



## Healthy Connecticut 2020 State Health Improvement Plan

### Infectious Disease ACTION Team CALL & NOTES

**Date:** 09-21-2017  
**Time:** 12:00pm-1:00pm  
**Location:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Attendees: Elaine O’Keefe, Heidi Jenkins, Cathy Wiley, Carol Stienke, Kris Magnussen, Marianne Buchelli, June Holmes, Sandra Gill, and Chantelle Archer

Agenda Items	Time	Discussion	ACTION Items and person responsible
<b>2018 Action Agenda (see worksheet)</b>		<p><b>ACIP Recommended Strategies</b></p> <p><u>Strategy: Enhance CT Immunization Registry &amp; Tracking Systems (CIRTS) to accept electronic reporting and implement comprehensive reminder/recall systems.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was discussion about possible legislation to allow pharmacists to vaccinate children who are 13 to 17 years of age. This could be brought up as the discussion topic for this action team at the November Advisory Council meeting. The American Pharmacists Association website is a good resource to find which states do and don’t have restrictions on age and vaccine type that pharmacist are allowed to administer: <a href="https://www.pharmacist.com/sites/default/files/files/1015_PT_63A.pdf">https://www.pharmacist.com/sites/default/files/files/1015_PT_63A.pdf</a> .</li> </ul> <p><u>Strategy: Develop new and diverse venues for influenza vaccine administration and culturally appropriate outreach to ensure access to all population groups.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group discussed possibly exploring the for-profit market to increase access to local businesses and/or school districts. Action items may include inviting a for-profit vendor to present at a provider network meeting to share how their services work and to talk about insurance provider compatibility. This can be discussed at the next action team meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>HPV Strategies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The education of providers and parents about the vaccine continues to move along as a result of the team’s efforts and national efforts. The most recent budget proposals appear to keep the proposed funding line item intact; however, we will not know the final result until CT law makers have passed a budget.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>HIV Strategies:</b></p> <p><u>Strategy: Implement routine screening programs to increase early detection HIV.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine screening continues at Yale New Haven Health Hospital. In Bridgeport Hospital the expansion is moving forward but slowly, due to the additional staff hours required to input an enormous amount of data. As a result, expansion to other hospitals in the network will be delayed.</li> </ul> <p><u>Strategy: Develop coordinated HIV surveillance, prevention and care data systems to monitor Connecticut trends in the HIV continuum and effectively target resources/interventions.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HIV Aids Network Knowledge Base (HANK) is working on integrating systems to get databases talking to each other.</li> </ul> <p><u>Strategy: Increase referrals to partner services.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current referral language is that providers must be caring for both the infected person and the partner to share the name of the partner. Connecticut partners are proposing to change legislative language so that if a person is diagnosed the treating provider can share the names of partners with DPH so DPH can notify the partner of possible exposure.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• DPH is collaborating with outside agencies on this strategy.</li> </ul> <p><u>Strategy: Increase use of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) as preventive measure for persons with suspected exposure to HIV.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPH submitted a demonstration project grant and which uses social media to increase access to PEP amongst people of color. They are hoping to hear something by December.</li> </ul> <p><b>Emerging Issues to Consider:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis C</li> <li>• Improving awareness of HIV among MSM population – possibly promote information on website</li> <li>• Healthcare associated infections (HAI)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Steps</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting Date/Time: November 16, 2017; 3:00pm-4:30pm, DPH Lab</li> </ul>	<p>Need to finalize 2018 Action Agenda</p>