

E&O Provider Meeting, FY2020
Provider Orientation
Friday, July 26, 2019
Hayes Conference Room, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Floor 2
10am – 2pm

Orientation Minutes

Funded Agencies provided overview of their programs.

Recipient Name: Whittier Street Health Center

Population: MSM and communities of color under 30 years of age

Location of Services: Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, South End, Fenway

Overview of Services:

- Offer individual level intervention to promote HIV awareness and prevention
- Provide HIV counseling and testing for HIV and STI
- PrEP offered in-house

Recipient Name: Women Connecting Affecting Change (WCAC), MAC

Population: Black focusing on underserved, high-risk women. Presently working with MSM and injectable drug users.

Location of Services: (Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Lower Roxbury/South End)

Overview of Services:

- Peer support programs
- Access and provision of clean needles
- Community outreach to discover status and trajectory of epidemic (state-of-emergency funding)
- Engaging with Project Hope to go into backyards in the community to pick up/dispose of used needles

Recipient Name: Sociedad Latina

Population: Primarily Latinx ages 14 to 24

Location of Services: Primarily Mission Hill/Roxbury with workshops in East Boston and other Boston areas

Overview of Services:

- Train youth in sexual health
- Utilize these youth to educate peers on safe(r) sex practices
- Host parent workshops to help normalize conversations on positive sexual health

Recipient Name: Fenway Health

Population: MSM of color and transgender individuals; 60% identify as LGBTQ

Location of Services: Downtown Fenway and South End with smaller sites in Chinatown, Jamaica Plain, and Cambridge (which is not funded with this grant)

Overview of Services:

- Sexual health education and risk reduction
- PrEP education and uptake
- HIV and STI testing
- Testing for those with substance abuse disorders
- Expanding effort on mobile outreach
- Getting current sites up and running with staffed nurses

Recipient Name: Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) - Sister2Sister Program

Population: Young women ages 15 to 25; newly expanded to young men of the same age

Program Location: (Roxbury, South Dorchester, North Dorchester, and Mattapan)

Overview of Services:

- Individual level intervention
 - 62-90 minute educational sessions
 - Focus on young women ages 15-25
 - Risk assessment
 - Sex education and health planning
- All programs are incentivized to encourage participants to complete individual sessions and to get testing
 - Gift card or mini-mani
- Goal is to link participants to more stable services and not repeat services

Professed Needs:

- Addressing how to connect with older teens and young adults 18-25 years old
 - Seeing a lot of younger teenage participants possibly because it's more difficult for older teens who are working and in school to access services
- Need allies for tackling PrEP marketing, awareness, education, and testing
- Local community center/confidential space that can be rented or borrowed
 - Allow easier access to population

Recipient Name: Boston Medical Center (BMC) – Project Trust

Population: People engaging in transactional sex and substance use

Program Location: (South End, South Boston, Roxbury, and Dorchester)

Overview of Services:

- Individual Level Intervention
 - Hand-holding for accessing interagency services
 - Drop in center offering clinical services (e.g. STI testing, same-day PrEP, referrals to substance abuse treatment)
- Group Level Intervention
 - One for women and one for men (primarily MSM)
 - Combines safety skills, harm reduction, and peer support and empowerment

- Community Level Intervention
 - Use community navigators to target those injecting drugs and the homeless
 - Mobile clinical model; going directly to community rather than waiting for them to come to them
 - Utilize social networks to tackle prevention and accessing clients to bring them back for linkage to other services
 - Engaging people in HIV, Hep C, and STI prevention and treatment
 - Giving out harm reduction materials (e.g. safe injection kits, hats, socks, scarfs)
 - Basic wound care and contraception

Recipient Name: Victory Programs

Population: All races and sexual identities at risk for HIV and infectious disease that are over 18 years old, especially drug users

Program Location: (Jamaica Plain, North Dorchester, South Dorchester, Roxbury, South End, Mattapan, and Back Bay)

Overview of Services:

- Eight-person team that focuses on community-based prevention
- Counseling, testing, suboxone distribution
- Safer sex skill building for women in residential and treatment sites for the first time
- Health education workshops in substance abuse recovery programs
 - Basic health information, STI risk calculation, positive partner communication strategies for using condoms/protection
- Mobile outreach providing harm reduction strategies including offering clean syringes
- Planning to eventually obtain a van to offer a greater range of services

Recipient Name: Codman Square

Population: Non-U.S. citizens, youth up to 25 years old, and MSM of color

Program Location: Primarily Dorchester and Mattapan

Overview of Services:

- HIV/STI prevention, testing, and treatment as well as same-day PrEP
- Both individual and group support
- Medical Case Management (funded through Ryan White)
- Youth Community Action Board collaboration with Codman Academy
 - Objective is to understand how youth communicate with each other; get them to be the bearer of truth for their community
 - Health education in high schools and encouragement to join community advisory board
- Focusing more on outreach and prevention
 - Building relationships with community religious leaders, clubhouses, or senior councils to attract more individuals who are interested in services, but lack transportation
 - Utilize students during after school hours as peer navigators

Recipient Name: Justice Resource Institute (JRI)

Population: Transgender of color ages 18-29, homeless struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues, and/or sexual violence

Program Location: Primarily Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, and Dorchester

Overview of Services:

- HIV and STI awareness, testing, and linkage
- PrEP awareness and uptake
- Mental health services and referrals
- Safe sex practices and risk reduction education
- Series of support groups for MSM and transgender/nonbinary individuals

Recipient Name: Boston Children's Hospital

Population: Adolescents ages 12-26

Program Location: (Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, East Boston, and South End)

Overview of Services:

- Focus on PEP and PrEP and providing clinical pathway for primary care providers to initiate same-day PrEP
- Outreach through a new health services advocate providing training in family planning, HIV testing, phlebotomy, and case management
- Additional outreach aimed at youth recovering from prison; programs on diversion and substance abuse
- Rapid testing and piloting a rapid Hep C test (15 minutes)
- Intensive HIV medical case management; bringing clients to community partners and connecting them to care
- STI counseling and testing and working with HSA's to expand partner testing
 - Fund 200-300 tests per year for free, as well as free rapid testing
- Full mental health treatment and case management referrals to access in-home therapy
- Working with the DA's office to go after exploiters involved with Commercial Sex Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
- Working to expand outreach using EBM testing to determine how best to share information and facilitate conversations that incorporate respect strategies
- Hoping to link back to client's previously attended facilities so that relationships and linkages are maintained

Recipient Name: East Boston Neighborhood Health Center – Project Shine

Population: Primarily non-U.S. born Latino MSM ages 25 and younger/50 years and older, transgender men and women

Program Location: East Boston

Overview of Services:

- Utilize individual, group, and community level interventions
- HIV prevention and screening and medical case management
- PeP and PreP
- Personalized cognitive counseling for those who are at highest risk for HIV and STIs
- Warm handoffs for high risk individuals engaging in risky behavior such as trans sex, not using condoms, and anal intercourse

- Utilizes an assessment questionnaire about thought processes with risky behavior
- Looking into getting more mobile units to go directly to the community and engaging more with community organizations