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Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention HIV Prevention Colleagues:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) issued guidance for the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, including the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN), a legislative requirement for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Part A and B Grantees in June 2015. This guidance established that health departments and planning groups funded by DHAP and HAB develop an Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. The guidance format allowed jurisdictions to submit one Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, including the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN), to CDC and HRSA by September 30, 2016, covering calendar years 2017 – 2021. Submission of the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan not only meets the legislative and programmatic requirements of CDC and HRSA, but also serves as a jurisdictional HIV/AIDS Strategy or roadmap.

HAB and DHAP had anticipated issuing the updated Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan guidance this summer for the calendar years 2022 – 2027 submission; however, due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, HAB and DHAP have determined that we will postpone the issuance of the guidance. We appreciate the work that you all are doing to support people with HIV and people at risk for HIV through your programs during this public health emergency. We believe that postponing the guidance provides you with an opportunity to stay focused on the work at hand and to consider how HIV prevention and care planning may need to evolve going forward.

We will notify HAB and DHAP grant recipients of the updated timeline for the guidance and the submission later this year. In the meantime, our joint expectation is that RWHAP Part A and B recipients and DHAP funded state and local health departments continue to utilize the existing Integrated HIV Prevention and Care plans as their jurisdictional HIV/AIDS Strategy or roadmap.

HRSA and CDC know that many RWHAP and HIV prevention programs at the local and state levels have integrated planning activities; such activities encompass joint comprehensive needs assessment, information and data sharing, cross representation on prevention and care planning bodies, coordinated/combined projects, combined meetings, and fully merged planning bodies. Overall, we continue to encourage planning groups to streamline their approaches to HIV planning even as those approaches evolve in the context of a public health pandemic.

We also acknowledge that many of you have developed your Ending the HIV Epidemic Plans that were required as part of the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative funding from CDC and may be in the process of further refining those plans now. We encourage you to incorporate your community engagement for the EHE plans and your integrated planning activities to the extent that is helpful. The Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan is the umbrella plan for all of your

HIV-related resources and activities and the EHE plan should work in conjunction as a subset of focused resources and activities.

Good planning is imperative for effective local and state decision making to develop systems of prevention and care that are responsive to the needs of persons at risk for HIV and people with HIV. Community engagement is an essential component for planning comprehensive, effective HIV prevention and care programs in the United States.

HRSA and CDC look forward to continued work with all our partners and stakeholders who are involved in HIV prevention and care planning for HIV programs in the United States.

Sincerely,

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