**Galion City Board of Health**

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

**Clinical Services**

* 28 clients for STI/HIV testing between Galion and Cline Ave. sites
* 25 clients active in PrEP and associated care management services through the end of October
* We have had good success with Pathology Laboratories out of Toledo in terms of billing, lab turnaround time and responsiveness to our needs. We will continue to utilize this lab until further notice.

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

* Syphilis cases continue to rise in Ohio and within our region. 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.
* We treated 16 cases and contacts in October throughout the region. This does not include the cases that were already treated before we completed interviews and partner services (contact tracing).
* We are thankful to partner agencies for allowing us to use space to meet many of these individuals throughout this rural area. These include Marion Public Health, Knox County Health Department, Huron County Health Department, Dr. Ezike.
* We have secured an advertising campaign with Lind that will run through the end of 2022 and into 2023 to promote greater awareness to the current rise in HIV and syphilis cases.

**Budget**

* We continue to be on track with spending in 2022.
* We are awaiting the notice of award (NOA) from the Ohio Department of Health for our 2023 grant award.
* We are awaiting approval of the budget revision that was submitted to account for personnel changes. This was submitted to the Ohio Department of Health by O. Roston at the end of October.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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