

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2012-2015 Indiana Statewide HIV Prevention Plan is designed to establish the roadmap for prevention services that will have the most impact on communities with highest risk for acquiring and/or transmitting HIV/AIDS. In keeping with the goals and recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), in partnership with current members of the Indiana HIV Prevention Community Planning Group (CPG), has worked diligently on the recruitment of members from the community that are most heavily impacted by the disease to assist and provide input during the planning process and the finalization of this prevention plan. The thoroughness, specifications, and transparency of the work that was dedicated to producing this plan are documented throughout these pages.

The complete HIV Prevention Plan contains approximately 60 pages of information related to the HIV prevention needs in Indiana. This Executive Summary provides a synopsis of the complete plan. Multiple data sources were evaluated and analyzed to create this document. The plan includes the following: 1) the ISDH HIV Prevention Programs; 2) description and history of the Indiana HIV Prevention CPG; 3) CPG committee descriptions/narratives; 4) composition of the present Indiana HIV Prevention CPG; 5) Epidemiologic Profile Executive Summary; and 6) Prevention Resources for the State of Indiana.

Indiana State Department of Health HIV Prevention Programs

The HIV prevention program utilizes several methods to reach the goal of increasing public understanding of, involvement in, and support for HIV prevention, thereby reducing the number of new HIV infections in the state. This goal is met by administering the following programs: 1) Viral Hepatitis Prevention; to include perinatal hepatitis B; 2) Capacity Building; 3) Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services; 4) Comprehensive Prevention with HIV-positive Individuals; 5) Evidence-based HIV Prevention Interventions for HIV-negative Individuals; 6) HIV Prevention Community Planning Group; 7) Perinatal HIV Prevention; and 8) Training and Development. The above listed programs are implemented statewide through designated health departments and community-based organizations (CBOs).

HIV Prevention Community Planning Group

The Indiana HIV Prevention CPG is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mandated advisory group that is comprised of persons throughout the state of Indiana who are either infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. The CPG works in partnership with the ISDH Division of HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis (Division) to create this statewide prevention plan that best represents the needs of various communities at risk for or infected with HIV. The Indiana HIV Prevention CPG allows for a membership of 25. Applications are accepted throughout the year with new members selected on an annual basis, during the month of October. Technical advisors are provided by the Division and recruited from associated fields. The CPG meets bi-monthly at the ISDH. All meetings are open to the public as required by Indiana's "Sunshine Law". Tasks are completed through a committee structure. In addition to the executive committee, there are five standing committees and three Ad Hoc committees. The committees are as follows: 1) Epidemiology/Populations Committee; 2) Evaluations Committee; 3) Interventions Committee; 4) Membership Committee; 5) Needs Assessment Committee; 6) Sexually Transmitted Disease

Ad Hoc Committee; 7) Public Policy and Procedures Ad Hoc Committee; 8) Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee. These committees were created in order to complete the following tasks: 1) review of the Epidemiological Profile; 2) community services assessment; 3) prioritization of target populations; 4) identification of appropriate science-based prevention activities/interventions specific to the targeted populations; 5) creation of a comprehensive prevention plan; 6) creation and submission of the letter of concurrence/non-concurrence/concurrence with reservations; and 7) evaluation of planning activities.

CPG Committee Descriptions/Narratives (in alphabetical order)

Epidemiology/Populations Committee:

This committee is charged with the development, definition, and prioritization of targeted populations. Beginning in February of 2010, this committee began the development of the prioritization process that was eventually carried out in September of 2011. The methodology that was utilized in ultimately prioritizing the targeted populations for 2012 was a six (6) step process that incorporated risk behaviors, demographics, factors including, but not limited to AIDS and HIV incidence, prevalence, and rate; the difficulty of meeting the needs of certain populations; and the existing barriers to reaching certain populations. In both May and June, the committee convened to apply the methodology, calculate scores, and finalize the priority populations. Once a final score was tallied for each population, the committee ranked the populations from highest to lowest. During the September full body CPG meeting, the committee recommended and the full CPG approved the following priority populations:

- 1. People Living with HIV/AIDS**
- 2. Black Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)**
- 3. White Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)**
- 4. Hispanic Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)**
- 5. Black Heterosexual Women**

Evaluations Committee:

This committee exists in order to implement an evaluation of the CPG process as mandated by the CDC with the goal of providing direction to the CPG regarding evaluation of prevention efforts in general. This section of the plan contains detailed information on the several methods that are implemented throughout the year in efforts of evaluating the CPG process as a whole. In this narrative, the committee describes the following tools used: 1) bi-monthly group assessment; 2) member self performance review survey; 3) exit surveys/interviews; 4) CPG knowledge assessment; and 5) annual evaluation survey. These tools help support the monitoring and evaluation of progress toward the goals and objectives of the HIV prevention community planning body and documents ways to constantly improve the group's work.

Interventions Committee:

It is the role of the interventions committee to identify appropriate interventions for the set targeted priority populations as well as to keep the full CPG updated on any and all information regarding newly created or revised interventions. In this plan, the interventions committee details the process of selecting the interventions that are thought to be the most feasible and effective for the state of Indiana. This narrative includes a table for each targeted priority population that lists and details the recommended intervention for each. This section also

describes the four (4) public health strategies that have been recommended by the CDC as other techniques used to assist in the prevention of HIV transmission. Additionally, this portion of the plan also includes an area that assists agencies in selecting a best fit intervention for their organization.

Membership Committee

The membership committee fully details their role in the planning process for Indiana. The committee makes great strides in the recruitment of members that accurately reflect the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Indiana. This portion of the plan describes the recruitment and selection process for members, as well as the orientation, participation, and inclusion of all CPG members.

Needs Assessment Committee

This committee is charged with working closely with the Division in assessing the needs of the community as it relates to HIV prevention in Indiana. In the past three years, the needs assessment committee has created or assisted in the creation of several documents that have assisted both the CPG in their work as a planning body and the ISDH in their efforts for HIV prevention. This portion of the plan details the establishment of *Moving Forward Together: A Needs Assessment Research Agenda for HIV Prevention in Indiana* which was designed to encourage Indiana communities, planning coalitions, and research partners to focus on one or more of the listed priorities in order to help shape a more comprehensive understanding of HIV in Indiana. This section also provides details regarding the 2011 HIV Test Visitors Project: Seeing with New Eyes, The Black Men's Health Study, the 2010 MSM needs assessment, and the 2009 HIV prevention gap analysis.

The 2012-2015 Indiana Statewide HIV Prevention Plan is the culmination of work that has spanned more than two years. This document represents the vigorous efforts of all members of the CPG, Division staff, and countless others who have made significant contributions. It is expected that this plan will be a living document, which can be revised as its content is updated and new information is available.