


STI/HIV Program Director's Participants' Agenda
September 15-16, 2025, St. Paul, Minnesota

Time	Topic	Objectives	Presenter(s)/Activity
9-9:15am	Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce participants to course topics; planning committee 	Rebekah Horowitz
9:15-10:15am	Share Your Setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants share success or innovation from HD 	Full Group
10:15-11:15am	Public Health Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review recent scientific developments and controversies related to HIV/STI Discuss key issues related to HIV testing, PrEP, HIV treatment, Doxy PEP, and syphilis treatment 	Matthew Golden
11:15-11:30am	Break		
11:30am-12:30pm	Rural Communities Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share overview of what impacts STI/HIV response in rural communities (e.g., transportation limitations, hospital closures, access to medical care, including prenatal care) Discuss key issues related to clinical care (HIV testing, PrEP, HIV treatment, and field services) in rural areas, what do we do in clinical deserts? 	Anita Stewart
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch Break		
1:30-2:30pm	Program Structure and Prioritization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share different organizational and operational structures for STD and other communicable diseases (e.g., HIV, TB, viral hepatitis) programs with a focus on program management and leadership Discuss factors that shape program priorities for health departments (e.g., funding, emergency outbreaks, epidemiology, demographics) Discuss who are stakeholders in setting priorities (including how rural health departments work with state health departments, health boards/commissions, health care providers/hospital systems) 	Facilitator: Matthew 2 participants share their HD structure (provided slides in advance)
2:30-3:30pm	Surveillance and Epi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define key epidemiologic parameters local programs should follow related to STI/HIV 	Sara Glick

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how local public health can best make key data available to local stakeholders • Discuss access to data and data sharing with state health departments and tribal entities when local health departments lack data ownership and how local health departments can best work with other entities to obtain the data they need and share the data that is needed 	
3:30-3:45	Break		
3:45-5pm	Service Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what health departments do to address HIV and STIs including testing outside clinical settings, mobile units including staffing, services provided, and funding • Identify who can/should be worked with to expand reach in rural areas, including innovative partners (e.g., pharmacies) • Discuss the possibility of decreased barriers to care through express services, field-delivered testing and treatment (and feasibility in rural settings) 	<p>Facilitator: Anita</p> <p>2 participants share their HD's service provision activities (including how address HIV and STDs, testing outside clinical settings (e.g., community partnerships, mobile units), staffing, and funding structure (provided slides in advance))</p>
6-7pm	Optional Happy Hour Location: TBD		

Day 2

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9:00-9:15am	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflections on Day 1 Orientation to Day 2 	Rebekah  Matthew
9:15-9:45 pm	Field Services I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the 3 components of DIS investigations Learn the metrics used to monitor field services programs and current levels of field service productivity 	
9:45-11am	Field Services II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss conducting field services to rural areas (including factors such as field treatment, internet/phone partner services, EPT) Discuss priority setting related to field services Discuss linkage to care and what solutions have been utilized to address low capacity in rural areas 	Greta Thorpe
11-11:15am	Break		
11:15-12:15pm	Working with, and in, communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how health departments work with specific populations, and the organizations that serve them, that are identified as priorities in their communities (e.g., American Indian, unhoused, drug user, refugee, immigrant, migrant communities, LGBTQ+, youth) Identify and discuss community engagement strategies 	Facilitator: Sara 2 participants share their efforts (provided slides)
12:15-1:15pm	Public health awareness, education, and advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how to make the case for public health (including with county executives, boards of health, hospital/healthcare, public, etc.); working with the state to develop community and provider-based awareness campaigns Share what has/has not worked in awareness efforts (for community, political stakeholders, within your health department, and healthcare providers) 	Facilitator: Rebekah 2-3 participants share their efforts (provided slides in advance)
1:15-1:30pm	Closing, next steps, and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are you maintaining morale during change and uncertainty? Reflection/feedback Complete evaluation 	NACCHO