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STATEMENT OF POLICY

Support for the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors' *The Blueprint: Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic through the Power of Prevention*

Policy

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) supports the HIV prevention strategies outlined in the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors' (NASTAD) *The Blueprint: Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic through the Power of Prevention*¹ and in *The Policy Agenda: An Action Plan to Support the HIV Prevention Blueprint*.²

Justification

HIV continues to be an ongoing threat to the public's health.³ NASTAD's *The Blueprint: Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic through the Power of Prevention* effectively describes the need for a substantively different and enhanced national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, including: (1) adequate funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) HIV prevention programs; (2) investment in programs that work at the local level including access to sterile injection equipment, prevention services in correctional settings, and comprehensive sexuality education; (3) expanded investment in sexually transmitted infection (STI) treatment, adult vaccination programs, microbicide development, substance abuse and mental health services, and housing; (4) improved federal coordination, funding, and support for locally-driven and developed HIV prevention programs; and (5) recognition that state and local health departments must lead these efforts.

Record of Action

Approved by NACCHO Board of Directors
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¹National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors. (2007). *The blueprint: Ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic through the power of prevention*. Retrieved July 10, 2008 from

http://www.nastad.org/Docs/highlight/200851_REVISIED_NASTAD_Blueprint_final_043008.pdf.

²National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors. (2007). *The policy agenda: An action plan to support the HIV prevention blueprint*. Retrieved July 10, 2008 from

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³CDC. (2008). Fact sheet: Estimates of new HIV infections in the United States. Retrieved July 10, 2008 from

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/factsheets/incidence.htm>.

⁴*Ibid.*

