

## **Update for quarter 3: July-September 2017**

### **Four Key Components: Florida's Plan to Eliminate HIV Transmission and Reduce HIV-related Deaths**

#### **1. Test and Treat**

- From May 1st to October 4th, 2017, 501 clients have been referred to the program; and of the 501 referred, 435 have been enrolled.
  - Of the 435 enrolled, 198 are newly diagnosed HIV-positive individuals and 237 are previous diagnosed HIV-positive individuals.
  - Of the 501 referred, 29 refused the Test and Treat Program.
  - Of the 501 referred, 37 were ineligible (Jail: 6, Out of Jurisdiction: 23, Negative confirmatory after a positive rapid: 7, Deceased: 1).During this reporting period (July-September 2017), 351 clients were referred to the program.
  - Of the 351 referred (previously diagnosed: 165, newly diagnosed: 171) 336 have been enrolled. There were 15 refusals.
- As of October 4th, there are twelve (12) rapid site locations referring clients to the Test and Treat Program and there are eight (8) Providers identified as Test and Treat Champions that provide medical services to the Test and Treat clients.

#### **2. Antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPEP)**

- For Quarter 3, 15 PrEP educational sessions were held with 100 attendees in total.
- For Quarter 3, public health detailing field activities to enhance provider knowledge on PrEP continue with 21 Physicians that were visited and participated in an educational FAQ session in conjunction with toolkits disseminated to clinical staff and providers.
- For Quarter 3, 16 physicians have preliminarily agreed to begin providing PrEP services and will be reported on the Broward County's PrEP referral directory.
- DOH-Broward has formed a partnership with Walgreens and the Nancy J. Cotterman Sexual Assault Center for the direct provision of nPEP medications, nPEP navigation services and the screening for, and if eligible, navigation of PrEP services. This will begin Fall 2017.
- PrEP and nPEP continuums and indicators and a PrEP process map has been developed. They are in the process of being finalized.
- The program is researching and developing a PrEP palm card and condom insert card.

### **3. Routine HIV and STD screening in healthcare settings/targeted testing in non-healthcare settings**

- FOCUS: Routine HIV/HCV Screening and Linkage to Care - conference calls were held this quarter address questions and concerns that Memorial Healthcare regarding implementing the project in their ER at Memorial Regional Hospital. Topics of discussion included; what is the impact of current testing program funding linkage to care instead of HIV testing, discussed the success of Jackson Hospital, and responsible party for linkage to care.
- Memorial Healthcare System and Broward Health Hospital provides routine testing in five of their medical centers. In addition, both sites make testing available in their ERs; 2 with Memorial and 3 with Broward Health. The patients may opt into the screening.
- In communication with a medical provider interested in becoming a registered HIV Testing site; discussion regarding importance of routine testing and TA as needed.
- Public health detailing field activities to enhance provider knowledge on PrEP, Routine Testing, and Test/Treat continue with 21 physicians that were visited and participated in an educational FAQ session.

### **4. Community outreach and messaging**

- DOH Broward HIV program participated in Bethel Worship on September 30, 2017 in North Lauderdale. Our program distributed 1,000 condoms, HIV testing promotional incentives, and educational pamphlets. (7) GC/CT and syphilis test, (1) blood draw for HIV and (6) rapid tests for HIV were conducted.
- BTAN Broward hosted a 3-day science and treatment training was held from August 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> with an objective to increase knowledge of effective HIV prevention, treatment and care strategies that improve outcomes on the HIV treatment cascade. (45) attended day 1, (42) attended day 2 and (41) attended day 3.
- On July 25<sup>th</sup> Broward participated in the 18th Boomer Expo at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek. The team saw more than 1500 seniors providing education on HIV prevention, testing and treatment. We distributed over 7000 condoms, FC, lubes & 100 brochures which included PrEP brochures as well.
- DOH Broward participated in the Back to School Immunization Health fair on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lauderhill Mall which was hosted by DOH KidCare program. Our program distributed 7,000 condoms, 200 female condoms, 50,000 lubricants, 250 brochures, HIV testing promotional incentives, and educational pamphlets. 1 HCV rapid test and 20 HIV rapid tests were conducted.

- DOH-Broward participated in the Austin Hepburn Senior Center Health Fair on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our program provided educational materials, risk reduction sessions, and promotional incentives to about 60 seniors.
- The Business Responds to AIDS (BRTA) initiative recruited 29 new business partners and re-engaged 52 businesses for this quarter. Business partners are educated about routine testing, condom use, PrEP and treatment as prevention through the BRTA 201 curriculum. For this quarter, there were 53 BRTA 201 sessions held with 58 participants in total.
- For this quarter, there were 12 BRTA sites targeting Latino serving businesses under the *Café y Conversaciones* initiative.
- BRTA PLUS (PCSI Leveraging Uptake System) initiative was developed. This initiative is geared towards developing partnerships with institutions that capitalize on sex, sex entertainment, intimacy, and the toys/clothing that people use for sex and intimacy. Activities include: provide the latest information on HIV and STI prevention and treatment, distribute condoms, and increase awareness of PrEP/STIs.
- For the observance of National Gay Men's Awareness Day and National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, our MSM Coordinator presented on the topics covering condom use, implementation of routine testing and priority testing, test and treat, and PrEP and nPEP to a targeted audience of MSM 55 and older; about 200 individuals were in attendance.
- Prevention for Positives groups facilitated in Spanish: For this quarter, 5 support groups were held with 56 attendees in total.
- Prevention for Positives groups facilitated for Pregnant Women: For this quarter, 2 perinatal classes at CDTC were held with a total of 6 attendees. Topics discussed were on substance abuse and smoking; and stages of development in children.
- The total number of sites the Prevention Training Consultants' delivered condoms to during the 3rd QTR 2017 was 60. Of those total number of condom distribution sites serviced, 42 were BRTA partners and 18 were solely PTC Outreach.

## **Accomplishments and Challenges**

### **Accomplishments:**

- The Test, Treat, and Beat HIV campaign on CBS 4 ran between Feb-June 2017. The campaign was created to support education and awareness of HIV prevention in Broward County and to educate individuals on the Florida four key components of Routine Testing, PrEP, and Test & Treat. The goal of the campaign was to deliver 32,092,000 impressions and the campaign exceeded that goal with 36,556,899 impressions delivered in total.
- A Transgender study proposal is completed and is now being routed for approval. The study's objective is to characterize differential experiences, behaviors and attitudes among the transgender community in South Florida.

The results of this study will be used for Florida Department of Health in Broward County Transgender Program planning.

- As of September 2017, the Perinatal program visited 126 OBGYNs, distributed 58 toolkits and RED Binders (includes HIV Perinatal information) to the 8 laboring hospitals; visited 20 pediatricians; conducted 19 Grand rounds.
- The Condom Distribution Program and “Condoms Everywhere” campaign continue to thrive. For Quarter 3, the program has distributed 954,295 condoms in Broward County through community outreach and contacted agencies. As of September 2017, there has been 2,596,474 condoms distributed in Broward County.

**Challenges:**

- Memorial Healthcare System conducts more than 1,300 tests monthly and it takes them approximately two days each month to process the paperwork; days that could be used providing HIV test to their patients in their clinics and ER. Memorial Healthcare sought technical Assistance to address the need for an electronic version of the DH 1628 and a mechanism that would allow for the form to be submitted to Tallahassee in real time. This would ensure that reports are timely, allow for more time screening patients for HIV, eliminate monthly cost to submit forms, and allow link to medical records.