“Over the last three years, President Obama and this Administration have put a top priority on improving access to healthcare for the LGBT community...And for the first time, we’re collecting data on the health of America’s LGBT population. This data will shine a spotlight on health disparities and show us exactly where we need to do better.”

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius
World Health Assembly LGBT Health Panel
Geneva, Switzerland
May 21, 2012
Reports

✓ The Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People: Building a Foundation for Better Understanding (Institute of Medicine, March 2011)

✓ Recommended Actions to Improve the Health and Well-Being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities (Department of Health and Human Services, April 2011)

✓ HHS 2012 LGBT Annual Report (June 2012)
HHS LGBT Data Progression Plan

- Question on sexual identity potentially being added to the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) in 2013

- Roundtables with transgender health data experts during winter 2011–2012
Healthy People 2020
LGBT Topic Area & Objective

- Increase the number of population-based data systems used to monitor Healthy People 2020 objectives that include in their core a standardized set of questions that identify lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender populations.
Healthy People 2020
LGBT Topic Area Sub-objectives

- Increase the number of population-based data systems used to monitor Healthy People 2020 objectives that include in their core a standardized set of questions that identify lesbian, gay, and bisexual populations.

- Increase the number of population-based data systems used to monitor Healthy People 2020 objectives that include in their core a standardized set of questions that identify transgender populations.
Additional Data Collection Efforts

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
  - Programs with Client-Level Data

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - Enhanced HIV/AIDS Surveillance System
  - National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey

- Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
  - Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs
In Process

Resources
- Top Health Issues for LGBT Populations Toolkit
- Resources for Same-Sex Couples on Intimate Partner Violence

Funding Opportunities
- NIH Program Announcement for Research on LGBTI Populations
- Funding for Treatment of Transgender Women of Color with HIV
Questions?

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