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John,

Please see the emailed response below from the program regarding this morning's conference call.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Thank you

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Hello Catina and John,

Thank you for the conference call and the opportunity to provide further clarification on our ICR's. Below is a brief recap of some of the issues we discussed. (And I apologize for having to send this from my hotmail account! I am out of the office and my remote access to my CDC account is not working properly. I hope this gets through to you.)

Clarification was requested regarding the timeline and the instrument revision/development activities during 2005-2006. As described, this timeframe (approximately 15 months from September 2005 through the end of 2006) was focused on a primarily developmental process. During this time, CDC and its program partners reviewed the original versions of the instrument to identify necessary changes. The primary purpose was to update and modernize the

content, so as to assure it remained reflective of current public health practice. We also used this opportunity to identify and incorporate some changes to improve the user-friendliness and shorten the length of the instruments.

We used three different key inputs for doing this: first, we worked with small 6-person work groups of practitioners who had previously used each instrument (one work group for each of the three instruments). The work groups were individually convened once at the end of 2005 and several times during 2006 to advise on changes. They were particularly helpful in identifying areas to update and modernize, as well as areas that could be made more user-friendly. Secondly, we talked with subject matter experts to identify how different content areas may need to be updated to reflect more current information. We spoke with experts in the areas of: preparedness, informatics, partnerships, health marketing, workforce, public health law, and public health laboratories. Third, we reviewed analyses from psychometric studies that had been done of the original instruments, to determine questions that could be deleted or altered without impacting the performance measurement integrity of the instruments.

All of this resulted in the following key changes: the content of the instruments was updated and modernized, the instruments were made more user-friendly (less jargon and slightly shorter), and the response options were altered slightly to better fit user needs.

I hope this clarification and recap is useful. If you would like further elaboration on any points or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

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