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**DR. FRANCINE FEINBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
META HOUSE, INC. APPOINTED TO USDA NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
MATERNAL, INFANT AND FETAL NUTRITION**

(MILWAUKEE, May 16, 2006)— Dr. Francine Feinberg, Executive Director of Meta House, Inc. has been appointed by the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, to serve on the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition for a 3-year term.

This 24-member Council plays an important role by continually studying the operation of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and programs serving similar populations, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food program, to determine how they may be improved. The Council submits biennial recommendations to the President and Congress.

The appointments follow strict criteria to ensure a balance of differing views and Dr. Feinberg fills the post of expert on drug abuse education, prevention and treatment. Dr. Feinberg has gained this expertise from serving as the Executive Director of Meta House, Inc. for 23 years. Meta House is a nationally recognized treatment center that has been providing gender-appropriate alcohol and other drug abuse treatment services for women in Milwaukee since 1963. Through Dr. Feinberg's vision, insight and astute understanding of the needs of women in recovery, Meta House has become a nationally recognized treatment program that includes pregnant women.

Dr. Feinberg's experience at Meta House gives her a unique perspective into the needs of women in recovery, and their children. Recognizing that, for mothers, recovery is intricately linked with parenting, Meta House gives priority to pregnant, post partum and parenting women. A unique feature of Meta House is its specific programming to increase the probability of healthy birth outcomes and Meta House works in partnership with programs with the same goals.

Dr. Feinberg's distinctive experience has made her an expert in the field. Her knowledge allows her to represent the experience of the women addicted to substances and help the USDA National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition understand their specific nutritional needs.

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