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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past year, members of the Oregon HIV Care Coalition and the HIV Prevention Statewide Planning Group have been working towards a common goal of integrated statewide HIV planning. We are pleased to invite you to submit a membership application to the newly convened Oregon HIV/Viral Hepatitis (VH)/Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Integrated Planning Group. The Integrated Planning Group envisions an Oregon where, through prevention, new HIV/VH/STIs are rare. When they do occur, every person will have access to high quality care, free from stigma and discrimination. The mission of the Integrated Planning Group is to regularly identify strengths, needs, gaps and service priorities resulting in a comprehensive plan that will support people in Oregon living with, affected by, or at risk for HIV/VH/STI to live healthy lives. We value inclusion, quality services, compassion and a community focused process.

Oregon's HIV/Viral Hepatitis/STI Integrated Planning Group strives to reflect the HIV prevention and care, viral hepatitis and STI needs of all Oregonians. Our goal is to include citizens from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, geographic areas, living situations, ages, HIV status(es), sexual orientations, and gender identities. Therefore, the application requests some personal information to ensure that group membership reflects the local epidemic in Oregon. Your personal information will not be shared with the general membership, and your responses will be kept confidential to the best of our ability.

Members of the Oregon HIV/Viral Hepatitis/STI Integrated Planning Group will be expected to attend four meetings a year and actively participate on one of the group's four committees. The first all-day meeting will be held in Portland on Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

For initial consideration, **please submit your application on or before Friday, November 4, 2011** to Warren Scott (warren.scott@state.or.us or by fax at 971-673-0178). If you need assistance to complete this application, please contact Warren at 971-673-1161.

Thank you for your interest and dedication to this integrated planning process. We look forward to an exciting first year of effective planning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Veda Latin".

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HIV/STD/TB Section Manager