

Monterey County Sexual Health Collaborative :
HIV, STI, Hepatitis C & Harm Reduction
(Formerly Monterey County HIV Planning Group)
Meeting Minutes

April 28th, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00PM

HIV Data Presentation

- Presentation linked

Specialty Clinics/ HIV CBO

OPIS

- Clinic transitioned to Montage medical group four years ago
- New location has cause transportation issues for pts
- 8 pt. deaths not related to HIV diagnosis
- New pts- 6 new pt in 20
- Dr.Keller treating HCV pts (no HIV diagnosis needed)
- Clinic received approval for injectable PREP, staff needs to take time to get them receive training on administration of vaccine- injected every 2 months, and for regular PrEP every 6 months
- Clinic administration has questions on insurance coverage
- Injectable treatment--challenges for a pt who are not consistent with medication
- First Thursday of every month bringing an ASN representative to OPIS

NIDO

- Esther Granados- new clinic supervisor
- 2 new health educators--Karina Rodriguez and Osvaldo Zendejas
- Clinic offers PREP mostly internally for their pts and MPOX vaccinations
- Dr. Radner one a week (Tuesday) and 2 other providers once a month
- Physician assistant- Debra -full time, only HIV provider onsite
- Unaware of when they will offer injectable PREP

ASN

- Serving 180 clients approximately
- Primary resource utilized by clients is food services
- Rental, housing searches
- Social needs are high- social networks
- Housing info- permanent, experiencing homelessness- 3.5 months for housing- 147 days of housing-stable housing plan-help with rental assistance and deposit.
- Requesting local housing partners needed in the room such as Interim Inc*
- Project Home Key-waitlist for affordable housing
- ASN offers assistance with rental deposit through the Madison Grant-community foundation→ Contact Grace Vasquez for housing—Patty Walker, Melina Correa pt navigators, PREP-mistr
- Substance use navigators working with police
- New grants to hired ppl with lived experienced
- New grants for covid education and vaccine readiness
- ASN.org job posting for navigators- to create a career in healthcare or have not been working

- Street medicine acquired two vans to do wound care offered by Dr.Vela and medical services to residents.
- Syringe exchange program- transitioning individuals from injecting to smoking for harm reduction.
- Testing at Monterey County Jail for Hep C- weekly on Thursdays, logistically only 6 pts per day—rapid testing
- Facing barriers in treatment upon release
- Active partnership with the jail for treatment after release with telemedicine
- Medical available for 90 days upon release
- Dental services (office in Marina)- no insurance they use Ryan White and 340b Revenue.
100% for cleanings, fillings, 50% for crowns
- DENTIICAL- referrals to preferred dentist
- End the Epidemics- grants will be sunseting Day of Action on May 15th Sacramento to extend funding.
- Anticipating there is going to be a change medical unwinding - if they are HIPP or ADAP - people are no longer cover prescription
- South County and north county outreach SEP clinics

Program and Project Updates

- Anyone who is interested in getting the JYNNEOS Vaccine can get it, eligibility is no longer needed
- Bicillin Delivery Project- CMR, prescription from provider sent to the HD, limited stockpile of Bicillin in CA
 - o If there's any shortages to notify the state
 - o OPIS has Bicillin available

Pacific AIDS

- UCSF AIDS Pacific training center, Ryan White funded
- Offers provider education and trainings
- Oregon to San Luis Obispo
- Request to identify other providers/organizations who are not here who can be here and working with the transgender community
- Santa Cruz ppl, PP and Mar Monte
- Hep C workgroup that meet monthly for Hep C
- Penicillin issue- physicians that don't know how many shots, so referred out to OPIS (All across Montage)
- Congenital Syphilis Talk (provider training) coordinating with the CDPH and Monterey County

Presentation by Ruby on HIV Seminar

- Presentation linked