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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. JEFielding
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SUBJECT: **ADULT FILM INDUSTRY**

This is in response to a public comment made during the January 25, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the allegations of noncompliance to an order by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to the Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation (AIM) to cease and desist and to the question of how, without AIM in place, can adult film industry (AFI) performers receive testing and treatment.

On December 9, 2010, the DPH Health Facilities Inspection Division staff issued a Cease and Desist order to AIM after the State determined that AIM was operating an unlicensed clinic at their Sherman Oaks location. The order stated they must cease providing services for all patients who require any element of medical care until it had obtained the appropriate clinic license from the State.

During the period when the Cease and Desist order was in effect (December 9, 2010 to February 1, 2011), there were concerns were expressed that AIM may not be in compliance with the order. On December 10, 2010, these concerns were communicated to DPH. As part of their staff's ongoing investigation of AIM, DPH Health Facilities conducted monitoring visits on several occasions and it was determined that no element of medical care was being provided at the Sherman Oaks facility.

On February 2, 2011, AIM was reconstituted as a private medical office and as such is now under the jurisdiction of the California State Medical Board. The assets of AIM were sold to a professional medical corporation. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of Legal Services has indicated that the medical office has been registered with the California Secretary of State and has all the agreements, approvals and permits necessary to operate a medical practice at the location of the previous AIM clinic. According to the office's attorney, the facility has reopened under a new name, "AIM Medical Associates, PC", the lease at the Sherman Oaks location is in Dr. Colin Hamblin's (previous Medical Director of AIM) name and a fictitious name permit has been issued by the State Medical Board.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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