Street-Based Care: A Collaborative Approach

Whole Person Care Update
July 19, 2019
Presentation Overview

• Background
• Encampment health Fairs
  o HIV/HCV testing
  o Medical Services
  o Data Snapshot
• Strengthened partnerships
• Questions
Background

• Local tech & real estate boom has exacerbated displacement resulting in a more visible population of people experiencing homelessness

• Tensions have arisen in some neighborhoods where housing is located near homeless encampments or services for marginalized populations

• This coincides with rising public drug use and displacement
Economic Inequality

Median Rents in California Cities

- San Francisco: $4,730
- San Jose: $2,740
- Los Angeles: $2,710
- San Diego: $2,050
- Long Beach: $2,000
- Santa Ana: $1,750
- Anaheim: $1,740
- Sacramento: $1,250
- Fresno: $850
- Bakersfield: $840

(state 2 BR Median)
Creation of Encampment Collaborative

• 4 new HIV diagnoses of individuals living in an encampment (11/2016)

• Providers decided to convene a “health fair” to provide testing to residents living in encampments

• No additional funding
Additional Health Issues/Concerns

• Hepatitis A
• Syphilis
• Shigella
• Sharing injection supplies
• Overdose
Strategies To Address Health Needs

• “Encampment” Health Fairs
• Low-Barrier Medical Services at Syringe Access Sites
• Increased mobile outreach with medical teams
• Mobile Health Access Points
Hospitality

• 1st point of contact
• Coffee, sandwiches, snack bags and warm weather supplies
• Outreach
• Escort
• Support other partners (Narcan trainings, testing paperwork, etc.)
Encampment Health Fairs

**Low barrier: Start on Site**
- PrEP/PEP
- Family Planning
- Rapid ART start
- Addiction Treatment: Opiate=Buprenorphine; Alcohol=Gabapentin or Detox

**Routine medical**
- Wounds
- Vaccination: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, flu
- Linkage to Primary care

**Testing and Treatment**
- HIV, HCV, TB, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Trichomonas, Syphilis

**Harm Reduction Services**
- Narcan trainings
- Harm Reduction Supplies
- Resources and referrals
- Education about safe syringe disposal
- Syringe disposal supplies
Health Fairs at various SF locations
## 2019 Encampment Health Fairs

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GLIDE Methodology

• Pre-Outreach to Site
• Incentivized testing, $10 gift card to Test
• $10 gift card to come to Glide for confirmatory result
• $10 gift card to enroll in Navigation Servs
• 2 Testers/Phlebotomists
• 2 Triage/Flow workers
• 2 Outreach workers
Notable Characteristics

- **241** of unduplicated clients who tested at encampments
- **32** report that this was their *first time* getting tested
- **226** who never tested at or with GLIDE before testing came to their encampment
Successes
• Convenient for Clients (One stop-shop)
• Reaching people otherwise not encountered
• Meeting people literally “where they are at”

Challenges
• Follow up/reconnecting with clients
• Blood draws on site
• Connecting them to Glide & Other Services
Syphilis Activation

PREGNANCY WITHOUT SUPPORT

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Women do not access routine care and have low rates of follow up

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Congenital Syphilis

• Since April we have done 59 Syphilis screens

• Addressing stigma around Reproductive Health choices for women – working with UCSF
Street Medicine Cases

• “You told me to come see you”
  • Lost to care HIV positive now undetectable, Hep C treated, on injectable antipsychotic, and inside

• First PreP
  • Still on Prep, Undetectable

• First Bup Cases
  • Couple, became housed
  • ‘It’s a miracle drug’

Education and training for medical students, residents and fellows
Encampment Health Fairs

Increased Partnerships

Mobile Health Access Points

Increased Collaborative Outreach

Low Barrier Medical Services at Syringe Access sites
Increased Mobile Outreach

Street Medicine /Enhanced Outreach
• Outreach with a Street Medicine nurse combined with SFHOT or Community Health Response team
• Builds on relationship
• Multiple partners to enhance follow-up
• Immunization Campaigns

Mobile Health Access Points
• Mobile HIV/HCV/STI Testing
• Mobile Harm Reduction Supplies
• Collaboration amongst several agencies
• Discreet, Low-barrier Services
• Meeting people where they are at
Low-Barrier Medical Care at Syringe Access Sites

Addiction Treatment:
• Opiate- Buprenorphine/Naloxone
• Alcohol: Gabapentin or detox
• Methamphetamine – Meds

Routine medical
• Wound Care
• Chronic disease management and Medicine support-(HIV, Mental Health, COPD)
• Re- engagement with primary care
THANK YOU!

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