**September 2023 Board of Health Update**

**STI/HIV Prevention**

**Clinical**

* We continue to see positive attendance at Galion and Marion test sites.
* As of Oct. 4th, all appointments in Mansfield will be scheduled. No walk-in testing. This site has been less well-attended and we tend to use this location more for meeting clients that test positive for syphilis or HIV and need treatment/partner services. We will only be testing or meeting here with individuals that are scheduled to make better use of our time.

**Region 2 HIV and Syphilis tracking**

***Crawford, Marion, Richland, Ashland, Knox, Erie, Wyandot, Seneca, & Huron Counties***

* Syphilis cases are on the uptick again. Cases concentrated in Marion and Richland counties.
* HIV/syphilis testing events held in September (4 total dates): Knox Recovery (3 sites), Riverside Recovery
* Jenny Jordan completed the Ohio Department of Health Counseling Testing Referral (CTR) training on September 21st. This allows her to provide independent rapid HIV testing.

**Grant Management/Budget**

* The STI grant was submitted on September 11th. We are awaiting notice of award for this grant that will begin February 1, 2024.
* The HIV grant solicitation has not been released for 2024. This is set to begin June 1, 2024. This is all the information that we have to date.

Respectfully Submitted,

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