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To: Virginia A. Caine, MD, Director, Marion County Public Health Department  
Kristina Box, MD, Indiana State Health Commissioner

Cc: Jeremy Turner, Director, HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis Division, IDOH  
John Nichols, HIV Prevention Program Director, IDOH

Re: Concurrence with the Marion County Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plan

Dear Dr. Caine and Dr. Box:

On behalf of the Indiana Department of Health HIV/STD Advisory Committee, thank you for providing the Advisory Committee with a copy of the final Marion County Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plan, and providing the Advisory Committee with a presentation of the EHE Plan on October 15, 2020 and an opportunity for review and discussion.

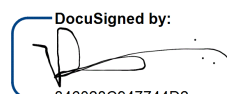
The HIV/STD Advisory Committee notes the robust discussion on October 15, 2020 about the EHE Plan, and appreciates the responsiveness of the EHE Task Force and writers to rapidly respond and incorporate suggestions from the HIV/STD Advisory Committee about alignment with national and state STI strategies and hepatitis elimination plans and emphasis on racial disparities and structural barriers to health services.

The HIV/STD Advisory Committee has received the final EHE Plan and affirms that the Marion County EHE Plan aligns with the priorities stated in the state integrated HIV plan and other state plans related to HIV.

The HIV/STD Advisory Committee specifically emphasizes its appreciation for the Marion County EHE Plan in its attention to most disproportionately affected populations and geographical areas that bear the greatest burden of HIV and other health issues, its attention to workforce development, and the approach and opportunity offered by this Plan for a collaborative, coordinated, cohesive HIV effort across multiple organizations and agencies.

On behalf of the HIV/STD Advisory Committee, the co-chairs are therefore pleased to affirm the committee's concurrence with the Marion County EHE Plan and whole-heartedly endorse the IDOH's submission of this EHE Plan to the CDC and to other Federal agencies.

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