

HIV Prevention and Care Board

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cassie Plante, Jolene Keplin, Sahra Abdullahi, Jordan Beyer, Jason Grueneich, Chelsey Olander, Johanna Fajardo, Luisa Hoyos, Francisca Alberti, Alicia Belay, Valentina Asiedu, Carsen Beckwith

NOTES

Dreams: All focused on people being person-centered.

- One stop shop for PLWH to get access to the services they need; holistic health
- Referrals that are HIV friendly
- Access for care rural communities
- HIV to be seen as a commodity (not having to go to an infectious disease provider)
- Awareness and public education on HIV and individual needs
- An educated, open and aware legislature: making room to decriminalized HIV
- To empower women and girls
- Decentralized programming, power and decision making for the community led health initiatives
- Mobilized community for change
- Care throughout our lifetime

EHE PILLAR DISCUSSION

Diagnose

- **Add/Maintain**
 - Binx at home testing with discretion
 - Community events testing
 - Allocate grant funds to other organizations for community-led testing
 - DIS needs to collaborate with testing sites/partner services to work in getting results back to individuals
- **Minus/Not seen in the current/ Needs to be added**
 - Needs to be accessible in diverse ways
 - Binx has one provider so far and would be necessary to increase accessibility through many providers to allow for follow-up and distribution
 - Increase the number of comprehensive testings
 - Incentivize testing to increase the reach
 - Increase the testing rate at current sites and add new testing sites
 - A better method of communicating results of testing with clients

- Having a way of giving room for people to follow up with their test results
eg. Card for contact information for receiving testing results
- Having stakeholders to be in-charge of Binx test kit
- **Board Role**
 - Disseminating of the availability of resource of at home testing
 - Board assesses the progress, performance of the provider education
 - Board identifies providers across the state to aid in availability of testing

Treat

- **Add/Maintain**
 - This is a great plan and looks like a “mission accomplished” as this current plan is touching on previous elements proposed for the issue of HIV
 - App-based telehealth
 - Peer-to-peer health navigation program, education
 - More mental and behavioral health resources and access to these
 - Expand eligibility and access to RW services; what is the patient able to access? Where? Logistics; like reimbursement?
- **Minus/Not seen in the current/ Needs to be added**
 - How to reach kids with HIV
 - Peer-to-peer support for PLWH
 - Naming need for rural areas
 - Are people in rural areas able to have providers come to them?
- **Board Role**
 - The board can organize and give a testimony at the legislative session
 - Become the community phase of this work
 - Can there be a contact list of providers or stakeholders to create a connection
 - The board serves as a lesion to reach the “unreachable” communities in the rural areas
 - The board serves as the voice of the community to tell the DH what to do and why?

Prevent

- **Add/Maintain**
 - Increase SSPs in the state; looking at the fact that site in Fargo is doing (70%).
 - Talking to providers e.g. Sanford. Essentia
- **Minus/Not seen in the current/ Needs to be added**
 - Commit more hours and dedicated people to giving this TA
 - Increase awareness of PrEP; where to get it?
 - Making available multi-lingual information and ease of access to these in culturally appropriate forms
- **Board Role**
 - Board member (Jorden) going in to talk about how he does the work, serving like a technical assistant

- Advertisement, campaign, public address events, for PrEP access and availability (and transition from college to public health)
- Add in schools, colleges to PrEP education, access and availability as well as referral
- Identify multi-lingual services or resources

Respond

- **Add/Maintain**
 - Working with priority populations and identifying communities in which these can be identified
 - All 3
- **Minus/Not seen in the current/ Needs to be added**
 - Name the community and prioritize either rural or urban communities which have not been reached
 - Development of street teams as a way of reaching people where they are
- **Board Role**
 - Asking for the input of the various boards and before the HD reaches out

BOARD PROJECTS

- One-stop shop:
 - Goal: create website or pamphlet to connect people with available resources for individuals living with HIV
- Multilingual resources:
 - Goal: improve inclusiveness of programming by having materials in different languages, multilingual training (someone to train people how to be translators).
- Outsourcing to & awareness to rural communities:
 - Goal: testing in reservations, would need to secure funding, ways to expand Binx at-home test collection.
- Legislation stakeholders education:
 - Goals: Train ¼ of board members to navigate legislation
 - Educate city and local representatives ie state legislators
 - Bring a human face to HIV related matters