May 4, 2012

Dear Community Partners,

As you know, the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) launched in July of 2010 presented an opportunity for The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to realign funded prevention activities and resources. In 2011 the CDC released a funding opportunity announcement to advance the NHAS titled: Comprehensive HIV Prevention Programs for Health Departments (PS12-1201), from which Broward County Health Department (BCHD) received funding. Under the announcement, the BCHD is responsible to have in place a prevention planning process to include the development of a jurisdictional HIV prevention plan and the establishment of an HIV prevention planning group (formerly HIV Community Planning Group). This new planning guidance thus supports the implementation of the NHAS and High Impact Prevention (HIP). Following the new HIV planning guidance, the BCHD is currently recruiting members to serve on the 2012-2014 Broward County HIV Prevention Planning Council (BCHPPC). The BCHD will identify BCHPPC members ensuring diverse community participation in order to best respond to the advances in HIP.

Community planning has evolved into HIV prevention planning, which aims to contribute to HIV prevention through developing both targeted and broad-based collaboration among stakeholders. Prevention planning entails increasing community involvement for improving the scientific basis of program decisions and targeting resources to those communities at highest risk for HIV.

The primary roles of the BCHPPC are:

- To identify and implement various strategies to recruit and retain members who represent the diversity of HIV-infected populations, key stakeholders in HIV prevention and care and related services, and organizations that can best inform and support the development and implementation of a jurisdictional HIV prevention plan.

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• Develop an engagement process with specific strategies to enhance coordinated, collaborative, and seamless access to HIV prevention, care, and treatment services for the highest risk populations—particularly those disproportionately affected by HIV.

• Identify and employ various methods to elicit input into the development and implementation of the jurisdictional plan.

For BCHPPC to be a successful planning body, members must be prepared and engaged by reviewing information provided prior to each meeting, and fully participate in all meetings. Effective members will use their professional and personal expertise based on experience and education to represent differing populations most impacted by HIV. In an effort to establish this diverse planning body, the membership committee relies on the information contained in this application. It is, therefore, extremely important that applications be complete.

**Members must commit to fully participate in the new member orientation and planning group meeting.** The new member orientation will be held June 4, 2012 and the BCHPPC meeting will be June 5, 2012 at the Broward County Health Department.

The deadline for Broward County Health Department to receive your application is **May 18, 2012** by 5:00 p.m. **Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.** Submit application by mail to:

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