

SHPCCC meeting

October 21, 2020

In attendance: Blake Flaughner (he/him), Jordan McCann (she/her), Joanne Brown (she/her), Brandy Reeves (she/her), Christine Kukich (she/her), Suzanne Swierc (she/her), John Laury (he/him), Lauren Cordova (she/her), Dawn Zitney (she/her)

- Introductions
- Blake reviewed the purpose of the Coalition
- Devon Jopp is stepping down from role in ACHA, but it will not affect Coalition's work
- Best Practices Toolkit, based on Best Practices in Sexual Health Promotion and Clinical Care Guidelines
 - Recording is available on [ACHA web site](#)
- Upcoming webinar: November 13, 3pm-4pm, Sexual Health Case Studies
 - Registration link is coming soon
- Sexual Health Services Survey is being revised
 - Continually try to refine survey to make sure we get the best information
 - Share suggestions for question phrasing, questions to include, etc.
 - Christine has been helpful in making changes and sending the survey
 - New survey will launch in January 2021
 - New version every other year
 - First year = surveillance and practices
 - Second year = based on toolkit; outlines the sexual health best practices and looks at how health centers are implementing them
 - Creating different versions because it can be challenging to complete the full survey each year
 - Results from last survey will be coming out in a few weeks. Will be posted to the ACHA web site.
- ACHA conference proposal: John, Blake, and Joanne submitted proposal for the Coalition to present on expedited partner therapy (EPT)
 - Automatically accepted; Coalition gets 1 guaranteed conference presentation each year
- Open discussion
 - How are you addressing STI/HIV screening in the COVID era?
 - Free STI testing day(s) for students--student health center draws blood and collects sample, the state processes the tests. State has a grant for condoms and other sexual health services; state provides free condoms to university through this grant.
 - Local health department got grant and provided \$20 gift cards for chlamydia and gonorrhea screening. Partnered with student health center. Testing in student center to make it easier for students to attend. 12% positivity rate for chlamydia; many students hadn't been screened before. Will be doing monthly. Trying to increase testing, which has been down due to COVID.

- Health center has established that anyone who comes for STI testing and may have had COVID risks as a result of sexual behavior will not be reported for the COVID risks. Testing as normal in the health center.
 - A few schools shared struggles with doing STI/HIV testing--partner with community agencies who have stopped doing testing with COVID.
 - Telehealth visit, then coming into the health center for sample collection.
 - Hoping that health centers will see everything they were able to do during COVID (flu shot clinics, COVID testing outreach), and will apply that to sexual health services after COVID (STI testing on campus, for example).
- Are you doing anything new and/or innovative this fall to support students' sexual health?
 - Someone mentioned they're doing health coaching, including sexual health coaching. Has met with several students about recent HSV diagnoses. Asked for resources to support those students.
 - Another person recommended an [article](#) about how herpes has been stigmatized over the years.
 - Someone else suggested [TedTalk](#) on herpes and not being ashamed
 - Someone shared a [website](#) about herpes
 - A clinician said telling someone they have herpes is met with lots of emotion; much more so than other STIs. Said she's trying to get her health center to start a herpes support group.
 - Suggested an ACHA presentation on herpes stigma and helping students navigate diagnosis
 - Thoughts about herpes anti-stigma campaign
 - Refer people with herpes and HIV diagnoses to chronic illness support group in the counseling center
- How can the Coalition support you in your work?
 - Discussion about how to talk about sex and COVID risk.
 - At one school, seeing a not-insignificant number of students who are getting COVID from sex with people who don't live with them. Some people at the school/city saying to tell people not to have sex. How do you message this to students? Not just putting themselves at risk, but putting roommates and friends at risk.
 - "The Romeo and Juliet Effect": 2 large houses are being brought down by the risk
 - University of New Hampshire created a [handout](#) about sex and COVID