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The Infertility Prevention Project (<http://www.cdc.gov/std/infertility/ipp.htm>) is a long-standing CDC-supported collaboration of STD, Family Planning, and Public Health Laboratory partners at Regional Infertility Prevention Project (IPP) advisory meetings. The collaboration of all three partners has been a requirement of the IPP since the inception of the project and is integral to its success. The Program Management and Leadership section of the CDC STD Program Guidance (CSPS) states grantees, as a condition of the grant award, must report on their participation in the Regional IPP advisory committee and collaborate with state family planning and public health laboratory partners, including a description of policies ensuring attendance at regional IPP meetings.

Failure to send all appropriate representatives to participate in regional IPP meetings will place the project area in non-compliance with the CDC Infertility Prevention Project grant guidance. Because the Regional IPP Infrastructure grantee pays for the travel expenses of all three representatives from the project area, attendance at these critical meetings should not adversely affect the programs' budgets.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued support of the Infertility Prevention Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 404-639-8868.