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## AGENDA

### Monday, November 18, 2019

**2:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**NCSD Board of Directors Meeting (By Invitation Only)**

### Tuesday, November 19, 2019

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

#### **Pre-Conference Workshop: Implementing Quality STD Clinical Services Recommendations**

*Beech*

This session will focus on the forthcoming Recommendations for Providing Quality STD Clinical Services in Primary and Specialty Care Settings, which will provide national guidance on quality STD care by setting, and the development of an implementation guide, which will support translation of the recommendations into practical application with use of an assessment tool and decision-making support. The Recommendations and the implementation guide are both new tools that will have an impact on how clinics assess their existing STD-related service provision. This topic is relevant to state and local STD control programs and will provide attendees with useful information to assist them in planning for their own assessment of STD clinical service provision. The session will allow participants to engage in discussion around these new tools and best practices for providing quality STD clinical services.

#### **Presenters**

- Roxanne Barrow, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Rebekah Horowitz, NACCHO
- Brandy Maddox, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**1:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

#### **Pre-Conference Workshop: Mobilizing for Racial Equity in the STD Field**

*Beech*

Help NCSD to advance racial justice in the STD prevention field! This working session is designed to be a hands-on strategic planning experience for those who are interested in actively promoting racial equity in our organizations, cities, states, and personal/professional lives. We will use our time together to critically examine our policies, systems, and professional environments as a field. We will identify strategies for building a movement that:

- ❖ Centers the voices of people of color
- ❖ Embodies equity
- ❖ Supports the power of individuals and movements to affect systemic change
- ❖ Acknowledges the ability of individuals to reflect on learned biases and use a racial equity lens
- ❖ Recognizes / navigates challenges

- ❖ Embraces partnership.

### **Presenters**

- Leandra Lacy, National Coalition of STD Directors
- Lilly Pinto, National Coalition of STD Directors
- Desiree Smith, National Coalition of STD Directors
- Sara Stahlberg, National Coalition of STD Directors

### **Pre-Conference Workshop: DIS and Working with People Who Use Injection Drugs**

#### *Walnut*

As the opioid epidemic rages on throughout the nation, DIS are increasingly encountering clients who use injection drugs. It is more important than ever that DIS know how to best engage with this population. This workshop will provide REVIVE, an opiate overdose reversal training designed to educate you on the signs of a drug overdose and provide information on how and when to intervene. There will also be interactive presentations from various jurisdictions on how they have adapted their DIS processes to address the intertwined opiate and STD epidemics. Registration for this workshop is required.

### **Presenters**

- Carrie Cannon, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board - Wellness, Health Promotion, and Prevention
- Sarah Colvario, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Craig Highfill, Missouri Department of Health
- Alexander Marshall, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board - Wellness, Health Promotion, and Prevention

### **5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Opening Plenary**

##### *Plaza Ballroom*

Kick off your STD Engage 2019 experience with an inspiring look at the transformational impact that STD and sexual health professionals and communities have, especially when serving diverse populations who most need opportunities to move the needle on STD prevention. As we approach the roll-out of the federal plan to end the STD epidemic in America, it is important that we hear from our Federal leaders on plans for implementation. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be joined by voices from DIS, STD Clinics, and consumers to discuss the best ways to impact, innovate, and engage.

### **Presenters**

- ADM Brett P. Giroir, Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. Gail Bolan, Director, Division of STD Prevention, CDC
- Inner Hoe Uprising

### **Innovations in Health Equity: STD Directors Leading the Way**

#### *Plaza Ballroom*

Striving for health equity must be a leader-driven priority that addresses social determinants of health and confronts inequities within institutions and systems. STD directors in states and cities are uniquely positioned to address disparities in sexual health and this session will explore case studies and the leadership skills required to drive innovation and lasting impact.

### **Presenters**

- Leo Parker, Tennessee Department of Health
- Brandi Roberts, Arkansas Department of Health

### **11:00 - 12:15 p.m.**

## **Working with STD Prevention Training Centers: Providing Innovative Clinician Training to Impact Patient Care**

### *Beech*

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) continue to be a major public health issue, affecting communities throughout the United States, and require a comprehensive prevention approach. Clinical training and dissemination of clinical resources can increase provider knowledge, improve clinical and counseling skills, and foster positive behavior change for patients and providers, leading to improved patient care and outcomes. The National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers (NNPTC) provides clinical training, STD clinical consultation and technical assistance (TA) to assist clinicians with the skills, knowledge and experience that they need to address and prevent STDs in their patients.

### **Presenters**

- Teri Anderson, Denver Prevention Training Center
- Katherine Hsu, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Destiny Kelley, National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers
- Gowri Nagendra, NYC STD Prevention Training Center
- Hilary Reno, Washington University in St. Louis

## **STDs in a Digital World: Leveraging Technology for Improving Population Health**

### *Arbors*

Today, more people turn to technology for health information. Incorporating new technology and media into STD prevention efforts can improve access and provide innovative approaches to improve population health. This session will offer insight into how technology can be used to improve sexual health and include examples from STD programs about how they leveraged different strategies to communicate about sexual health services.

### **Presenters**

- Aaron Frechette, Rhode Island Department of Health
- Ken Mayer, SAFE Health
- Sarah Mckenney, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

## **Mobilizing a Syphilis Response: Thinking Outside the Pox**

### *Walnut*

With rates of syphilis and congenital syphilis rising, health departments have had to get creative with how they identify and treat syphilis among women. This session will showcase examples of community mobilization efforts for syphilis testing and treatment in Louisiana and Baltimore and highlight strategies for reaching priority populations and people in outbreak vulnerable areas.

### **Presenters**

- Marion Deming, Louisiana Office of Public Health STD/HIV Program
- LaNisha Childs, Baltimore City Health Department

## **Adjusting and Adapting: DIS and Emerging Trends in the Field**

### *Magnolia*

Evolving STD testing/treatment recommendations, emerging scientific findings, and changing priorities in the STD and HIV prevention fields push DIS to do what they do best – innovate and adapt. This session will cover some examples of how the work of DIS is changing. Presenters will touch upon how expanding extragenital STD testing, integrating the message of Undetectable = Untransmittable into partner services, and conducting HIV cluster investigation and data to care work has contributed to evolution of the DIS role.

### **Presenters**

- Arielle Juberg, Sickle Cell Disease Association of America
- Kathleen Roosevelt, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- LalaMariam Sambou, Texas Department of State Health Services
- Anna Tran, Texas Department of State Health Services

## **Beyond STDs: Addressing the Intersection Between STDs, PrEP, and Substance Use**

### *Terrace*

STD clinics and programs are often the first access point for many people living with STDs and provide a real opportunity to reach people with high quality care. This session will explore the intersections between STDs, PrEP, and substance abuse, and provide practical examples of how programs are evolving to meet the broader health care needs of patients.

#### **Presenters**

- Samantha Ritter, National Association of County and City Health Officials
- Greta Anschuetz, New Jersey Department of Health

### **12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

#### **Product Theater: HIV Prevention: A Case-Based Discussion**

*Sponsored by Gilead*

### *Arbors*

Each year, approximately 40,000 new HIV infections are diagnosed in the US.<sup>1</sup> This presentation provides an engaging format that allows providers to consider their role in HIV prevention. Content will include hypothetical profiles of people at risk of HIV, which have been designed to facilitate dialogue about ways to assess and discuss HIV risk.

<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. HIV Surveillance Report; vol. 29.

<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/library/reports/surveillance/cdc-hiv-surveillance-report-2017-vol-29.pdf>. Published November 2018.

Accessed September 3, 2019.

#### **Presenter**

- Christopher Roberson, University of Maryland Baltimore, Jacques Initiative Clinic

### **1:30 - 2:45 p.m.**

#### **What's in it for You? Driving Change & Innovation: Federal STD Studies & Plans**

### *Plaza Ballroom*

Washington, D.C. is abuzz with terms like “federal action plans,” “national strategies,” and national think tank studies. In the next year, end HIV and hepatitis plans will be implemented in addition to the first-ever federal STI action plan. Important national studies are also underway. What's in it for you and how will these efforts impact your day to day work?

#### **Presenters**

- Cynthia Heckman, National Academy of Public Administration
- Carol Jimenez, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
- Chaquetta Johnson, Louisiana Department of Health
- Stephanie Arnold Pang, National Coalition of STD Directors *[Moderator]*

### **3:00 - 4:15 p.m.**

#### **Sex-Positivity: Changing the Way Health Centers Address Adolescent Sexuality**

### *Magnolia*

Efforts to improve the health of adolescent populations hinge on the ability of health care providers and staff to create a space in which adolescents are willing to communicate openly and engage as full partners in their care. All health center staff and providers play a role in creating a safe setting for adolescents to access accurate and nonjudgmental sexual health services. By applying a culturally responsive, sex-positive approach, staff and providers can foster a climate of trust and open-dialogue about sexual health and sexual relationships, both with their adolescent patients and parents. Informed by the Adolescent Health Initiative's Teen Advisory Council, this session will include an introduction to sex-positivity and strategies to adopt a sex-positive approach when providing health services to adolescents. The session will also include a demonstration of a replicable 15-minute mini-training on sex-positive practices to deliver at participants' own clinical sites. This model teaches a multidisciplinary training approach and provides a framework for staff education and practice improvement that providers can use to implement changes in their own practice.

#### **Presenter**

- Jenni Lane, Adolescent Health Initiative
- Lauren Leslie, Adolescent Health Initiative

### **What Now? The New Reality of Title X and STDs**

#### *Walnut*

Title X clinics have long been essential partners in the fight against STDs, but recent changes to the Title X program have left many of us in the STD field asking, “What now?”. This session will review how Title X clinics have historically worked with health department STD programs to support STD prevention efforts, and how STD programs are now responding to new gaps in care. Join us and hear some innovative ways to continue addressing rising STD rates with a changing Title X landscape.

#### **Presenters**

- Daniel Daltry, Vermont Department of Health
- Daryn Eikner, National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
- Sergio Morales, Essential Access Health

### **New Responses and Innovative Strategies against Congenital Syphilis**

#### *Terrace*

Congenital syphilis (CS) continues to increase sharply across the country despite CDC recommendations for syphilis testing among pregnant women. This session will highlight the innovative work of three jurisdictions with some of the highest CS rates. From innovative touchpoints for perinatal syphilis testing, to using surveillance data to address CS among women reporting meth use, and empowering field staff with the knowledge and tools to be CS, this session has something for all programs.

#### **Presenters**

- Nicole Burghardt, California Department of Public Health
- Amanda Reich, Texas Department of State Health Services
- Rebecca Scranton, Arizona Department of Health Services

### **Getting to Better – Improving Care for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Patients**

#### *Arbors*

Transgender and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) people experience significant barriers to quality health services. This session will explore how can clinics work for and with the transgender community to provide more culturally responsive and affirming care. Participants will see sample forms, policies, and communications tools – and will experience a model training activity for sexual health clinics.

#### **Presenter**

- Christine Borges, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Britt Walsh, Whitman-Walker Health

## **Thursday, November 21, 2019**

**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

### **Rolling Back of Protections for LGBT Individuals and Impact on Sexual Health**

#### *Plaza Ballroom*

Over the last few years, a number of legal and health-related protections for LGBT individuals have been rolled back. How is this reality impacting STD services and prevention efforts for this key STD prevention population and what are possible next steps?

#### **Presenters**

- Sean Cahill, Fenway Institute
- Deborah Dunn, LGBT Resource Center of Chase Brexton Health Care
- Hector Vargas, GLMA

- Josh Ferrer, Oregon Public Health Division [*Moderator*]

will be an STD 340B “101” to orient you to the program and ensure you have a strong base of understanding of this program to build upon.

**Presenter**

- Stephanie Arnold Pang, National Coalition of STD Directors

**Novel Approaches for Increasing Capacity within STD Clinic Settings**

*Terrace*

STD rates are at historic highs and yet STD clinics have experienced funding cuts and closures nationwide. In this session we will explore innovative clinic solutions to this conundrum. NACCHO will provide an update on the STI Express Initiative, including a discussion of diverse express models from across the country. Participants will then talk about the Test & Go model from the Thomas Jefferson Health District, in which clients can test for all reportable STDs, afterhours, at no cost, and in less than 20 minutes. The Richmond City STD Clinic will explore different models of STD care, including public health and public university partnerships and expanded screening in publicly funded sites. Participants will also learn about innovative strategies to increase access to testing without increasing staff and costs.

**Presenters**

- Erin Callas, Virginia Department of Health
- Dagmar Diaz, Virginia Department of Health
- Samantha Ritter, National Association of County and City Health Officials
- Clare Ruday, Virginia Department of Health
- Kendra Weindling, Virginia Department of Health

**Succeeding Together: Building Supportive Coalitions**

*Beech*

Engaging in coalitions can seem daunting, or even impossible. But, they can be an immensely powerful tool for getting things done, especially for public employees who are sometimes limited in what they can do or say. This session will walk participants through why, when, and how to effectively build a coalition, and provide the skills to build an effective coalition in your jurisdiction.

**Presenter**

- Taryn Couture, National Coalition of STD Directors
- Kyra Miller, National Coalition of STD Directors

**Not Hard to Reach – Innovative Strategies for Meeting People Where They Are**

*Magnolia*

So often, populations are described as being “hard to reach” or “challenging”. This session seeks to reframe that narrative by exploring innovative strategies for meeting people where they are. From tele-health to barber shops, we will explore the non-traditional settings in which communities can access and receive culturally responsive care.

## **Presenters**

- Gérard Gomes, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- Erika Suigmore, Louisiana Department of Health

**2:15 - 3:30 p.m.**

### **Communicating for Sexual Health**

#### *Arbors*

There is a lot of information about sex and STDs online and in the media – some good, some very, very bad. The reality is that these outlets are where many Americans get their sexual health information. The onus is on us, the experts in the STD field, to combat the fake news. The session will explore practical skills for effectively communicating about sexual health in the media and online, and will provide a practical example from a health department who used a variety of platforms to reach their target audiences.

## **Presenters**

- Susan Gilbert, National Sexual Health Coalition
- Masayo Nishiyama, Denver Public Health/Denver Metro Health Clinic
- Andrew Zapfel, National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors

### **Harnessing the Power of EPT: An Implementation Workshop**

#### *Walnut*

Expedited partner therapy (EPT) is permissible in 49 states, and is an effective method at reducing the spread of chlamydia and gonorrhea. Yet, EPT remains a largely underutilized STD prevention tool nationwide. We, the experts in the STD field, need to work together to jump the hurdles that stand in the way of a thriving EPT practice in the US. This workshop will explore the challenges and successes jurisdictions are having around EPT implementation, and will provide a practical example from Essential Access Health which was able to increase the percentage of patients who received EPT by over 100 percent through trainings, awareness campaigns, and technical assistance.

## **Presenters**

- Ryan Cramer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Erin Crowley, Essential Access Health

### **Thrive: Self-Care for DIS**

#### *Magnolia*

DIS, our nation's frontline defenders against rising STDs, are often challenged with tough cases and with patients who are grappling with negative impacts of various social determinants of health. It is crucial that DIS and DIS Supervisors involve themselves in self-care and have techniques to stay motivated in their work. This session will focus on self-compassion, the impact of burnout, and strategies to create a team culture of self-care for DIS.

## **Presenter**

- Robert George, Denver HIV Resources

### **STDs to the Rescue! How STD Clinical Services Can Help Meet the Goals of Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiatives**

#### *Terrace*

It's an exciting time as the federal government pieces its Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) plan together. But wait- one essential part of the puzzle can't be left out and it's the role of STDs. Given the close relationship of the HIV and STD epidemics, we will never end HIV without addressing STDs. But how can using STD clinical services help meet the goals of EHEs? This session will cover how clinical services can be re-imagined, syphilis case management for HIV case finding, and enhancing STD screening in PrEP programs.

## **Presenters**

- Rosalyn Plotzker, California Prevention Training Center
- Dawne DiOrio, CDC/National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention and Indiana State Department of Health STD Program
- Christine Borges, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

### **Building Better Programs: Implementing Sexual Health Quality Improvement Activities Across Settings**

#### *Beech*

In our field, quality improvement is becoming increasingly important as performance becomes tied to ratings, funding, and even reimbursement. This session will explore STD indicators and sexual health quality from the state and local health department and health system perspective. Join us and learn about a Care Process Model case study designed to enhance the approach to sexual health screening, diagnosis, and treatment in a health center, discover how quality improvement methods can be applied to process improvement for congenital syphilis, and delve into strategies for developing an interactive dashboard of key performance indicators for STD programs.

#### **Presenters**

- Shannon Dowler, Mission
- Cymone Gates, Arizona Department of Health Services
- Ashley Dockter, California Department of Public Health, STD Control Branch

### **3:45 - 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Closing Plenary**

#### *Plaza Ballroom*

To close this year's conference, NCSD's David Harvey will summarize and recap the ideas put forward throughout the past few days as well as celebrate the accomplishments of the field. Conference attendees are welcome to share ideas, inspirations, and recognitions related to this year's theme that they have gathered during their conference experience.

#### **Presenters**

- David C. Harvey, NCSD
- Beth Butler, PA
- Alberto Perez, California PTC
- Dr. Alan Katz, Hawaii
- Marjorie Prezzy, South Carolina
- Najjuwah Walden, Washington University in St. Louis
- TJ Rivetti,

## **Friday, November 22, 2019**

### **7:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

#### **Breakfast on Your Own**

### **9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Post-Conference Workshop: Bridging the Gap between Syphilis Case Review Boards and Legal Epidemiology**

#### *Beech*

Hindsight is 2020? In 2017, the highest rates of congenital syphilis (CS) were reported nationally since 1997. Experts in the STD field have taken steps against the rising threat by establishing and utilizing CS Case Review Boards and Legal Epidemiology. Presenters in this workshop will highlight programs from three different states that have successfully employed these methods against congenital syphilis. Join us in the fight against syphilis!

#### **Presenters**

- Najjuwah Walden, Washington University in St. Louis
- Amanda Reich, Texas Department of State Health Services

- Jessica Frasure-Williams, California Department of Public Health

Upon conclusion of the Congenital Syphilis Case Review Workshop, participants are encouraged to participate in a session on surveillance for congenital syphilis that will be held from 10:30-12:00PM (as part of the STD Surveillance Workshop). \*

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Post-Conference Workshop: 340B: Preparing for Audit and Centralized Distribution Plans**

*Walnut*

More and more STD programs are receiving 340b audits. Is your program prepared? What can you learn from other programs who have received an audit to be better prepared? Additionally, many STD programs are running central distribution in their 340b program—when a state or city STD entity purchases medication and provides it to other 340b entities in their jurisdiction, such as county health departments. And while these models are not unusual for public health, is not a common model in general in the 340B Program. This session will also cover how to correctly set up a STD Central Distribution model for the distribution of 340b-purchased medication.

**Presenters**

- Stephanie Arnold Pang, National Coalition of STD Directors
- Zandt Bryan, Washington State Department of Health

**Post-Conference Workshop: Reimagining DIS Training, Quality Improvement, and Success**

*Magnolia*

As DIS roles adapt to an ever-evolving STD prevention landscape, it is imperative that DIS training and evaluation also evolve with the times. This interactive workshop will focus on ways that various areas around the country have re-imagined DIS training, re-examined quality improvement processes and evaluation metrics, and re-defined the meaning of “success.” Participants will leave with skills on how to identify training needs and other opportunities for continued development of the DIS workforce beyond Passport to Partner Services.

**Presenters**

- Christy Altidor, Florida Department of Health
- Javone Davis, Louisiana STD/HIV Program
- Sonya Khan, Florida Department of Health
- Scott Strobel, Kansas Department of Health & Environment

**Post-Conference Workshop: Hot Topics in STD Surveillance: Congenital Syphilis, Making the Transition from NETSS to MMG, and Proposed Changes for Reporting LGV**

*Terrace*

Investigating and reporting cases of congenital syphilis is challenging and complex. This session will provide attendees with key questions and information to collect when determining case status of moms and infants. Workshop participants will apply what they have learned through facilitator-led, small-group discussion of 5-6 case studies and will conclude by reviewing several frequently asked questions regarding the CDC Congenital Syphilis Case Report form. Additionally, participants will: learn about challenges their STD Surveillance Program may face and best practices for making a smooth transition from NETSS to MMG for STD Case Reporting to CDC; and learn about and provide feedback to CDC and CSTE staff on proposed changes for case reporting of LGV.

**Presenters**

- Ginny Bowen, Division of STD Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Kristen Kreisel, Division of STD Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Robin Hennessy, Division of STD Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Mara Larson, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- Lynn Sosa, Connecticut Department of Public Health

- Ashley Vineyard, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

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**Post-Conference Workshop: Emphasizing Empowerment: Understanding Trauma Informed Care in the Sexual Health Setting**

*Arbors*

Trauma Informed Care has become a hot topic in healthcare and human services over the past several years. This session will first seek to define trauma and explore the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and describe how trauma changes the brain. It will then describe the intersect of trauma and sexual health, the pillars of trauma informed care and how to measure it as well as compassion fatigue and the importance of self-care for frontline workers.

**Presenter**

- Jenny Mahn, National Coalition of STD Directors