



Agenda – as of 11.20.20

All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Monday, November 30, 2020

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

NCS D Full Member Meeting *(Closed Meeting)*

The “full member” meeting at STD Engage is traditionally the time that STD directors from the 65 jurisdictions that are directly funded by CDC (who comprise NCS D’s core membership) meet to hear an update from NCS D and to discuss other issues. The full member meeting will finish with the annual NCS D business meeting, where an update on the work of NCS D and our finances, as well as the results of the board election, will be announced. Join us to meet your colleagues from around the country, exchange ideas and network, hear updates from DSTDP, and to learn more about the work of NCS D.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

NCS D Board of Directors Meeting *(Closed Meeting)*

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Workshop: Enhancing DIS Motivational Interviewing: COVID-19 and STDs

Motivational interviewing is a key skill that DIS utilize in STD/HIV partner services, as well as contact tracing for COVID-19 to successfully influence behavior change. Through a panel discussion, this workshop will cover lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic to improve motivational interviewing strategies. You will leave with practical tools and sharpened skills for effective interviewing and partner/contact elicitation.

Presenters

- Javone Davis Charles, **Louisiana Department of Health**
- Terri Gray, **Louisiana Department of Health**
- Nakiea Boetger, **Douglas County Health Department**
- Alejandra Rebolledo-Gomez, **Douglas County Health Department**

Pre-Conference Workshop: 340B 101

New to the 340B drug pricing program? Need a refresher on the program and compliance? This session will review 340B basics, focusing on eligibility and compliance, as well as cover several STD-specific 340B frequently asked questions.

Presenter

- Stephanie Arnold Pang, **National Coalition of STD Directors**

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Clinical Advisory Council Meeting *(Closed Session)*

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Pre-Conference Workshop: Clinic+ Connect Community: Resilience, Reinvention and Reimagining Sexual Health Clinics

Join the Clinic+ Connect Community in exploring the impact of harm reduction clinical guidance on STD care amid COVID-19. We will take a deep dive on the epidemiology surrounding sexual health screening since March 2020. We will also explore the impact of supply chain shortages on sexual health testing supplies and provide an update on NCSD's self-collection testing platform.

Pre-Conference Workshop: 340B 201

Ready to take 340B in your jurisdiction to the next level? This session will go beyond a basic understanding of 340B and provide some examples on how to utilize this program more fully for increasing STD program goals. Speakers will focus on innovative approaches to 340B in STD covered entities, including innovative partnerships, and highlighting the process for submitting a grantee combined purchasing and distribution program to HRSA.

Presenters

- Stephanie Arnold Pang, *National Coalition of STD Directors*
- Sarah Lee, *Apexus*

Pre-Conference Workshop: Unconscious Bias Awareness

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Presenter

- CJ Gross, *Ascension Worldwide*

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Opening Plenary: STDs in a Changing World: COVID-19, Racial Justice, and New Federal Strategic Plans

Kick off your STD Engage 2020 experience with an inspiring virtual welcome from conference attendees from across the country, hear how the new federal STI strategic plan will impact you, and listen to keynote speeches about how the STD field is contributing to racial justice and health equity, COVID-19 response, and clinical research priorities. Join us for a virtual reception right after the opening session!

Presenters

- David Harvey, *National Coalition of STD Directors*
- Harold Phillips, *Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, HHS*
- Dr. Gail Bolan, *Division of STD Prevention, CDC*
- Dr. Ina Park, *University of California, San Francisco*
- Dr. Leo Moore, *Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Mixology Class: Taste of New Orleans

As a tribute to our original host city, New Orleans, learn to make a few classic New Orleans cocktails. Recipe list available [here](#).

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Yoga with NCSA Member, Christina Petsas, Arizona Family Health Partnership

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Plenary Session: Its Time to Embrace At-Home, Self-Collection STI Tests, Or Is It?

STD directors and clinical leaders are embracing new at-home, self collection STI tests. NCSA will be helping to support these efforts through a new platform. How will it work, what are the pluses and minuses, can STD programs afford to pay for these tests? These and other topics will be covered by our expert panel!

Presenters

- Karen Wendel, **Denver Public Health**
- Tim Menza MD, **Oregon Health Authority**
- Bobbi Van Der Pol, **University of Alabama at Birmingham**
- Antonio Elizondo, **Howard Brown Health**
- Harlan Rotblatt, **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health**

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Special Session: Election 2020 Re-Cap

The 2020 Election was one of the most momentous in recent history, with the highest voter turnout in over a century. Attend this live session to hear a re-cap of the election at the federal and state level, what it means for health policy moving forward, and to hear more about the 2021 policy priorities from NCSA and partnering organizations.

Presenters

- David H. Reid, **Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP**
- Emily Felder, **Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP**
- Emily McCloskey, **NASTAD**
- Lauren Weiss, **National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association**

2:00 - 2:25 p.m.

Educating Youth and Increasing Access to Services, a Multisector Collaboration *Live Q&A*

A unique partnership formed between a university, clinic, school district, and community-based organization will demonstrate innovative strategies for addressing STDs among youth and will highlight the power of multi-sector collaborations and community partnerships. Join us as we highlight partnerships and explore how to leverage technology to improve access to sexual health education and services.

Presenters

- Danielle Lewald, **Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County**
- Diane Straub, **Ybor Youth Clinic**
- Lauren Woodward, **Hillsborough County Public Schools**

Adapting STD Care: Best Practices for Express Services *Live Q&A*

Improving STD clinical care is now more crucial than ever. Join us as we explore best practices on express services, STD prevention, and care at Planned Parenthood and accelerating services in a nurse-led clinic model.

Presenters

- Kate Washburn, **Planned Parenthood Federation of America**
- Jennifer Brumfield, **University of Mississippi Medical Center**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Special Session: Sponsored by Hologic

DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF MYCOPLASMA GENITALIUM INFECTIONS: HEAR FROM THE EXPERTS

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Dr. Lisa Manhart
Professor of Epidemiology and Global Health Associate Dean for Research
UW School of Public Health



Dr. William M. Geisler
Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology Co-Director,
Medical Scientist Training Program University of Alabama at Birmingham Division of Infectious Diseases



Dr. Stephen Jordan
Assistant Professor of Medicine,
Indiana University School of Medicine

2:30 - 2:55 p.m.

Reaching People Where They're At: Sexual Health Communications in a COVID-19 World

Live Q&A

In the ever-evolving landscape of COVID-19, it's more important than ever to reach people with the information they need to make healthier decisions. This session Join us as we discuss the ever-evolving landscape for how people access their health information.

Presenters

- Susan Gilbert, **Altarum**
- Samantha Kwiatkowski, **CAN Community Health**

Leveraging Community Partnerships to Decrease STI Rates Amongst American Indian/Alaska Natives *Live Q&A*

American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) are disproportionately impacted by STIs, with national surveillance data being reviewed in this session along with Indian Health Service (HIS) area-specific rates. Presenters will discuss the disparity of STIs among AI/AN communities as well as partnerships and community collaboration projects can address these AI/AN STI rates.

Presenter

- Andria Apostolou, **Indian Health Service**

3:00 - 3:25 p.m.

STDs in an Epidemic: Opportunities for Innovation *Live Q&A*

COVID-19, the largest global health crisis in 100 years, has further threatened already weakened public health infrastructure. In response, sexual health clinics have innovated in unprecedented ways including self-collect testing and partner elicitation. Join us as we explore how sexual health clinics have innovated in response to COVID-19 to sustain and improve access to sexual health services.

Presenters

- River Pugsley, **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- Liz Gilliams, **Baltimore City Health Department**

Looking Ahead: Professional Pathways For DIS *Live Q&A*

DIS are highly skilled professionals with knowledge in interviewing, counseling, case analysis, and provider and community engagement. With their experience and skills, DIS often venture to other positions in public health after being a DIS. This session will showcase different pathways that some have taken after being a DIS or DIS supervisor. Come hear about their educational and professional journeys!

Presenter

- Caitlin Hoffman, *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

3:30 - 3:55 p.m.

Implementing 2020 STD QCS Recommendations *Live Q&A*

CDC released its Recommendations for Providing Quality Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinical Services in early 2020. Join us as we explore how to practically implement the recommendations both in and outside of traditional sexual health service delivery points.

Presenters

- Rebekah Horowitz, *National Association of County and City Health Officials*
- Jennifer Rogers, *Altarum's National Coalition for Sexual Health*

Public Health Responding to the Resurgence of Congenital Syphilis *Live Q&A*

Congenital syphilis has resurged as a public health crisis across the country. Addressing this crisis will require the use of surveillance and coordinated efforts between health care providers and public health systems to ensure routine syphilis testing and timely treatment of pregnant people and those of childbearing age. This session will highlight the ways data, provider perspectives, and models for collaboration in various jurisdictions have been utilized to better inform our programmatic response to the return of syphilis as a public health crisis.

Presenters

- Haron Siringi, *Maricopa County Public Health Department*
- Nekeisha Hewitt, *Maricopa County Public Health Department*
- Alejandro Larios Venegas, *Baptist Health South Florida*

Bridging the Gaps in STI/HIV Care Among African American Communities *Live Q&A*

Join us as we discuss how to identify gaps in STI/HIV care among African American communities. We will review an analysis of health disparities experienced by Black Lesbian/Queer women and girls, and how medical attention has been lacking in this community. Gender differences in screening for STIs amongst African American men will be discussed as well as strategies to consider in working towards health equity.

Presenters

- Famika Edmond, *Detroit Health Department-HIV/STD Prevention Program*
- Alwyn Cohall, *Mailman School of Public Health*

4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Live Town Hall: Engaging STDs in a New Reality

Join us for an engaging and lively town hall discussion via Zoom to hear brief expert presentations, followed by live discussion and questions and answers! How has your job changed? What does a Post-COVID sexual health field look like? How has outbreak response changed? Will contact tracing survive COVID? How will NCSD respond to the new reality? These and other important topics will be dissected so warm up your keyboards and live cameras to participate!

Presenters

- David Harvey, ***National Coalition of STD Directors***
- Philip A. Chan, ***The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital***
- Romni Neiman, ***CDC COVID-19 Response***
- Kyle Bernstein, ***Division of STD Prevention, CDC***
- Chaquetta Johnson, ***Louisiana Department of Health***

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Karaoke

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10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Yoga with NCSM Member, Madeline Elkin-Aquino, Health Care Education and Training, Inc.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

STD Smackdown: Virtual Partner Services Versus In-Person Connections – Will We Ever Return to the Past?

Alexa, notify my partners I have an STD! Should our field embrace virtual partner services or as soon as COVID-19 is over, its back to the future? Debators will tackle tele-health, online partner services, at-home testing programs, and what the new era of STD prevention will look like post-COVID.

Presenters

- Courtney Mucklin, ***SC Department of Health and Environmental Control***
- Megan Evans, ***Utah Department of Health***

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

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- CJ Gross, ***Ascension Worldwide***

2:00 - 2:25 p.m.

OMG Did We Just Do That!? - Analyzing the Impact of Changing Syphilis Prevention Programmatic Policies *Live Q&A*

This session will cover two case studies of STD prevention programs changing their policies and surveillance system to improve syphilis prevention. An analysis of the impact

of programmatic changes related to DIS case assignment, workforce development, database management and identification of gaps through data analysis will be discussed.

Presenters

- Emily Fussell, **Indiana State Department of Health**
- Jamie Black, **Indiana State Department of Health**
- Simona G. Lang, **Massachusetts Department of Public Health**

Egocentric Study of Sexual Networks and Sexually Transmitted Infection Risk in a Military Population *Live Q&A*

Military service provides unique opportunities for sexual partnership development. Changes in social networks, geographic relocation, and other bridging opportunities may contribute to the high burden of STIs in the military. This session will cover results from a 90-day sexual partnership inventory that was deployed at five military medical centers to examine the impact of these risk factors on STIs.

Presenter

- Nazia Rahman, **Henry M. Jackson Foundation**

COVID-19 and The State of the STD Field *Live Q&A*

The COVID-19 emergency response has had significant impacts on STD programs across the country. This session will describe program level disruptions, innovations, and provide recommendations for STD programs to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Presenter

- Erin Fratto, **National Coalition of STD Directors**
- Leandra Lacy, **National Coalition of STD Directors**
- Jenny Mahn, **National Coalition of STD Directors**

2:30 - 2:55 p.m.

Sexual Health Clinics as the Highway: Building Capacity to End the HIV Epidemic *Live Q&A*

Sexual health clinics and the integral services they provide play a fundamental role in Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) plans across the country. Join us as we delve deeper into the role of sexual health clinics as we learn more about how to build capacity in sexual health clinics around EHE priorities including screening, PrEP implementation, and re-engaging individuals in care.

Presenters

- Erin Dzuba, **Bell Flower Clinic**
- Chinedu Okeke, **Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S.**
- Sian Elmore, **Health Program Manager**

The Art and Science of Adult Learning *Live Q&A*

In the workplace we are subject to an endless barrage of training classes and workshops. The goal of which is to acquire or modify existing knowledge, behaviors, and skills. In this session we will examine the principles of adult learning theory, explore techniques to enhance workplace training and the learner experience for instructor-led and virtual training.

Presenter

- Marlene Kincaid, **National Coalition of STD Directors**

3:00 - 3:25 p.m.

Show Me the Money! How to Allocate Your Limited STD Resources *Live Q&A*

In a time of increasing costs and increasing STDs, how do you spend your limited funds and meet an STD program's goals? Presenters during this session will discuss how to answer this question for DIS resources and for overall STD program budget.

Presenter

- Stephen Kowalewski, *Pennsylvania Department of Health*

Sex without the Stigma, Communicating Sex Positivity *Live Q&A*

STDs have a long history filled with stigma, shame and embarrassment, but it doesn't have to be that way! Join us as we discuss STDs and safer sex within the sex-positive movement and framework. Strategies for STD programs to communicate sex positivity will be highlighted including reframing STD prevention messaging and avoiding perpetuating sexual health and STD stigma.

Presenter

- Megan Stubbs

Self-Care and Supervision *Live Q&A*

With the current COVID-19 pandemic and heightened visibility of racial injustice and inequities, self-care is important now more than ever. We recognize that many may be experiencing burnout while still trying to maintain their workloads and be responsive to the needs of their communities. Join this session for tips and resources on how to care for yourself and create a culture of self-care at your organization.

Presenter

- Robert George, *Denver HIV Resources*

3:30 - 3:55 p.m.

Looking Beyond STDs: Tackling Homelessness and Substance Use Disorders Through a Health Equity Lens *Live Q&A*

DIS play an important role serving vulnerable communities, including those experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, mental health issues, and substance use disorders. This workshop will discuss how DIS across the country are reaching these populations and highlight successes, challenges, lessons learned, and best practices on engaging these communities.

Presenters

- Monique S. Flukers, *Austin Public Health*
- Stephanie Eaton, *Austin Public Health*
- Hermione Hurley, *Denver Prevention Training Center*

DIS to the Rescue! Utilizing DIS During Outbreak Response *Live Q&A*

Using their expertise in field investigations, partner services, and linking patients to care and treatment, DIS play a crucial role in emergency outbreak response. Not only is this demonstrated during STD/HIV outbreaks across the country, but it has also been highlighted throughout the response to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. This session will discuss how DIS are involved in outbreak response protocol planning and how their expertise is utilized during outbreaks.

Presenters

- Vance Atha, *Sedgwick County Division of Health*
- Bree Anderson, *Arizona Department of Health Services*
- Jonica Inch, *Arizona Department of Health Services*

- Brenda Hernandez, *Massachusetts Department of Public Health*

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Closing Plenary: Mobilizing for Health Equity

How do you lead during a pandemic? What strategies do you employ to take care of yourself so that you can take care of others? How has the pandemic shed a light on diversity and inclusion issues within the STD field? We will explore issues of leadership during the age of a pandemic.

Presenter

- Dr. Uché Blackstock, *Advancing Health Equity*

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks