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To: Carol Rasco
 From: Peter Edelman and Susan Stroud
 Re: interagency working group on mentoring update

file under mentoring

We have met with Judy Wurtzl (Dept. of Education) and Marc Freedman (Public/Private Ventures) in the past few weeks to plot a strategy for an interagency effort on mentoring. We identified the following issues that an interagency working group might address:

- a map of existing programs supported by various federal agencies
- best practices and standards, to be used, for instance in developing consistent criteria for RFPs for grant programs run by various agencies
- model programs
- opportunities for collaboration: consolidation and pooling of funds, planning and coordination of programs sponsored by various agencies
- research interests and needs; successful evaluation strategies

We have identified several people in other agencies, eg Justice, HHS, Education, and are trying to identify others at DOD, Labor, USDA and HUD to invite to be part of an interagency working group. There are also connections to explore in relation to aspects of the crime bill, ESEA, school-to work, and others.

In the course of our recent conversations, the discussion broadened beyond an interagency effort to identify needs of national mentoring efforts and what relationship the federal agencies, private sector (corporate and foundations), existing organizations such as P/PV and One to One might have to one another. In this case we identified a number of important needs for the field:

- an information resource center; a great deal of scattered information exists that should be accessible through an information center or network; need to find a way to disseminate materials in digestible forms; develop a distribution network, including using federal grants networks

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- research and evaluation: P/PV, for instance, has spent \$7 million on research and evaluation and is simply sitting on most of the information; identify research needs; for instance, most research has been done on one to one mentoring relationships and more needs to be done on group models
- technical assistance

We will keep you informed as the work of the interagency group progresses and welcome your comments and suggestions.