

June & July 2023 BOH Updates

STI/HIV Prevention Program

Clinical

- 30 client visits between Galion and Mansfield STI test sites (July)
- 35 client visits between Galion and Mansfield STI test sites (June)
- 35 client visits at the Tuesday Marion STI test site (June and July)
- 42 active PrEP/HIV prevention clients between all 3 sites. **We continue to see no seroconversion to HIV positive in any of our PrEP clients since the institution of our program in late 2019.**
- The Marion test site continues to show growth and our weekly presence is well-received. Per statistics maintained by Sarah Nicewaner, the Director of Nursing at Marion Public Health, we have served more clients April through July than the previous providers during the calendar year 2022.

Region 2 HIV and Syphilis tracking

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

- Syphilis cases are maintaining steady in numbers. We are seeing more cases in pregnant women which leads to risk of congenital syphilis. We are fortunate that we have been able to assure that women in Region 2 are being adequately treated prior to delivery, but this can be very time consuming due to communication with their providers, the transient nature of these clients and the large area of our region. **In Region 2, 39 syphilis cases have been found through June 30, 2023.**
- HIV cases are found throughout Region 2 in small numbers, none have been found in any of our 3 clinics or through investigation so far in 2023. **In Region 2, 7 HIV cases have been found through June 30, 2023.**
- We continue to offer syphilis testing with all HIV tests.
- Outreach HIV and syphilis testing was done (In addition to weekly testing at Marion Public Health) at the following locations during June and July: Ashland County Jail, Knox Recovery, and ACCADA (Ashland County).

Grant Management/Budget

- We continue to be on track with spending.
- A large billboard campaign promoting HIV prevention was rolled out in late June. This will run through the later part of 2023 and has placement in 7 of our 9 counties.
- Our PrEP, HIV testing, Syphilis awareness/education campaign that was produced by Commando, the LGBTQ+ Ad. Firm has shown positive analytics and several clinic leads. These ads are on Facebook, Instagram, GRINDR, Scruff'd, Adam4Adam.
- We requested an extra \$5,500 from 340B revenue to produce an educational campaign that will run through the end of 2023 during live streamed sports. This was approved and we will work with WMFD to complete this.

- **340B Revenue: May \$4224.86, June \$5483.14** (July will be released Mid-August)
- **Billing Revenue: May \$1652.25, June \$1438.42** (Cash, Private, Medicaid)

2024 Planning

- STI and HIV grants will no longer be on the same timeline moving forward. Typically, these grants were written and submitted at the same time, with each grant cycle beginning January 1. We have been notified that the STI grant will be identical funding in 2024 and will begin February 1, 2024. For the HIV grant, we have been told this grant will likely be extended through May of 2024. This is not set in stone, but we have been given this heads up. We have not received the formal solicitation for either grant (this is the directive to write the grants, budgets and work plans). Both grants are continuations and will not be competitive, meaning that GCHD will receive the programming if requirements are met. Once we receive the solicitation, we generally have 45 days to write and submit.

2023 STI/HIV World Congress

- This was held July 24-27th in Chicago. We were very fortunate to attend this International conference. Topics included syphilis treatment, antibiotic resistance, STI vaccinations in development, DoxyPEP, implementation of send-out testing and more. We met David Harvey, the Executive Director of NCSD (National Coalition of STD Directors), who encouraged us to submit an abstract for STD Engage 2024 highlighting the development of our innovative services in a small, rural region.

Respectfully Submitted,

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