



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ISSUE: LACK OF LGBT INFRASTRUCTURE AT HHS

POLICY DESCRIPTION: Currently there is no management structure or body that oversees or ensures LGBT inclusion in various HHS programs and departments. Due to historic social and legal discrimination, the health of the LGBT population has not received sufficient attention from our nation's leaders.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE: We support establishing a Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity Steering Committee with liaisons throughout divisions, bureaus and institutes. This Committee and these liaisons are necessary to ensure coordination of and inclusion for the LGBT population. The LGBT community is impacted by all areas of health and need to be represented in all aspects of the work of HHS.

PROCESS FOR MAKING CHANGES: This can be changed through the Administration creating such positions and/or steering committee. This is a power completely within the purview of the Administration and the Secretary of HHS.