

**BeYOU Advisory Board Meeting – March 29, 2022
 July 26, 2022**

BeYOU Board Members		
Joshua Andres – Present	Barry Nelson - Absent	Greg Volk – Absent
Dalton Berger - Absent	Tracie Newman - Present	Charles Vondal - Present
James Cavo - Absent	Ashley Rost - Present	Danielle Walz - Present
James Falcon - Absent	Brian Samson - Absent	Christopher Wegner - Absent
Jason Grueneich - Absent	Anna Schimmelpfennig - Absent	
Kayla Hochstetler - Absent	Cody Severson - Absent	
Jacqueline Hoffarth - Present	Deven Styczynski - Present	
Thea Jorgensen – Absent	Kristi Rosselli-Sullivan - Absent	
Justin Lein - Absent	Abigail Vetter - Present	

Others in attendance: Jorden Laducer, Hannah Anderson, Lindsey Vanderbusch, Katarina Domitrovich

Updates – Lindsey Vanderbusch:

- 65 doses of Monkey Pox vaccine have been allocated out to two healthcare providers within the state.
- Fargo Cass and Bismarck Burleigh currently have vaccines on hand, and they are working to identify individuals within their own cohort of patients and they are taking calls and request to get people vaccinated.
- Individuals who are a close contact or any gay, bisexual or other cisgender men may be eligible for the vaccine if they have had multiple sex partners within the last 14 days or if they have attended any venues where they may be at risk.
- Currently, our state public health lab only has the capacity to do about 10 tests per day.

Updates - Jorden Laducer:

- Cody Severson will be doing his practicum in the Health Equity Office.

Updates – Hannah Anderson:

- Met with leadership and disease control on the communication-side of Monkey Pox and when it comes to overall messaging, they are aiming for overall education, what Monkey Pox is, what the symptoms are and all the different ways you can get it. Also partnering with Commando to do some advertising targeting specific populations that are at a higher risk using apps like Grindr, dating apps, etc.

BeYOU Taskforce Updates – Katarina Domitrovich:

- Moving forward with a contract with NDSU having a member at NDSU who specialized in survey dissemination and creation.

HIV Prevention and Care Board – HIV Prevention Liaison Updates – Christopher Wegner and Alicia Belay:

- Alicia posted a few new materials in the chat. Please give any feedback by August 8th.
- Alicia's presentation will be sent out with the meeting notes.
- Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan
 - Response
 - Increase the utilization of harm reduction principles through the care and treatment process to empower people living with HIV.
 - Establish modes of sustainability for relationships with provider organizations, testing sites and social services to ensure the ongoing availability and reliability of care.
 - Integrate cultural competency—especially for priority communities—into our cluster detection and response plans.
 - Enhance the utilization of social media and modern communication approaches to reach broader communities of individuals at risk for HIV transmission.
 - Diagnose
 - Increase opportunities for non-traditional modes of testing such as at-home testing and self-collection kits.
 - Further integrate and standardize HIV testing with both primary care provision and other STI testing to assess co-infections and normalize HIV testing.
 - Provide education to providers and leaders of priority communities on HIV, affirming language, and approaches to discussing risk and harm reduction with individuals being tested.
 - Treatment
 - Increase access to infectious disease doctors and care through the expansion of telehealth, training of primary care providers and collaboration with statewide healthcare systems and programs.
 - Create consistent accessibility to Ryan White services for low-income residents and priority communities across the state.

- Decrease medical mistrust/distrust by providing education to providers and community leaders of priority communities on HIV, affirming language, and approaches to discussing medication adherence and viral suppression in destigmatizing ways.
- Integrate opportunities for support groups, peer-to-peer programming and mental health into treatment plans and offerings to ensure the promotion of holistic health for people living with HIV.
- Prevention
 - Expand the reach and services provided by Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) across the state.
 - Purchase and utilize mobile testing units to both increase testing and provide prevention materials across rural areas.
 - Increase opportunities for sexual health education for providers, families and individuals to deepen public awareness of HIV and other STIs.
 - Investigate and pursue opportunities for prevention within nontraditional sites such as halfway houses, prison and jails, tribal lands and more.