**November 2023 Board of Health Update**

**STI/HIV Prevention**

**Clinical**

·         We continue to see positive attendance at Galion and Marion test sites.  We are working to phase out routine testing and visits in Mansfield.  I would like to eventually use this location for periodic PrEP follow up visits and a site for meeting up with clients for syphilis and HIV tracking.

**Region 2 HIV and Syphilis tracking**

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

·         Syphilis cases are steady.  Cases throughout November have been concentrated in Marion, Knox and Richland Counties

·         HIV/syphilis testing events held in November (1): Heidelberg University

**Grant Management/Budget**

·     We plan to post for the DIS position (pending BOH approval) and will begin searching for a qualified applicant before the end of the year.

·         HIV grant funding will be extended through May of 2024.  Leanna entered our budget into the Ohio Dept. of Health Grants Management Information Systems (GMIS) to assure that we will receive even funding through this time.  We are unsure as to what will happen as June 2024 approaches.  The grant could become competitive, but we have been assured that our department is handling the grant well.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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