

Exhibit 6

MEMORANDUM

To: Vance Morris

FROM: Mark Farfel *M. Farfel*

SUBJECT: Letter of Support

DATE: August 13, 1993

Attached is a draft letter of support for your HUD abatement application. We have assumed that you are including the money requested for R&M activities in the succimer clinical trial as part of your application to HUD. Please let us know if this is true. Also feel free to edit the letter and send it to back to us for revision.

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DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT

August 13, 1993

Jacqueline H. Rogers, Secretary
Department of Housing and Community Development
100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032

Dear Ms. Rogers:

This letter is in support of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) application to HUD for funding of residential lead paint abatement work in Maryland. The Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI) has worked closely with DHCD on lead poisoning prevention efforts over a period of nearly five years.

In addition to resources for research and evaluation, the KKI Lead Poisoning Prevention Program has a Lead Safe shelter for families whose homes are being abated; a Trace Metals Laboratory for measurement of lead in blood, dust, soil, and drinking water; and trained field teams for collection of environmental samples. These resources have the capability to support the conduct of a HUD-supported lead paint abatement program.

Currently, DHCD is collaborating with us on an EPA-sponsored research project at KKI to evaluate the effectiveness of practical repair and maintenance (R&M) interventions to reduce children's exposure to lead in paint and house dust. R&M interventions financed by DHCD will be evaluated during a two year period of followup under this EPA-sponsored project.

In July of 1993, KKI was awarded a five-year research contract by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) to serve as a clinical center in a multi-center trial of the new oral metal binding drug, succimer, in children with moderate lead poisoning. Enrollment will begin between April and July of 1994, and the children will be followed for four years thereafter with serial blood lead and neurobehavioral assessments. We expect to recruit children from Baltimore City and the metropolitan area.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of the drug succimer in reducing the adverse effects of lead on the brain. In this study, the drug will have to be administered on an outpatient basis to children residing in lead-safe housing. However, the NIEHS will not provide funds for lead remediation activities in the children's houses beyond a professional cleanup. We anticipate that many children otherwise eligible will be disqualified because their houses will require repair and maintenance in addition to cleanup in order to be made lead-safe.

Since there are few sources of lead safe housing and since the Baltimore City HUD abatement project is tied to the Healthy Start Program, we look forward to receiving additional resources from you under the HUD grant for R&M interventions so that we can enroll children in houses requiring more than cleanup. As you know children living in deteriorated housing are at highest risk of lead

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We understand that the HUD grant would call for a 1-2 year followup, whereas the succimer trial calls for at least 3-4 years of followup. The extended followup may be considered advantageous for your HUD application in that it would provide for longer-term evaluation of the HUD-sponsored abatement procedures.

We hope to continue collaboration between DHCD and KKI via the HUD-sponsored abatement program. We think that such collaboration would be of benefit to all parties concerned, including the affected children.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Farfel, Sc.D., Director
Lead Abatement

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Director, Lead Poisoning
Prevention

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