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**CC:** Kester, Tonykester@aging.sc.gov  
**Date:** 9/3/2014 3:13:43 PM  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Proposed collaboration on NIH grant on Safe Sex in Women over 50

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Hi Marie.

I hope you are doing well.

Our staff has been asked to prepare the appropriate partnering lists for each of their programs.

This may take a day or two, as we have some staff members that are out today.

Below is the second phase the "HIV/AIDS and STDs Prevention in Women over 50," project.

Our partners (USC, PALSS and SCHAC) are collaboratively working on this high priority public health issue for the seniors we serve.

Major health concerns such as HIV/AIDS among seniors living in senior communities and assisted living facilities, are a high priority for ACL.

Our progressive approach to addressing this issue is receiving nation recognition for the partnership and efforts.

It is such an exciting time.

Sue

**From:** Sue Levkoff [mailto:sue.e.levkoff@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 01, 2014 2:07 PM

**To:** Theriot, Susan

**Cc:** Martha Norton; Lu Xing

**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Proposed collaboration on NIH grant on Safe Sex in Women over 50

Dear Susan: First of all, congratulations! When I went to email you, I saw that you were promoted to Deputy Director!.

I am following up about the HIV/AIDs prevention grant that we talked about a while ago. As you know, these things take a lot of time percolating through the NIH grants system, but we just found out that we were funded for our Phase 2 Study on "HIV/AIDS and STDs Prevention in Women over 50, " with its focus on ethnic minority women.

As you might recall, in addition to the support you provided (through the letter of support you got from Debbie Hammond), we are also working with Bambi Gaddist of the South Carolina HIV/AIDs Council and Carmen Hampton Julious of the Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALLS), in addition to several others within the State to further develop our online website, to deliver easy-to-understand safe sex knowledge and skills to older women, particularly those from ethnic minority groups, who are at-risk for HIV/AIDS and STDs.

As a first step in launching the project, we are planning a major press event in South Carolina to launch the website and accompanying videos. We are thinking it might be best to have a mini-symposium and press event to jump start the project. We are hoping this will raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and STD prevention among this population.group.

Before beginning to schedule the event, which we hope to have in either October or November, I wanted to find out your availability as we are committed to having your presence at the event. Your enthusiasm is infectious, and I know your being there will enable us to reach out to key stakeholders. I will have either Martha Norton or Jenny Lu contact you about your availability for such an event.

If you have additional people whom you think we should invite, please let us know.

I very much look forward to working with you and the Lt. Governor's Office on this exciting project. I remember how enthusiastic you were about the project, and am so happy to be able to get back to you with our next steps in moving forward. Thank you again, and I very much look forward to working with you so that we can together make a significant difference in the reduction of HIV/AIDs and STDs in older women in South Carolina.

Best,

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From: **Sue Levkoff** <[sue.e.levkoff@gmail.com](mailto:sue.e.levkoff@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 8:20 AM  
Subject: Re: FW: Proposed collaboration on NIH grant on Safe Sex in Women over 50  
To: "Theriot, Susan" <[stheriot@aging.sc.gov](mailto:stheriot@aging.sc.gov)>

you go girl!! thanks so much!! should i try to connect up with bambi again today??

On Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 8:16 AM, Theriot, Susan <[stheriot@aging.sc.gov](mailto:stheriot@aging.sc.gov)> wrote:

> Hi Christie!  
> Tony has agreed to allow me to sign the letter of support for this grant.  
> Please review the letter and make any necessary additions and/or changes and I will sign it today in between meetings.  
> Have a super day!  
> Sue  
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sue Levkoff [mailto:[sue.e.levkoff@gmail.com](mailto:sue.e.levkoff@gmail.com)]  
> Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 11:45 AM  
> To: [debbiehammond@scstatehouse.gov](mailto:debbiehammond@scstatehouse.gov)  
> Cc: Kester, Tony; Theriot, Susan  
> Subject: Proposed collaboration on NIH grant on Safe Sex in Women over 50  
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> Dear Ms. Hammond: I greatly enjoyed meeting you at the Steering Committee meeting of the South Carolina ADRCs. After the meeting, Susan Theriot and I talked, and have had subsequent conversations about the potential for a collaboration between the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging and the work that we are doing in the area of HIV/AIDs prevention in women over 50. As you well know, the statistics are alarming, with HIV infections rising among women over 50, with African American women most at risk. We have developed a multi-media, web-based safe sex education program with NIH funding, and are now submitting a Phase 2 NIH grant to expand the content and to develop ways that the material, including videos, and risk assessment tools, can be utilized by agencies that provide information and referral to older adults. We very much look forward to working closely with the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging in its efforts to reduce the incidence of

HIV/AIDs in women over 50 throughout the state of South Carolina.

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> I have attached a draft letter of support for your consideration. We would greatly appreciate being able to include such a letter with our application. We are very dedicated to the same goals, that of the reduction of HIV/AIDS in women throughout the state of South Carolina.

> I strongly believe that a collaboration with your office would help expedite the achievement of that goal.

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> I look forward to hearing back from you. Please feel free to edit the draft letter in any way. If you are willing to support this initiative, could you please get the letter back to me by Wednesday (August 1) of next week.

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> We very much look forward to collaborating with you.

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> Sue Levkoff, ScD, SM, MSW

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