



Healthy Connecticut 2020
 State Health Improvement Plan

Infectious Disease ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES Date: Monday, May 8th, 2017 Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Location : DPH :Lab, 395 West St, Rocky Hill		
Attendees : Elaine O’Keefe (Yale School of Public Health), Heidi Jenkins (DPH), Catherine Wiley (Connecticut Children’s Medical Center), Sandy Gill, Project Consultant, DPH), Chantelle Archer (Project Assistant, DPH), Carol Stienke (Hartford Health Dept.), Josh Rozovsky (Hartford Gay & Lesbian Collective), Matthew Bizarro (Yale University), and Linda Niccolai (Yale University)		
Agenda Items	Discussion	ACTION Items
2017 Policy Agenda Update	HPV – Add HPV vaccine to the mandated vaccines for school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (HB 7027) Was changed in committee; however the substitute language still included funding (\$9.5 million) for the HPV vaccine to cover the vaccine for 11-12 year olds. 	
<u>2017 Action Agenda Update</u> -Objective ID 1: Increase by 5% the vaccination coverage levels for (ACIP) recommended vaccines among children and adults.	<u>Strategy: Enhance CT Immunization Registry & Tracking Systems (CIRTS) to accept electronic reporting and implement comprehensive reminder/recall systems.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process is moving along; there will be more information available at the next meeting. 	
-Objective ID-5: Increase by 5% the percentage of adults who are vaccinated annually against seasonal influenza.	<u>Strategy: Develop new and diverse venues for influenza vaccine administration and culturally appropriate outreach to ensure access to all population groups.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol spoke with the president of CADH (Mike Pascucilla) about revising the <i>Flu Vaccination Survey</i>, which was initially sent by the Hartford Health Department to the 72 health departments in the state through survey monkey; only 12 health departments had completed the survey. The survey was also disseminated for the second time in March; only three departments complete it. Carol was unable to add additional questions to the survey because of restrictions. The survey will be disseminated a third time on 7/1/17. Sandy suggested that we contact the Office of Local Health (OLH) to possibly include a blurb about the survey to promote in one of the monthly webinars with Local Health Directors. Kris emailed the <i>Home Care Association</i> about doing a survey on flu vaccination rates and is still waiting for a response. She also spoke to four large VNAs who told her that their flu vaccination rates are decreasing as more people are getting them from pharmacies. Some are wondering if they will continue their flu clinics. 	Carol will send the PDF version of the survey along with the email chains discussing the survey and the additional questions that she wanted to add to the survey but could not. Sandy will forward Kris Magnussen’s email to the team.

<p>-Objective ID-7: Increase by 20% HPV vaccination rates for male and female adolescents 13 to 17 years of age to meet CDC guidelines.</p>	<p><u>Strategy: Educate providers about vaccine availability, delivery, cost and practice guidelines.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 18th, from 12:10 pm to 1:00 pm, the <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i> will be hosting a webinar that targets clinicians on HPV. It's titled, 'You Are the Key: Getting into the Routine of Recommending Cancer Prevention in Connecticut'. http://ct-aap.org/2017 <p><u>Strategy: Educate parents and providers about the cancer prevention benefits of the HPV vaccine.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team suggested ways to educate parents on the HPV vaccine. For example, having posters in the waiting rooms and exam rooms. Posters could possibly include the DPH logos, could be co-branded with other entities. 	<p>Josh will send a link from the CDC which contains various posters promoting the HPV vaccine for preteens and teens. https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/teens/posters.html</p> <p>Linda will send the links to the social media campaigns on HPV.</p>
	<p><u>Strategy: Develop plan for a mandate for HPV vaccination for youth in CT.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal article written by Comr. Pino (and drafted by Kathy Kudish) 'If There Were a Vaccine Against Cancer' was printed in the April 2017 edition of <i>Emerging Issues Briefs</i> on the Connecticut Cancer Partnership website. http://ctcancerpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/EIB-April-2017-Pino-HPV.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The article was also reprinted in the <i>Connecticut Vaccine</i> newsletter. 	
<p>-Objective: Reduce by 5% the number of diagnosed cases of HIV overall, among men who have sex with men (MSM) and among black females.</p>	<p><u>Strategy: Implement routine screening programs to increase early detection of HIV.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dulce is in the process of engaging physicians who are not routinely doing screenings; they are utilizing a brochure to do emergency outreach on why they are not doing screenings. Only a select group of people have been screened. Need to know what the barriers are. Dulce has scheduled a meeting with Stamford Hospital; also in discussion with Yale New Haven Hospital. The HIV Prevention Team is doing a postcard campaign to target screenings at urgent care centers in the state. Dulce is spearheading the campaign since she oversees routine screening activities. Bridgeport Hospital, which is part of the Yale New Haven Health System (YNHHS) has screened 350 patients for HIV. DPH is funding the process to get patients screen for HIV routinely. <p><u>Strategy: Increase referrals to partner services.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current staffing has helped with referrals for half of the state; now looking at places not making referrals. Commissioner Pino has proposed additional steps for rapid responses in the 	

	<p>future.</p> <p><u>Strategy: Expand use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) as preventive measure for persons engaging in high-risk behaviors.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no updates on PrEP; however, it will be a big part of the ‘Getting to Zero’ campaign. <p><i>CT is working on forming a ‘Getting to Zero’ campaign that will be starting this summer. A group of HIV stakeholders came together to lay out a formative vision and charge that focuses on the 5 cities most impacted by HIV and populations most impacted including young MSM, Black women, and transgender females. The plan is to form a CT GtZ Commission to work for one year to develop recommendations for curbing transmission and ultimately GtZ in CT. The Commission will work with a consultant to develop a template for local communities to adapt in designing localized plans.</i></p>	
May 23rd Advisory Council Meeting	<p><u>Questions for Advisory Council Meeting</u></p> <p>Q: What strategy is the team having the most traction on?</p> <p>A: Reaching out to state networks about HPV and HIV.</p> <p><u>Questions for Advisory Council Members:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What other venues can we tap into regarding the flu vaccine and particularly to redress racial/ethnic disparities in vaccine coverage? 2. Would we get a better vaccine response rate if we did it with CIRTTS? 3. What approaches are needed to raise awareness about PrEP and increase access and uptake? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At meeting will discuss the HPV legislation versus the statute. 	
Next Steps	<p>Next Action Team Meeting – August 17, 2017; 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm; DPH Lab Training/Seminar Rm. 1112 (395 West Street, Rocky Hill CT)</p>	