**Galion City Board of Health**

**STI/HIV Prevention September 2022 Monthly Update**

**Clinical Services**

* 32 clients for STI/HIV testing between Galion and Cline Ave. sites
* 28 clients active in PrEP and associated care management services through the end of September
* We have had some difficulty with our current public health lab in terms of insurance billing, communication and EMR integration. We have slowly started using a new\* lab that offers courier services (vs. overnight shipping to Texas).
* **Pathology Laboratories** is based out of Toledo and has offered competitive rates for site-billed labs. Examples include a comprehensive metabolic panel for $10.60, full syphilis testing for $30.15, HIV ½ Antigen and Antibody testing $54.14.
* \*This lab is not entirely new as we have used them for HIV and syphilis testing for our disease investigation services

**Region 2 (Disease Investigation, etc.)**

* Syphilis cases are still present and keeping us busy. When investigating, the individuals infected are within priority populations: men who have sex with men (MSM), and those who are engaging in injection drug use. Methamphetamine use is a common factor in many of the infections.
* In September, we saw 2 new HIV + cases.
* In general, STI cases are higher state and nationwide. We hope to finish 2022 with an advertising push for STI awareness Region 2-wide. This will not be GCHD specific, but will aim to promote testing, OHIV.org, and syphilis awareness.

**Budget**

* We are on track to have our 2022 budget spent appropriately
* A budget revision is in process to account for money movement due to personnel changes (Lynn Corwin’s appointment to Director of Nursing)

**Respectfully submitted,**

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