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Planning for prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) has been an integral part of programs at the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) STD/HIV Division for more than 24 years. Since the first reported cases of HIV/AIDS in 1985, DHEC has been involved in conducting activities to address the prevention needs of those most at risk of infection.

Starting in January 1994, DHEC organized a statewide HIV prevention community planning group (CPG). In a shared effort with DHEC, the CPG developed a statewide plan to improve prevention efforts by strengthening the scientific basis, community relevance, and population- or risk-based focus of prevention interventions. A new model for integrated community planning that includes both HIV prevention and care was implemented at DHEC in January 2005 after a yearlong community participatory planning process with stakeholders. The mission of the SC HIV Planning Council (HPC) is to develop a comprehensive, statewide HIV Prevention and Care Plan for a responsive, effective, and efficient continuum of services for persons living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk for HIV infection. Establishing linkages between clinical care settings and community-based prevention providers is essential to creating a comprehensive prevention-care service environment.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2010-2014 Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan is the culmination of work completed between 2008 and mid-year 2009, with Epidemiologic Profile updates in 2010-2012 by the South Carolina HIV Planning Council (HPC) in collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) STD/HIV Division. The original 2010-2014 Comprehensive Plan, submitted in 2009 to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), was completed in compliance with the 2002-2008 HIV Prevention Community Planning Guidance put forth by the CDC. The 2012 updates are completed in compliance with the CDC’s new guidance for HIV planning, release in 2012. While the 2010-2014 Comprehensive Plan cannot fully address or prioritize all HIV prevention needs in South Carolina, the HPC, in collaboration with DHEC, combined science, data and the wisdom of affected communities to identify effective strategies for the populations most in need of prevention services with the goal of reducing the greatest number of new infections.

The 2010-2014 Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan includes the following 10 sections:
♦ Epidemiologic Profile for HIV/AIDS in South Carolina;
♦ Community Services Assessment;
♦ Prioritization of Target Populations;
♦ Recommended HIV Prevention Interventions;
♦ Coordination and Linkages (with affiliated programs/agencies/services in South Carolina);
♦ Surveillance and Data Collection Initiatives (completed or underway between 2005 and mid-year 2009);
♦ Technical Assistance Needs and Priorities;
♦ Evaluation and Monitoring;
♦ Recommendations and Goals for Prevention Services; and
♦ Appendices to the Plan.

The 2010-2014 Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan originally replaced the 2005-2008 Plan released in 2004 (with update for 2009), with some distinct differences in the document:
♦ The Community Services Assessment includes a description of needs assessment activities, identification of populations at risk and unmet needs, identification of additional needs, a resource inventory with checklist, and an analysis of gaps;
♦ A new model was developed to prioritize populations, which utilized both quantitative and qualitative data;
♦ Interventions selected for priority populations now include the Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions (DEBIs), stressing the importance of utilizing evidence-based interventions that have shown to be effective in reducing HIV risk factors; and
♦ The prioritization of HIV prevention interventions was no longer required by the CDC’s 2002-2008 HIV Prevention Community Planning Guidance.

The 2012 updates to the 2010-2014 Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan include a revised Community Services Assessment (Chapter 2) as well as revised Recommendations and Goals (Chapter 9). Other updates (resource checklists and gap analysis and the prioritization of target populations, and the attachments thereto) will be completed by December 2012. The updated Surveillance and Data Collection Initiatives will be completed by early 2013.