



Monterey County Planning Group (formerly MCHPG) Minutes
Thursday, July 19th, 2018; 10am-Noon
Monterey County Health Department, Shasta Room
1270 Natividad, Salinas 93906

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Shantel Martinez CSUMB, Roselyn Maces CRLA, Elena Ramirez ASN, David Kilburn ASN, David Perez ASN, Maria Benitez NIDO, Isela Sandoval NIDO, Lindsay Wetzel Polin CSUMB, Kristy Michie MCHD, Emiko Torres MCHD, Zonelle Cantu MCHD, Suzanne Moreno MCHD, Dr. Ed Moreno MCHD

II. Announcements/Agency and Clinic Updates

- Updates from participants (agency/staff changes, projects of interest, trends, trainings, announcements, questions for group)

OPIS:

- Dr. Keller is now seeing all OPIS patients. CHOMP is very busy with implementation of new EHR- "EPIC" due go live 8/1/1. OPIS will move to Ryan Ranch most likely mid-late September after all goes well with EPIC. Since last meeting on March 1st, 9 new patients (4 newly dx'd, 1 return, 4 relocated to Monterey)

NIDO:

- Isela Sandoval introduced herself as the new NIDO Clinic supervisor. Permanent nurse has been hired, Sandra Clemente. There has been a significant increase in Cocci cases. New HIV intakes among youth and young adults.

MCHD:

- Dr. Ed Moreno shared Public Health Bureau budget updates with the group. Thanked everyone who showed their support during budget negotiations. Grateful to be able to continue to provide essential services to the community.
- Evelyn, share with the group Office of AIDS will be holding a migrant health training opportunity in the fall. HIV CARE branch has developed HCP Part B Standards of Care for all contractors. Corrective actions visits will be conducted during the fall for subcontractors. Using Data to Care list, provided

by OA Surveillance branch, to conduct Early Intervention Services (EIS). EIS focuses on re-linking people living with HIV who have been out of care.

CSUMB:

- Dr. Shantel Martinez shared CSUMB Otter Cross Cultural Center will be hosting a drag show during Homecoming weekend October 12th. She is currently looking for interested organizations to share their resources during the event. Please contact Dr. Martinez for more information Shmartinez@csumb.edu.

- Upcoming Awareness Days/Events

- El Dia del Trabajador- August 26th, 2018
MCHD staff from HIV Prevention Program and TB Unit will be participating.
- Monterey County Binational Health Week- October 5th-14th, 2018
Annual Binational Health Week Health Fair will take place on Sunday, October 14th, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. at Closter Park.
- Salinas Valley Pride 2018- October 14th, 2018
Volunteers are currently needed, Google doc available on SVPC Facebook page for sign-ups.

III. Discussion/Presentation- Reproductive Health Services and Education

- Planned Parenthood Mar Monte: Lauren Walters, Regional Program Manager
 - PPMM provides primary care services in their clinics. Watsonville and Santa Cruz health centers both provide primary care services. Example of services; HPV vaccination, PEP and PrEP, Well Woman exams, testicular cancer screening and reproductive health visits. Some health centers provide behavioral health services.
 - PPMM accepts Medi-Cal and Family PACT (no SSN needed), out of pocket payment, and private insurance.
 - Provides Transgender care in Watsonville and Santa Cruz locations. Unfortunately, waitlist is about 6 months. Referral process in place, but the closest referral is in San Jose.

- PPMM provides education outreach to youth (middle and high school) in Monterey County.
- Can provide the education directly or PPMM can help teachers “fill in the gaps”.
- There are also various youth groups in Soledad and South County that learn how to teach sexual health education to their peer and community members.
- PPMM also conducts outreach to adult populations. For example, detention centers and mono-lingual and bi-lingual populations. Also provides education for parents on how to talk to their children about sexual health, family values and other important topics.
- Only 4 of 50 states are legally mandated to teach medically accurate information in sexual education.
- Title X funding is changing. PP gets some funding from Title X. This is how they get very reduced costs on prescriptions and safer sex supplies. Revisions are trying to exclude any clinic from applying for title X that are providing or education about abortion

IV. Brainstorm – Sexual and Reproductive Health Focus

- Discuss Operating Procedures Survey - Quinn & Evelyn, MCHD
Distributed Monterey County Health Collaborative Operating Procedures to members. Requested for members to review the procedures and contact Evelyn or Quinn if they had any questions or suggestions. Will vote to adopt the procedures in our next meeting.

V. PrEP

- PrEP Assistance Program (PrEP-AP)
- CDPH, CDC and OA provides assistance with medications related to treatment for prevention of HIV.
- Access Support Network is currently the enrollment site for PREP AP in Monterey County.
- June 25th was the go live date to begin enrolling uninsured and insured clients in PrEP-AP.

- As of June 21st, there were 33 clinics who make up the PrEP-AP provider network. Clients approved for PrEP-AP are required to see a contracted provider on the PrEP-AP provider network to receive assistance.
- Currently, ASN is working on establishing a provider for PrEP AP network in Monterey County.
- No clients currently enrolled.

PrEP & Youth

- May 2018, FDA has expanded approval for Truvada to include adolescents.
- MCHD Prevention and CA Prep programs are looking to collaborate to share educational materials about PrEP/PEP to youth.
- **PrEP Detailing/ Fall**
- MCHD is currently in the early stages of PrEP provider outreach. Providing outreach to providers will help reduce PrEP barriers for patients.
- Utilizing surveillance data to focus on providers who are reporting the highest cases of Early Syphilis and Rectal Gonorrhea.

VI. Prevention

- **Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) Update- ASN**
Continues to educate clients and distribute Naloxone during SEP hours. Community members have been very welcoming and no major problems. ASN is working into expanding SEP services to the peninsula and will update member during next meeting.
- **HOPWA Update -ASN**
Currently, 147 days of assistance in a fiscal year. Assisting 79 clients living with HIV, 3 chronically homeless and 34 beneficiaries in the last fiscal year. Most clients are renters, 3 homeowners. Placed 5 clients with permanent housing. Assisted 27 clients with other short-term rental assistance programs. ASN has noticed the seasonal impact within the agricultural community.
- **MCHD LGBTQ+ Health Assessment**
Evelyn, we distributed/gathered over 100 responses at Monterey Peninsula Pride Event. Planning to distribute to community partners over the summer

and during Salina Valley Pride Celebration in October. Data will be released at the end of the year.

- **Testing**

Quinn Haaga and Evelyn Alvarez MCHD, are now certified HCV & HIV test counselors. Working on updating MCHD testing protocols to begin testing. Will be prioritizing testing efforts at local LGBTQ+ bars, pride events, and agricultural areas.

- **Partner Services**

MCHD will be planning a HIV PS training early 2019.

VII. Surveillance- MCHD

- Four of the top ten most common reported diseases for the first quarter of 2018 in Monterey County are STD/Is. Chlamydia (486), Gonorrhea (139), Syphilis (26), HIV (13).
- Gonorrhea, 2/3 of cases are men. Age 25-34 is most common age range for infection.
- Disparities amongst LatinX and African American population.
- Data can be viewed on the MCHD website.

VIII. Open Forum/Discussion

- **ASN, Open enrollment update**

Open enrollment season is approaching fast. Important for people living with HIV to get enrolled along with their families. There are several insurance programs ASN offers clients to help reduce out of pockets expenses. Asked the group to spread the word.