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ACSA planning on new directions

The AIDS Council of SA (ACSA) today announced the first steps in planning new directions for the organisation as it released its community feedback survey as part of working towards a new strategic plan.

ACSA Executive Director, Shane Dinnison, said that strategic planning for a 23 year old organisation encourages examination of established directions and strategies for contemporary relevance and results. "It's also about building commitment and embracing public accountability and public support in the regular process of identifying priorities and evaluating strategies in the pursuit of enhancing the health and wellbeing of our communities," said Mr Dinnison.

"ACSA's aim in developing a new strategic plan is to focus our vision and mission in response to the changing environment. Development of the plan follows recent changes in the HIV sector in South Australia. The SA HIV Action Plan was recently released and HIV community service agencies have undergone a rigorous assessment and evaluation process during the first half of 2009 in a competitive tender for SA Health funding", said Mr Dinnison.

Alongside these local changes, a range of national sexual health strategies are currently being developed by the Commonwealth. "This changing policy context demands that ACSA continuously examine our programs, services and campaigns not only from the perspective of effectiveness of achieving better health outcomes but also to determine if our communities continue to value them".

Community members are invited to participate in an online survey which is available through the ACSA website www.acsa.org.au/home.html. The survey is open until 7 August 2009.

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