT served had diminished, and its final meetings were held in 1991.

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection provides a good overview of the evolution of a multicultural perspective in the response to AIDS in San Francisco. The materials consist of meeting minutes, organizational records, and correspondence. There are also materials from other organizations, compiled by members of TWAAFT, found in the second series. This collection is organized into two series: "TWAAFT Records" and "Information Regarding other AIDS Related Agencies and Services." The second series has been further organized into four subseries, by subject matter.

Series 1 Records 1987-1991
Physical Description: 12 Folders : Carton 1, Folders 1/1-1/12
Scope and Content Note
This series contains records created by the Third World AIDS Task Force (TWAAFT). It includes information on the history of TWAAFT and its organizational structure, meeting minutes, lists of members, and correspondence.

Carton 1, Folder 1  History, Organization, and Policy Statements 1987-1991
Carton 1, Folder 2  Western Regional Conference on AIDS & Ethnic Minorities 1986
Carton 1, Folder 3  Planning 1985-1986
Carton 1, Folder 4  Meeting Minutes September 1986 - October 1990
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### Series 1 Records 1987-1991

| Carton 1, Folder 9 | Correspondence From TWAFFT 1986-1990 |
| Carton 1, Folder 10 | Correspondence To TWAFFT 1986-1991 |
| Carton 1, Folder 11 | General Announcements From Others undated |
| Carton 1, Folder 12 | Staff Position Notices From Others undated |

**Series 2 Other AIDS Related Agencies and Services 1986-1991**

**Physical Description:** 23 Folders : Carton 2, Folders 2/1-2/23

**Scope and Content Note**
The series consists of documents from other groups that demonstrate TWAFFT's wide-ranging activities and influence. The series is organized into 4 subseries: City of San Francisco; Agencies Coalitions, and Groups Serving people of color; Miscellaneous Organizations; and Subject Files.

| Carton 2, Folder 1 | SF Department of Public Health/AIDS Office 1986-1991 |
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| Carton 2, Folder 11 | People of Color Advisory Commission on AIDS (California) 1986-1991 |

| Carton 2, Folder 14 | Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment 1986-1991 |
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