



STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Richard F. Daines, M.D.  
*Commissioner*

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*Executive Deputy Commissioner*

May 15, 2009

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to inform you that the draft 2009 New York State Ryan White Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) and Comprehensive Plan is complete and available for public review and comment. The federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) requires each state to identify and provide a summary of service needs across the spectrum of care for HIV positive persons and to develop a comprehensive plan, in accordance with mandates in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act and HRSA guidance.

In response to this requirement, and as the Ryan White Part B grantee, the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute prepared the draft 2009 SCSN and Comprehensive Plan based on a series of listening forums convened in regions throughout the State, local and regional needs assessments, as well as planning and evaluation documents received from numerous sources.

The draft is available at the New York State Department of Health website. The link to the document follows:

<http://www.nyhealth.gov/diseases/aids/reports/scsn/index.htm>

If you cannot access the document using the link, you can go to [www.nyhealth.gov](http://www.nyhealth.gov) and click on *HIV/AIDS* on the left side of the home page. At the HIV/AIDS home page, click on the link provided either under ***Current Issues*** or ***Reports***, also on the left side of the HIV/AIDS home page. If you are unable to access the document and would like to request a hard copy, please call Star Dowling at (518) 474-6399, or send an e-mail to [sly01@health.state.ny.us](mailto:sly01@health.state.ny.us).

A series of community call-in sessions will be held in June to obtain feedback and input on the draft SCSN and Comprehensive Plan before the document is finalized. Ryan White grantees, consumers, providers and community members are encouraged to participate in the call-in sessions and provide feedback on the draft document and additional input related to service needs, barriers and coordination of care for HIV-infected persons. A schedule of the community call-in sessions is enclosed. Please note the date and time of the session you wish to attend on your calendar. Also enclosed are dial-in directions for each session. If you are not able to attend, written comments are welcome by the date noted below.

The call-in sessions are scheduled for two hours each. The agenda will include a brief overview of the information from the draft document. The remainder of the scheduled time will be available for participants to provide their input and comments. Depending upon the number of attendees at each session who wish to offer comments, we may need to limit the time each commenter is allotted so that all persons can share their input. Presenters are encouraged to provide a copy of their comments so that they can be accurately captured.

If you prefer to provide written comments on the draft SCSN and Comprehensive Plan, please send them no later than June 19, 2009 by e-mail to [sly01@health.state.ny.us](mailto:sly01@health.state.ny.us) or send hard copy to Star Dowling, NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute, Corning Tower, Room 412, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237. Your participation and input are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Scully".

Mona Scully  
Deputy Director for Health Care and Policy  
AIDS Institute

Enclosure

**NEW YORK STATE  
DRAFT SCSN and COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**COMMUNITY CALL-IN SESSIONS  
SCHEDULE**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Call-In Number</b>	<b>Participant's Pass Code</b>
Western	6/1/2009	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	888-995-9854	2153694
Finger Lakes	6/2/2009	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	800-857-5085	5521967
Northeast	6/4/2009	10 a.m. -12 p.m.	888-323-9867	4726532
Hudson Valley	6/4/2009	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	800-857-9882	5885883
Central	6/15/2009	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	888-469-3307	9986437
Nassau-Suffolk	6/15/2009	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	800-779-5205	8040280
New York City	6/17/2009	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	800-857-4873	9350205
New York City	6/18/2009	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	800-619-4086	4555709

**Call-in number:**

To join the community call-in session, please dial the call-in number of the session you wish you attend; then dial the participant's pass code. Please call approximately 5-10 minutes before the beginning time for the teleconference. Operators will be standing by to receive your call. You will be placed on hold until the teleconference begins. If you encounter any difficulties (static, etc.) before or during the teleconference, please hang up and re-dial.

**Please note:** The community call-in session will utilize a "queue" system for the participants that would like to provide input/comments. Participants will use their touch-tone telephone to participate. An operator will provide instructions in order for you to know how to use the queue system to provide testimony and/or to ask questions.