

Attachment G. Focus Group Anonymity Statement

National Public Health Improvement Initiative (NPHII) Focus Group April/May 2013

Summary of Anonymity

This focus group is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Public Health Improvement Initiative (NPHII) assessment. It is supported by a cooperative agreement between CDC and a team from the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI). The purpose of this focus group is to learn about your agency's experience with the NPHII program, and how various elements of NPHII have, or have not, helped your agency achieve success. Results will be used to help CDC understand the contributions of these NPHII program elements to date and plan for the future of the NPHII program.

Participation in this conversation is completely voluntary. You can choose to not participate, you can end your participation at any time, and you can choose to decline to answer any particular question.

The information you provide will be kept anonymous by the assessment team. The discussion will be recorded in order to ensure that we capture your feedback accurately. The recording will begin after introductions are finished, and it will not be shared with anyone outside of team members from NNPHI.

Once the recording has been transcribed, NNPHI will erase the recording. The transcription of the recording will exclude all identifying information, such as names, agency, or jurisdiction. The transcription will be available to the full assessment team including staff from CDC, but it will not be shared with anyone outside of that team. In addition, results will be presented without reference to any specific individual, agency, or jurisdiction.

Focus group participants are also asked to protect one another's anonymity by refraining from sharing what was discussed after the focus group ends.

If you have any questions about the focus group or your rights as a participant, or if there is anything you'd like to share with the assessment team after we end today, the contact information for the focus group facilitator is provided below:

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