



April 2021 Update

April 2021 Update for the OTGA Planning Council

Services

Subcontracts

- All 2021/22 subcontracts are executed for this year.

Health Education

- The Senior Health Education Specialist (SHES) updated the curriculum to present to Ryan White Medical Case Management (MCM) clients on HIV/STD transmission and prevention education. Services were provided in English and Spanish and were offered during psychosocial support groups and on a one-on-one basis to clients referred by their MCMs. The SHES created a curriculum to provide our MCM clients with COVID-19 prevention education and healthy living to be provided on a one-on-one basis via phone or computer. A total of 131 clients were contacted; of those who responded, 66 received health education services and a CleanKit (a kit containing PPE, home sanitation supplies, and written information on COVID-19 prevention in English or Spanish). An additional 11 clients received the CleanKit only.

Contra Costa Consortium

- The next Consortium meeting will be held **via Zoom** on Monday, May 10th from 10 am – 12 pm. If you wish to attend or to fill out the public comment request to speak, please contact Senior Health Education Specialist Manuela Loebig: Manuela.loebig@cchealth.org
 - The 5/10 meeting will include updates on Contra Costa County's health equity projects, the COVID-19 vaccination dashboard, services and other programmatic updates.



**HIV CONSORTIUM
2021 CALENDAR**

FEBRUARY 8TH
MAY 10TH
AUGUST 16TH
NOVEMBER 1ST

10am-12pm
ZOOM
Meeting ID
876 752 2966
Password
1ZjUqN

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guest speakers & public comment welcome
contact manuela.loebig@cchealth.org

Psychosocial Support Groups

- Virtual support groups continue to be held twice a week via Zoom. One group per week is art-based. If you would like to join a group, contact your case manager or Caroline Miller, Client Services Manager (caroline.miller@cchealth.org)



Linkage to Care

Preliminary Data – Not for Public Distribution

Linkage to Care Data Comparison-2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021

Time Period	Median days linked to care (completed first VL or CD4 test after HIV+ test)	Median days between HIV dx and first ART prescription (in Positive Health Clinics)	Median Days between HIV dx and first <200 VL
January 2018 - December 2018	19 days	27 days	108 days
January 2019– December 2019	12 days	26 days	79 days
January 2020 – December 2020	7 days	8 days	76 days
January 2021—April 2021	4 days	7 days	

Countywide New Diagnoses, Jan-March 2021

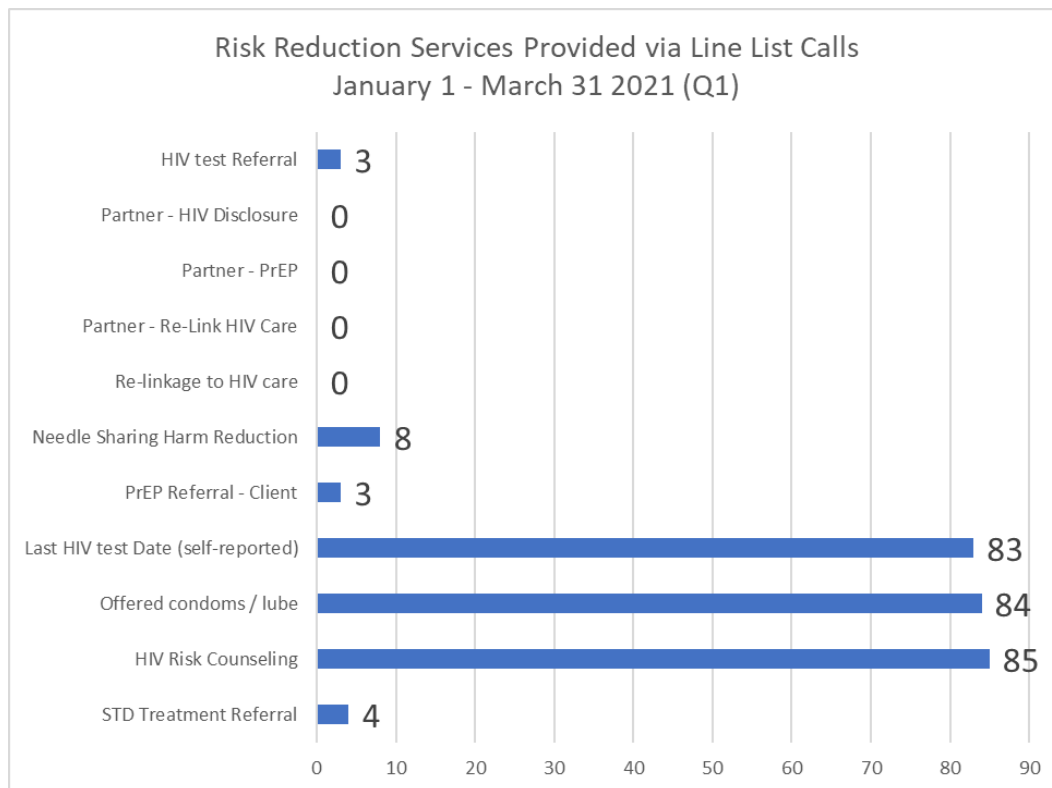
Site	CCHS	Kaiser	Lifelong	Planned Parenthood	John Muir	Detention Facility	Sutter East Bay	Private Provider	Other County	Total	%
New Dx Linked to Care	4	6	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	18	78%
New Dx not yet linked or missing linkage info	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	5	22%
Total Dx by site	4	7	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	23	100%



Education, Prevention and Testing Program

1. HOME is where the SWAB is...: we continue to offer contactless, home-based HIV/STI testing via self-swabs and condom/lube delivery service to community members during the COVID-19 response. Please see the service description on our webpages: <https://cchealth.org/hiv/testing.php> and <https://cchealth.org/std/>. Since April 2020, we have provided services to 96 unduplicated clients. Of the total clients, 74 or 85% identify as male and 22 or 23% as female, including one transgender woman. Of the male identified individuals, 64 or 86% are MSM. In regard to race/ethnicity, 44 or 46% are Latinx, 22 or 23% African American, 22 or 23% White, and 8 or 8% Asian and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders. Of the total clients, 15 clients have tested positive for GC/CT and we have linked them to care.

2. Line List intervention: We are continuing to call community residents who have tested positive for chlamydia and/or gonorrhea, including coinfecting PLWHIV to make sure that they have received their treatment and understand how to prevent any future reinfection. During the COVID-19 response, the list is shorter but these follow-up calls are crucial to ensure appropriate follow-up care and reduce risky behaviors. We are also offering the HOME is where the SWAB is program services to these clients and their sexual/needle sharing partners.



3. State Condom Access Program: We continue to make sure that county clinics, community-based organizations, and needle exchange sites are well stocked during the pandemic. We are also supplying our needle exchange subcontractor with PPE for their staff and clients.

Staffing Updates

- Vacancies:
 - Community Health Worker II (CHW II), STD Program
 - Awaiting new recruitment and list
 - Account Clerk - Advanced, HIV/STI Program
 - Bid notice posted
 - MSW II (Permanent)
 - No bidders applied
 - County list received, will begin interviews in May
 - MSW (Temp)
 - Requesting BOS approval for MSW maternity leave coverage (July 2021-April 2022)

