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Attachment 10: Consumer In-depth Interview/Focus Group

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INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW AND FOCUS GROUP SCREENING INSTRUMENT

Introduction

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm from (name of company). We are calling on behalf of RTI International, a non-profit research organization, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

We are not selling any product. We are calling to invite men/women in your area to join in interviews as part of a research study about HIV. Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the CDC's fight against HIV/AIDS.

If you are eligible and choose to participate in the interview, you will receive \$50 as a token of our appreciation for participating in this important study.

To see if you are eligible for this study, we need to ask you some personal questions. There will be some explicit questions about your sexual behavior and HIV. It is your choice to answer these questions. Your answers will be kept private. You can refuse to answer a question or stop at any time.

All of your comments will be kept private. If you are not eligible and/or choose not to be part of the study, all responses you give me today will be destroyed and you will not be contacted again.

My questions will only take a few minutes. May I ask you the questions now?

Yes.....1 Continue
No.....2 End

Procedures for Recording and Limiting Information

Only record information for the questions in the screener. If an informant reveals additional personal information, thank them for being helpful, but guide them back to the screener questions- "That is interesting to learn, but can I now ask you about. . ."

1. Have you ever participated in focus group or interview session before?

- Yes 1
- No 2 [SKIP TO Q4]

2. What was/were the topics discussed?

[IF PARTICPATED IN A FOCUS GROUP OR INTERVIEWABOUT HIV/AIDS IN THE PAST 6 MONTHS, THANK AND END]

3. What was your sex at birth?

- ₁ Male
- ₂ Female
- ₂ Intersex
- ₈ Don't know [INELIGIBLE]
- ₉ Prefer not to answer [INELIGIBLE]

4. Do you consider yourself to be male, female, or transgender? (check only one)

- ₁ Male
- ₂ Female
- ₃ Transgender Man (or Transmale or Transman)
- ₄ Transgender Woman (or Transfemale or Transwoman)
- ₈ Don't know [INELIGIBLE]
- ₉ Prefer not to answer [INELIGIBLE]

5. May I ask if your age is in any of the following categories? Are you . . . [READ LIST]

- Under 18 years old 1 [THANK & END]
- 18 – 24 2
- 25 – 34 3
- 35 – 44 4
- 45-54 5
- 55-64..... 6
- Refused 7

6. How would you describe your racial/ethnic background? [READ LIST IF NECESSARY]

6a. Are you Hispanic or Latino/a

- a. ___No

- b. ___ Yes
- c. Prefer not to answer

7. What is your race? (One or more categories may be selected – recruit mix)

- a. ___ White
- b. ___ Black or African American
- c. ___ American Indian or Alaska Native
- d. ___ Asian
- e. ___ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- f. ___ Other [Specify: _____]
- g. Prefer not to answer

8. In what country or territory were you born?

- ₁ United States
- ₂ Puerto Rico
- ₃ Mexico
- ₄ Cuba
- ₅ Other [Specify: _____]
- ₉ Prefer not to answer

9. How many years have you been living in the United States?

[If less than one year, put 0 in the space. Round to whole years]

_____ years

10. What language are you most comfortable using with your family and friends?

- ₁ English
- ₂ Spanish
- ₃ English and Spanish equally
- ₄ Other [Specify: _____]
- ₉ Prefer not to answer

11. What is your current relationship status? Are you...?

- Single.....1
- Married to a man.....2
- Married to a woman.....3
- In a relationship with a man.....4
- In a relationship with a woman...5
- Divorced or Widowed.....6
- Refused.....9

12. Which do you consider yourself to be?

- ₁ Gay, lesbian, homosexual, or same gender loving

- ₂ Bisexual or two spirited
- ₃ Straight or heterosexual
- ₄ Other [Specify: _____]
- ₉ Prefer not to answer

13. Which best describes your total personal income during the past year?

- ₁ Less than \$20,000
- ₂ \$20,001 to \$30,000
- ₃ \$30,001 to \$40,000
- ₄ \$40,001 to \$50,000
- ₅ \$50,001 or more
- ₉ Prefer not to answer

14. What is the highest grade or year of school you finished?

- ₁ Never attended school or only attended kindergarten
- ₂ Grades 1 through 8 (elementary)
- ₃ Grades 9 through 11 (some high school)
- ₄ Grade 12 or GED (high school graduate)
- ₅ College 1 year to 3 years (some college or technical school)
- ₆ College 4 years or more (college graduate)
- ₉ Prefer not to answer

15. Do you currently have health insurance or health care coverage?

- ₁ Yes
- ₂ No
- ₃ Don't know
- ₉ Prefer not to answer

16. In what ZIP Code do you currently live? _____

17. What is your job title or role?

- a. [Public Health Professional: e.g. epidemiologist, health communicator, health educator, etc]
- b. [Healthcare Provider: e.g. doctor (MD, DO), nurse, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant]
- c. [General Consumer: neither a Public Health Professional nor a Healthcare Provider]
- d. [Other: _____]

Now I'm going to ask you a few sensitive questions about your sexual activity and HIV/AIDS. All your answers will be kept private.

18. Have you ever been tested for HIV? An HIV test checks whether someone has the virus that causes AIDS.

- ₁ Yes
- ₂ No
- ₉ Prefer not to answer [INELIGIBLE]

19. The next question is about the result of your HIV test. What was the result of your most recent HIV test?

- ₁ I tested positive for HIV.
- ₂ I tested negative for HIV.
- ₃ My results were unclear.
- ₈ I never got my results/Don't know
- ₉ Prefer not to answer [INELIGIBLE]

19a. [IF POSITIVE] When did you first test positive?

DATE (MM/YYYY):_____ [ERROR CHECK: CANNOT BE BEFORE 1985 OR BEYOND CURRENT DATE]

- ₉ Prefer not to answer

If positive, skip questions 20 through 22, and proceed to question 23.

20. When did you have your first HIV test?

DATE (MM/YYYY):_____ [ERROR CHECK: CANNOT BE BEFORE 1985 OR BEYOND CURRENT DATE]

21. In the past 2 years, that is, since [*insert calculated month and year*], how many times have you been tested for HIV? _____

22. When did you have your most recent HIV test?

DATE (MM/YYYY):_____

23. **Have you had oral sex (mouth on the penis or vagina), vaginal sex (penis in the vagina), or anal sex (penis in the butt) with a woman in the past [INSERT TIME FRAME]?**

- ₁ Yes
- ₂ No
- ₉ Prefer not to answer [INELIGIBLE]

24. **Have you had oral sex (mouth on the penis) or anal sex (penis in the butt) with a man in the past [INSERT TIME FRAME]?**

- ₁ Yes
- ₂ No
- ₉ Prefer not to answer [INELIGIBLE]

Invitation:

As I mentioned earlier, we are talking to men/women about HIV/AIDS and we would like to include your opinions. We would like to invite you to take part in an informal interview/focus group session that will last about 1 hour. You will not be asked to buy anything. You will you be contacted at a later date to remind you of the interview. Any information that you provide to us will be kept private. We're simply interested in your opinions.

25. For participating in the interview/focus group, you will receive \$50 as a token of our appreciation. Will you be able to join us for an interview/focus group?

Yes	1	[Skip TO Q26]
No (Refuse to participate)	2	[THANK AND END]

26. Closing for Ineligible Participants:

Thank you for answering all of my questions. You are not eligible to be in this study. There are many possible reasons why people are not eligible for the study. These reasons were decided earlier by the researchers. We value your interest in this research study. Thank you for being willing to help us.

27. [IF “YES” TO EITHER INVITATION, READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS...]

“We will be audiotaping the interview and some project staff from CDC may be observing the interview. We may also use a live video or audio stream so project staff from CDC can observe from a computer in another location.” **In order to participate in the interview, you must agree to being audiotaped and allowing staff from the CDC to observe.** As I said, if you choose to attend, whatever you say will be kept private. We will never link your name with any comment you make in the interview in any report that we write.”

“If you need to wear glasses either for reading or watching TV, please bring them with you to the interview.”

“Also, we need to let you know that there will not be any childcare provided at the facility, so please make the appropriate childcare arrangements if you have children.”

In order for us to send you a reminder letter/email with directions to the interview and to call to remind you of your appointment time, I need to ask for your contact information. We will destroy this information after the interview is over.

Participant Information

Interviewer:	_____
Date:	_____
Letter sent:	_____
Reconfirmation: Call	_____

NAME:	_____		
ADDRESS:	_____		
CITY:	_____		
ZIP CODE:	_____		
Phone : Day	_____	Evening	_____
EMAIL	_____		
What is the best time to reach you? What is the best telephone number to reach you at that time? If you do not answer, may we leave a private message at that number?			
BEST TIME TO BE REACHED: _____			
BEST PHONE NUMBER: _____			
Is there another time and number we can try if we miss you?			
ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: _____			
Your participation in this study is very important. If for some reason you will not be able to attend, please let us know right away. You can call us anytime at [INSERT PHONE NUMBER], and if we are not here, please leave a message. You can also call if you have any questions. Thank you.			