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Dear Partners in Prevention:

The Program Evaluation and Prevention Program Branches in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) and the Program and Training Branch in the Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP) are pleased to provide you with the finalized set of national HIV prevention monitoring and evaluation data required for HIV Partner Services and an update on the implementation plan for HIV Partner Services data collection and reporting.

The HIV Partner Services data requirements, attached to this letter, were jointly reviewed by DHAP and DSTDP in the CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), and by external partners. The data set includes variables mapped to the national HIV Partner Services Monitoring and Evaluation Questions and the HIV Prevention Program Performance Indicators.

We anticipate that the earliest date grantees will be required to begin collecting the necessary HIV Partner Services variables is July 1, 2009. Recognizing that HIV Partner Services may be provided by HIV programs, STD programs, or both, DHAP and DSTDP have been working closely to standardize client-level data reporting requirements related to Partner Services activities and to plan for the implementation of these requirements. We recognize the local planning required to submit these data and through internal and external collaboration, both Divisions are committed to working with grantees to address issues related to the collection of HIV Partner Services data.

The implementation plan includes modifying both STD\*MIS and the Program Evaluation Monitoring System (PEMS) software to accommodate the data collection requirements. In addition, a sample of data collection templates will be provided to collect variables not currently captured on the Enhanced Interview Record or Field Record. We plan to conduct pilots for each of these activities to ensure tools are useful and can be incorporated into providers' routine data collection. We will also assist grantees using PEMS, STD\*MIS, or local systems with the data submission process.

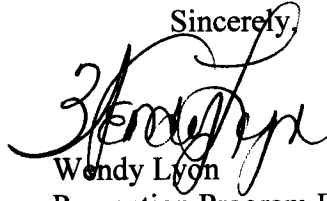
Our collaborative effort to sustain and improve HIV prevention programs nationwide is critical in our fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The implementation of CDC's HIV Partner Services data collection and reporting requirements is important to strengthen national and local monitoring and evaluation. DHAP and DSTDP are striving to provide the necessary technical assistance, training, and data collection support for grantees collecting Partner Services data.

Thank you for your efforts in this endeavor and for your continued support and commitment to HIV prevention.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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