

## 6.1 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

**Policy:** Title X clinics must provide an opportunity for participation in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the project by persons broadly representative of all significant elements of the population to be served; and by persons in the community knowledgeable about the community's needs for family planning services (*42 CFR 59.5(b)(10)*). The Information and Education (I&E) Committee may serve the community participation function if it meets the requirements, or a separate group may be identified (see MT TX FP Administrative Manual, Policy 7.1 *Information and Education Committee Policy*).

**Procedure:**

Title X sub-recipients will provide for community participation through the following:

1. The statewide I&E will serve the community participation function as it meets annually to review materials and provide feedback on educational outreach and project promotion.
2. A community participation survey will be conducted at each Title X sub-recipient site on a yearly basis to gain input from community members; surveys must be completed by a broad array of community members. Clinics may post the survey on their website if they would like to collect responses using this venue.
  - a. Topics of the survey will vary based on the expressed needs and interests of the I&E members and of local clinics. Local Health Educators will conduct the survey and compile the results.
  - b. The survey will ask a specific question to elicit from the respondents what the pertinent health problems are in their community. Based on the responses, if a health issue arises as an area of concern, the health promotion strategies will be implemented into the clinics educational outreach to address the health issue.
  - c. Clinics will be required to document the results of the survey and report them electronically. Each clinic will describe 1-2 activities that will address the most important issues discovered through the survey, as determined by the clinic. Input and guidance from the I&E and FPP will be provided as needed.
3. FPP will include the community participation activities in their outreach activities. The clinics will be responsible for completing these activities by the end of the project period.