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My Story

- I started in Public Health at the Detroit Health Department in 1999
- While working at the Detroit Health Department, I took on the role as an Early Intervention Services/Outreach worker
- I began as a Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in 2016
- After working closely with the Detroit Public Health Clinic (DPHC) I became permanent fixture there. Which made me the perfect fit as the liaison between the State of Michigan (SOM) and DPHC.
- My role as the liaison is to make certain there were no duplication of services, connecting those lost to care and treating early cases of syphilis



Roles and Responsibilities of Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)

SYPHILIS	HIV
Record search labs, providers and locating information	Record search labs, providers and locating information
Verify treatment and possible diagnosis	Provide investigation
Provide investigation	Locate/ interview client
Locate/interview client	Notify client of diagnosis
Notify client of infection and assist with diagnosis	Assist with making an ID appointment
Secure an appointment if additional treatment is needed	Refer client for EIS
Discuss and offer Prep	Elicit partners
Elicit partners	Discuss risk reduction and U=U

Collaboration/Partnerships with Community Based Organizations

Key components to Identifying barriers (DIS-EIS)

- It allows DIS the opportunity to address barriers that may prevent the client from attending scheduled ID appointments
- It allows DIS to refer clients to EIS

Identifying the need for Partner Services (PS) (EIS-DIS)

- PS allows the client the opportunity to notify partners anonymously
- Which can stop a potential harmful situation
- PC allows partners who are unaware of their status receive testing
- DIS can offer testing (through a blood draw) or assist with an appointment

TEAMWORK

coming together is a beginning

keeping together is progress

working together is success

- Henry Ford

Strategies to Maintain Ongoing Relationships Between DIS and EIS

Disease Intervention Specialist

- Establish a rapport with Community Based Organizations EIS Staff
- Accessibility
 - Establish an agreement with CBO for DIS to provide same day services for new diagnosed individuals (PS)
 - Meet with client during EIS intake to provide PS
 - DIS can meet with client the day of first ID appointment to insure smooth transition

Early Intervention Services

- Schedule meet & greet with DIS when experiencing high turnover
- Allow EIS to partner with DIS and be apart of intake process or medical appointment
- Ask client if they have been contacted by DIS, if not refer to DIS

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