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Interview Guide

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INTERVIEW DATE	
CITY OF RESIDENCE	
KEY INFORMANT (Y/N)	
AGE	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Before we start the interview, I would like to ask a few questions that will help me get to know you and provide some context for our conversation.

- D1. How old are you?
- D2. What County/Parish do you currently reside in?
- D3. What is your current employment status?
- D4. What is the highest level of education you have attained?
- D5. Have you been diagnosed with syphilis in the past year?
- D6. Have you been diagnosed with any other STD in in the past year? If yes, which STD(s)?
- D6. What is your current HIV status?
- D7. What is your current relationship status?
- D8. How would you describe your sexual identity?

Thank you for sharing that information with me.

COMMUNITY

Let's talk about the important people in your life. I'd like to learn about who you hang out with and what kinds of activities or things you do with them.

1. Tell me about the people in your life you spend the most time with.
 - a. Why do you spend the most time with [insert person/people based on previous answer]?
 - b. What kinds of things do you typically do when you are with them?

Now that you've shared a little about who you spend your time with, I'm going to ask you to think about the idea of community. We're interested in knowing what that idea or concept—community—means to you--what you think about it, and how it relates to your life.

2. Do you belong to, or feel part of, a community/communities?
 - If yes:
 - i. What communities do you belong to? How would you describe it/them?
 - If no:
 - i. Why do you feel this is the case?
3. How important is it to you to be a part of the community/communities you are in? What do you like or value about being part of a community?
4. Can you describe any negative things associated with being in this/these community/communities?

So, now that we've talked a bit about your views on community, I'd like to ask you some questions about your perspectives on gay community;

5. What's your experience of gay community here in [insert city]?
 - a. Do you feel you are a part of the gay community?
 - If yes:
 - i. Has this been a positive or negative experience? Why?
 - If no:
 - i. Why not?
 - b. Do you think there is a difference between experiences of black gay community vs. larger gay community in [insert city]?
 - i. Can you tell me more about your experience about this?

SEXUAL HEALTH/STD PREVENTION STRATEGIES

My next questions are about sexual health and by sexual health I mean all the things that keep people healthy sexually. That could include things like testing for syphilis or other STDs, HIV testing, or things like condoms or PrEP, etc.

6. What do you see as the most important sexual health issues in your community?
 - a. Why these issues?

HEALTH ACTIVISM/ENGAGEMENT

7. There is a history of gay men working together to advocate for research and resources to prevent HIV and other STDs. Do you see anything like this happening nowadays?
 - a. If yes:
 - i. Tell me about what that looks like in your community (if they don't begin to describe).
 - If no:
 - i. What would be needed to make this happen?
 - b. What do you think would encourage people to get involved in something like this?
 - c. What has been your own experience? [Health activists only.]
 - i. Can you describe the work/activities you have been involved in?
 - ii. Can you tell me more about how you become engaged in this work/activities?
 - iii. What are the most significant challenges you experience in your work?
 - iv. Can you describe any successes? Where do you think you've been successful?

CLOSING

That is all for my questions today. Is there anything you would like to add that you didn't get a chance to mention?

We greatly appreciate your feedback and participation. To thank you for your participation we'd like to offer you a token of appreciation. [Insert token of appreciation retrieval information].

Interviewer Notes and Observations: