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Dear San Francisco HIV Prevention Provider and/or Community Member,

The Membership committee of the HIV Prevention Planning Council (HPPC) has started its annual effort to recruit new Council members. As we move forward with the 2010 HIV Prevention Plan and the San Francisco's New Directions in HIV Prevention, the committee realizes the importance for Council's composition to represent our local HIV epidemic, community planning values, acknowledge the diversity, and embrace the experience and expertise of potential members.

This year's recruitment effort differs from last year's, in addition to prioritizing gaps in membership, the Membership committee recognizes the importance of considering various factors such as the current membership composition, gaps in membership concerning demographics, areas of experience and expertise that can inform and contribute to the success of the future goals and directions of the Council and HIV prevention in San Francisco.

Anyone who meets the minimum requirement is encouraged to apply for Council membership. For 2010, the Membership committee would like your help to improve Council membership by recruiting new members representing the following categories:

- Gay males or Males who have Sex with Males (MSM)
- People living with HIV
- Asian/Pacific Islanders
- Native Americans
- Injection drug users (IDU)
- Males who have Sex with Males (MSM) – Intravenous Drug User (IDU)
- Youth under the age of 25

Additionally, the Membership committee recommends that persons with either experience or expertise (either lived or professional) in one or more of the following areas apply for HPPC membership.

- Bio-medical interventions
- Behavioral interventions
- Collaborations within other health fields or disease prevention activities
- Research, data, analysis, and/or evaluation
- Hepatitis C
- Epidemiologist
- Faith community

If someone in your agency identifies as a member of the aforementioned communities, has had a history of working with these populations, or has experience or expertise with any of the expressed skills, please encourage them to apply. The minimum requirements for HPPC membership are that interested individuals live or work in San Francisco and can commit up to 10 hours a month to HPPC business.

Please find an attached HPPC brochure and application. **The deadline for applications is August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

For more information about the HPPC, you can visit [http://sfhiv.org/community\\_get\\_involved.php](http://sfhiv.org/community_get_involved.php) or contact Betty Chan Lew at (415) 554-9494.

Thank you,

*The Membership Committee*

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