

What's Being Done in Saskatoon Health Region to Reduce STIs and Bloodborne Illness?

Service Delivery

- Continued to offer an express test option to include a blood test, along with urine sample. Urine drop off and standard service continues to be offered by drop-in and booked appointment.
- HIV testing, standard and/or point of care, is offered at each client contact in sexual health clinic, daytime outreach and needle exchange, and evening outreach when a public health nurse present in van Tuesday-Friday.
- HIV Testing Day was held in June, 2017.
- Provided STI/BBP testing needs to youth who are residing in Kilburn and Yarrow facility.
- Provided HIV case management programming to link newly diagnosed clients to care and support the smooth transition to community HIV case managers for ongoing care. A Case Manager was added to the Positive Living Program.
- Increased testing sites for STIs and blood borne illness by participating in community events such as Gaybourhood, Pride and HIV Testing day.
- Coordinated community needle pick up, on behalf of Needle Safe Saskatoon. Restored or replaced needle drop boxes in SHR.

Quality Improvement

- Initiated a partnership with Saskatoon Sexual Health to provide complimentary and collaborative clinical services to address the diverse needs of youth and special populations.
- Completed nursing protocols and associated medical directives to enable nurses to perform specialty nursing practice within the clinical area. This was required as an alternative to Transfer of Medical Function and to align with the new Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association legislation covering Special Nursing Practices to be enforced by Dec 2016.
- Participated in ongoing cultural competency awareness and motivational interviewing training for front line staff.
- Implemented solo protect device to support staff safety when working in a community setting.
- Upgraded to Panorama 3.0 version for documentation of immunization.
- Gained access to Sunrise Clinical Manager to enable access to acute care medical record to facilitate STBBI notification and contact tracing.
- Developed a new contact tracing approach for chylamydia contacts to enable increased attention on syphilis and gonorrhea contacts.
- Expanded immunization services to include provision of MMR for clients.
- Continued to offer needle exchange training for AIDs Saskatoon staff who offer an alertate site to Public Health fixed and outreach services for harm reduction supplies.
- Served in a consultative role for the Ministry of Health's development of the Investigation and Outbreak Management module in Panorama, due for implemtnation in fall 2018.

Health Promotion

- Completed extensive stakeholder consultation with internal departments, more than 20 community organization representatives and many individual clients and advisory groups to inform the planning process for enhanced sexual health services and resources. Based on this



collective feedback, recent sexual health statistics and the results of a literature review, a comprehensive project plan was developed. Currently work is underway to finalize the program's visual identity and develop content for the new www.sexlifesk.ca website which will include collaboration with our partners and ongoing engagement of key stakeholders.

- Designed an educational infographic to assist physician testing for gonorrhea and provided face-to-face education on syphilis treatment for selected physician offices.
- The HIV Strategy funded community-based organization to deliver HIV peer programming in the community, and offer expanded testing options.

Enhanced Surveillance and Monitoring

- Continued to conduct enhanced syphilis surveillance survey to cases and contacts to learn more about the social factors impacting on transmission.
- Completed an audit of HIV client data from 2004-2016 to identify clients not in care for the purpose of re-engagement.
- Posted CNPHI Alert for syphilis in Oct 2016 and gonorrhea in April 2017.