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## STATEMENT OF POLICY

### IMPROVING COLLABORATION BETWEEN CDC AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

#### **Policy**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) recognizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) leadership role in developing policies to protect the public from the spread of infectious diseases.

Since such national policies must be implemented by local health departments, NACCHO requests the continued inclusion of appropriate NACCHO representation in all aspects of such policy development.

#### **Justification**

NACCHO appreciates the increased collaboration between CDC and NACCHO that has occurred since this statement of policy was first approved in May 2007. Local health departments have greatly appreciated the coordination between CDC and NACCHO during the 2009 H1N1 influenza response and CDC's incorporation of NACCHO members in national steering committees and workgroups related to infectious diseases.

NACCHO recognizes the continued need for increased cooperation between of the CDC and NACCHO representation in infectious disease control and prevention. CDC's expertise in the field of infectious diseases policy development is highly regarded by local health departments. NACCHO's expertise in representing local health departments on a variety of issues is vital to ensure national policies are successfully implemented on the local level. Therefore, there is a need to continue to strengthen the collaboration between CDC and NACCHO to include increased input from appropriate NACCHO advisory groups (e.g., Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, HIV/Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention, Pandemic Influenza, Immunization, Public Health Informatics, and Epidemiology Workgroups) and other NACCHO representatives throughout the entire process of policy development. This will result in more effective local implementation of national infectious disease control and prevention policies.

#### **Record of Action**

*Approved by NACCHO Board of Directors*

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