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**Lois J. Eldred, DrPH, MPH, to Assume Project Director Post for the Consortium to Respond Effectively to the AIDS/TB Epidemic (CREATE)**

**Baltimore, Maryland** – Lois J. Eldred, Dr.P.H., M.P.H., will become the new Project Director for Consortium to Respond Effectively to the AIDS/TB Epidemic (CREATE) effective February 1, 2007. Dr. Eldred brings strong international HIV/AIDS policy and program experience that will support CREATE’s emphasis on transforming global health policies and practices to control HIV-related tuberculosis. As CREATE Project Director, Dr. Eldred will coordinate the multi-year, \$47 million project that is evaluating the impact of novel public health strategies to decrease TB incidence in areas of high HIV-prevalence.

“Lois Eldred is an extraordinarily knowledgeable and experienced leader in the HIV/AIDS policy arena, and she will bring major wattage to CREATE,” said Dr. Richard Chaisson, CREATE’s Principal Investigator. “Her outstanding expertise in technical operations will be vital in helping our projects in Zambia, South Africa, and Brazil confront important policy and advocacy issues on the ground. Dr. Eldred will be of enormous benefit to the global policy and advocacy efforts within CREATE, currently led by World Health Organization’s STOP-TB Department,” Dr. Chaisson noted.

Dr. Eldred joins CREATE from the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) where she served as Director of the Global HIV/AIDS Program. Dr. Eldred was responsible for the directing HRSA’s programs within the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). She has previously held numerous technical and programmatic positions with HRSA and the Maryland AIDS Administration.

Dr. Eldred received her Bachelor of Science, Master of Public Health, and Doctorate in Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins University. In addition to her academic training, she is a licensed Physician Assistant who practiced clinical care in the Johns Hopkins HIV Clinic from 1985-1997. She has published over 25 scientific articles and numerous book chapters on HIV infection, medication adherence, injection drug use and AIDS, and HIV policy. In addition to her position within CREATE, she will serve as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Eldred will replace Dr. Diana Pope, who left the project in September of 2006.

**About the Consortium to Respond Effectively to the AIDS/TB Epidemic (CREATE):**

The consortium was launched in July of 2004 in Bangkok with a speech by Nelson Mandela that highlighted the urgency of strengthening global policies for HIV-related TB through evidence-based advocacy. TB is the leading infectious killer of people with HIV worldwide; HIV-positive individuals are 50 times more likely to develop TB in a given year. Working in close collaboration with local and national health authorities, clinicians, and representatives of the affected communities, CREATE is conducting three large community intervention trials that aim to dramatically reduce and prevent the incidence of HIV-associated TB. CREATE is headquartered at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. For more information about CREATE and its programs, visit [www.tbhiv-create.org](http://www.tbhiv-create.org).

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