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Health Reform and Reducing Disparities: Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV/AIDS
December 3, 2010, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Presentation by David Johnson, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

State legislators, primarily from CSG’s Eastern Regional Conference states, attended a 4-hour session to learn more about health reform and state policies can reduce health disparities related to sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and HIV/AIDS.

Participants heard from national experts about how federal and state health reforms can help reduce health disparities. Speakers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health, and medical and community services providers gave background information on the epidemic of STDs/HIV and how state legislators can tackle these issues in their states and communities. Legislators from Utah and Rhode Island presented how they were able to gain passage of bills in their states to broaden prevention efforts and establish expedited partner therapy for STDs, and other legislators contributed their similar experiences from other states. Finally, legislators considered a list of the policy initiatives discussed, and indicated those they expect to pursue during the 2011-2012 legislative sessions.

The meeting session was made possible through funding from the CDC’s HIV prevention program [2] and STD prevention program [3] and was presented in cooperation with the Partnership for Prevention [4]’s National Chlamydia Coalition.

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Mr. Johnson’s work centers on identifying the social determinants that contribute to STD and HIV disparities among communities of color, including populations that have been marginalized due to
sexual orientation. His work focuses on strengthening prevention research and developing programs that reduce disparities through partnerships with key community organizations and affected community leaders. Mr. Johnson has extensive teaching experience on HIV, TB, STD, and substance abuse prevention for public health professionals. contact: dbj1@cdc.gov [5]

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