

STD Meeting Minutes

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- A. Targeted GC Plans from 2009 – how are things coming along?
1. Rhode Island
 - a. There is a focus on assigning positive GC clients to DIS
 - b. The goal was to have 90% of GC positive clients assigned for interviews
 - c. In 2010, 161 diagnosed, and 150 assigned; 67% had a successful interview
 2. Connecticut
 - a. GC patients are matched to eHARS and interviewed
 - b. If it is a new HIV case + syphilis then the HIV program does the interview
 - c. If it is an old HIV case + syphilis then STD DIS does the interview
 3. Massachusetts
 - a. The goal is to do GC screening using a van for outreach
 - i. MA was advised not to use a van for this purpose after price quotes were obtained and it was determined this would be too expensive
 - b. The goal to increase partner services for GC in Boston
 - i. MA has not been able to work on it because DIS left and then there was a hiring freeze
 - ii. MA is just starting to get more DIS on staff but syphilis is a priority over GC
 - c. MA is working on some GIS mapping
 - d. MA is working with medical providers to collect more data on risk factors
 - i. There is a new case report form that is longer for GC and requires follow-up to providers, which has been successful

4. New Hampshire
 - a. NH did not have a targeted GC plan last year because of staff turnover in 2009
 - i. Starting in 2010 STD and Surveillance were moved under the same Bureau so Surveillance has been running reports
 - b. Targeted GC screening in Hillsborough County
 - i. The majority of GC cases are heterosexual
 - ii. For MSM, age appears to be a risk factor
 - c. Monitoring GC on a quarterly basis
 - d. NH had an outbreak response plan but lost the section chief so it is being re-evaluated
 - i. NH is looking to define triggers to outbreak response
 5. Maine
 - a. Funding shortages have left ME short on DIS staff and an STD Program Manager
 - b. Partner Services for HIV/Syphilis/GC/CT if 19 years and younger, co-infection, pregnant and in men 24 or younger
 - c. ME requests data from eHARS for matching
 - i. GC is mostly MSM
 - ii. GC increased from 13% from 143 cases in 2009 to 162 cases in 2010 (the majority, 112 cases, are white)
 6. Vermont
 - a. VT also does interviews for CT but HIV/Syphilis/GC are the priority
 - b. GC is down in MSM
 - i. Cases from other states are 40% of GC cases
 - c. VT has very low numbers of GC
- B. Andee asked everyone to update facility type codes from database