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Final Cumulative Written Question and Response Document

Round 1: Written Questions and Responses for questions submitted through November 20, 2012

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There were no written questions submitted during this timeframe under this Request for Proposal.

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Q1. In section 1.04 entitled SERVICE DELIVERY AREA the RFP states the following, “8 counties have been identified as at high risk for adverse outcomes including teen pregnancy through a needs assessment completed in 2011.” We were wondering if you would explain in more detail the needs assessment that was completed. The RFP also states the following, “Service delivery population is youth that are high risk or vulnerable for pregnancies and are culturally underrepresented. For Iowa these populations have been identified to include teens aged 10-19 who are residing in areas with high teen birth rates.” We are curious 1) why areas with high rates of STIs are not represented, 2) why areas who have populations with youth of color facing high rates of STIs and pregnancy are not represented and 3) why areas with historically high rates of teen pregnancy are not represented in order to maintain their lower rates.

A1. IDPH undertook an intensive community needs assessment and prioritization process to identify geographic and population risk factors to guide project implementation. Fifteen indicators (risk factors) were identified by the PREP Statewide Advisory Council and data were collected for each indicator for all of the state’s 99 counties. The risk factor prioritization process was started by asking all council partners to respond to a Survey Monkey request to identify those risk factors they considered most important. Survey results were discussed at a council meeting and confirmed by those present.

The selected risk indicators include: teen birth rates, premature birth rates, rapid repeat pregnancies, the number of children living in poverty, high school drop-out rates, maternal education, attempted suicide in the past 12 months, binge alcohol use, illicit drug use, child maltreatment, domestic violence, juvenile crime and arrest rates, sexually transmitted infection rates, and homeless youth and youth in foster care. Data were compiled for the selected 15 indicators and high-risk communities were identified.

- 1) High rates of STIs were represented.
- 2) Areas that have populations with youth of color facing high rates of STIs and pregnancy were represented and
- 3) Areas with historically high rates of teen pregnancy were represented.

Of the top 15 communities that were identified as at risk, the AEGP selected the remaining eight (8) counties that are not being served under the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP).

Due to the length of the information and supporting data, details about the prioritization process are available by submitting a separate Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Andrea Kappelman at andrea.kappelman@idph.iowa.gov.