

PrEP Implementation at Whitman-Walker Health

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PrEP at WWH

- ▶ Progress
- ▶ Implementation at WWH
- ▶ Staffing/Budget
- ▶ Educational and outreach materials
- ▶ Plans for future



Progress of the program since Oct 2014

- ▶ 616 clients received PrEP education
- ▶ 251 clients enrolled in PrEP program
- ▶ 27 providers trained in providing PrEP



Implementation of PrEP Program

- ▶ Community Health
 - Gay Men's Health and Wellness Clinic
- ▶ Medical Service Department



Community Health Department

- ▶ Gets message out on PrEP
- ▶ Incorporates CDC recommendations into risk assessment during testing and counseling sessions
- ▶ Assists interested party in making appointment with clinician and through public benefits process



Community Health Department

- ▶ Educates patients who come to access PEP at WWH to allow for PEP to PrEP continuation if clinically appropriate
 - Allows for identification and targeted outreach to those who may most benefit from PrEP
- ▶ Site-based HIV counseling and testing
- ▶ Mobile testing van
- ▶ Venue-based testing in high-risk areas
- ▶ Gay Men's Health and Wellness Clinic



Primary Care

- ▶ Incorporates PrEP into primary care program
- ▶ Uses team approach with CH, GMHW, Public Benefits, Adherence and Clinical Services to provide holistic approach to care
- ▶ Implementation since 10/2014:
 - Compiled new ICF for PrEP; modified Gilead consent and CDC recommendations for unified checklist/informed consent document
 - Completed SOP for providers that care for PrEP patients to ensure consistent, highest quality care
 - Provided Provider training on PrEP; discuss at weekly provider meetings



Implementation cont.

▶ Adherence:

- Discussion of adherence begins at first encounter, either with CH member or clinical team member
- Adherence nurses available for extra support, assist eligible HIV-negative patients in accessing patient assistance program
- Adherence nurses also schedule follow-up medical visits and tests, educate PrEP patients about techniques to combat stigma



PrEP is a natural extension of the services already offered

- ▶ It's about providing a medical home
 - Offering culturally competent, affirming care and establishing trust within the walls of WWH
- ▶ Primary Medical Care
- ▶ Women's Healthcare
- ▶ Infectious Disease specialty care
- ▶ Pharmacy
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Dental
- ▶ Behavioral Health
 - Psychiatry/Mental Health/Addiction Services
- ▶ Medical Adherence Case Management
- ▶ Legal Services/Public Benefits Navigation Service
- ▶ Community Health
 - Prevention/Health and Wellness Programming



Staffing / Budget

- ▶ Funds dispersed throughout WWH reflects holistic approach
 - Community Health/ Outreach and Education
 - Quality Improvement & Informatics
 - Provider/Physician Assistants
 - Adherence nurses



Education/Outreach Materials

- ▶ PrEP forum at GW
- ▶ Safer sex education brochure
- ▶ Condom and lubricant distribution
- ▶ In the process of making palm cards
- ▶ PrEP buttons
- ▶ PrEP T-Shirts
- ▶ Social media



Plans for future of PrEP

- ▶ Continue outreach to providers
- ▶ Increase capacity for PrEP (decrease wait time for appointments) with new facility space
- ▶ Increase capacity for PrEP (e.g., new provider at Max Robinson)
- ▶ Increase capacity for outreach and education (e.g., new partnerships MEC1 with Metro Teen Aids, CBO Network)



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I don't know if this is the right word for it, collaboration?

Megan Coleman, 2/18/2015

PrEP at WWH

- ▶ Any questions?

Thank you!

