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TO: Patrick McConnon, CSTE Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Consultancy, Healthy People 2010 Progress Report

DATE: June 17, 2002

CSTE was invited to participate in the Healthy People 2010 Progress Review Workgroup on immunization and infectious disease objectives held at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on June 6, 2003. Healthy People 2010 is a 10-year plan intended to encourage and guide federal, state, local, private and community health activities and policies. The two overarching goals of this national agenda are to increase quality and years of healthy life and to eliminate health disparities. The CDC's National Immunization Program, National Center for Infectious Diseases and the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention are leading efforts in the Immunization and Infectious Diseases Focus area (chapter 14), which seeks to prevent disease, disability and death from infectious diseases, including vaccine-preventable diseases.

The purpose of Healthy People 2010 Progress Review was to provide a venue for federal agencies to report on progress toward achieving the Healthy People 2010 goals and objectives. The progress review for Focus Area 14, Immunization and Infectious Diseases, was presented to Dr. Richard Carmona, the Acting Assistant Secretary of Health on August 20, 2003. The workgroup reviewed the objectives and data for Focus Area 14, Immunization and Infectious Diseases, and provided input and comment to CDC's presentation of recommendations to Dr. Carmona.

CDC was specifically interested in:

- Highlighting accomplishments
- Strategies implemented to reach the goals
- Problem/barriers to achievement
- Next steps and recommendations

Unfortunately, the meeting appeared to be poorly attended by persons outside of DHHS. CDC professional staff had obviously spent a considerable amount of time and effort in preparing for the progress review. However, it was also apparent that the preparation itself highlighted concerns and needs that were clearly expressed during the course of the day by those most knowledgeable about their specific content areas.