TALKING POINT CONCERNING THE HIV EPIDEMIC AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS, 2009

- Prevalence rates in Michigan are 9 times higher for blacks as compared to whites (Quarterly Stats Jan 2009)

- There are almost 4 times as many black females living with HIV than white females in Michigan, but the rates are 19 times higher for black females compared to white females (Quarterly Stats Jan 2009)

- The number of deaths in black males has fallen substantially from 2001 to 2007, but the number of deaths among black males still exceeds that of any other race/sex group. (Quarterly Stats Jan 2009)

- The percent decrease in deaths between 1995 and 2001 was highest for white males (73%) and lowest for black females (38%). However, percent decrease in deaths between 2001 and 2005 was higher for black men compared to white men (40% vs. 24%, respectively) and black women compared to white women (25% vs. 11%, respectively). (Quarterly Stats Jan 2009)

- When looking at the number of new HIV diagnoses by race and sex, black men was the only group that experienced a significant increase between the years 2002-2006. All other race/sex groups remained level over the same time period. (Trends, May 2008)

- Between 2002 and 2006, 76% of new diagnoses among 13-24 year-olds were black. This is the third year in a row that MI trends analyses have shown a significant increase among this age group. (Trends, May 2008)

- 48% of new HIV diagnoses among 13-24 year-olds are black MSM, compared to 19% of those 25+. (Trends, May 2008)

- In the United States, the estimated rates of new infections in 2006 by race, sex, and age was highest for black men in all categories. (MMWR, Subpopulation Estimates from the HIV Incidence Surveillance System --- United States, 2006, 9/12/08)

- In a study of young MSM in 7 major cities in the United States, it was found that 14% of black participants aged 15-22 and 32% of black participants aged 23-29 were living with HIV. (MMWR, HIV Incidence Among Young Men Who Have Sex With Men --- Seven U.S. Cities, 1994—2000, 6/01/01)