

Partnerships for Care (P4C): Health Departments and Health Centers Collaborating to Improve HIV Health Outcomes

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Project Framework

- Multi-site demonstration project
 - CDC/DHAP: 4 State HDs (FL, MA, MD, NY)
 - HRSA/BPHC: 22 FQHCs (4-6 per state) Non-Ryan White Part C funded

Overarching Goal

• Enhance collaboration between HDs and FQHCs to improve HIV outcomes along continuum of care, especially among racial/ethnic minority persons

Strategies

- Integrate HIV services into primary care
- Interventional surveillance ("D2C")































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HIV-Positive Persons in the P4C Services Area and Health Center Patients Lost to Follow-Up



Data to Care (D2C)



- A public health strategy using surveillance and other data to identify people with HIV that may be in need of HIV medical care and services and facilitating linkage to those services. Examples include:
 - Persons not in care
 - Persons in care but with sustained high viral load
 - Mothers and infants in need of perinatal HIV services coordination
- Uses surveillance data to determine care status
 - CD4 or viral load test result as proxy for care visit and dates
- Data are used and shared for public health follow up
 - Continuum of Care = aggregate data for monitoring
 - D2C = individual data for public health action





Improved HIV Outcomes



D2C Not-in-Care Groups



P4C DATA-TO-CARE

- I. Have activities effectively identified people not in care and connected them to care?
- II. What are some strengths of the P4C collaborative D2C model?
- III. Can the process be improved?



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D2C Overall Outcomes



1,225 (44%) of confirmed NICs were re-engaged in care





53% of persons currently 'not-in-care' had previously never been linked to care





Health Center Initiated: Lost to Follow-Up Patients



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DATA-TO-CARE

II. What are some strengths of the P4C collaborative D2C model?



P4C Maryland Data Matching Results

FQHC Electronic Health Records & State Surveillance Registry





Hepatitis C Data to Care in Maryland

Program Approach

Surveillance Data

- Viral Hepatitis reportable in Maryland (COMAR 10.06.01.03)
- NEDSS HCV cases pulled from 7/1/12-11/30/15
- Share case information with participating Local Health Departments

Linkage to Care

- Outreach to providers
- Outreach to "out-of-care" patients
- Linkage-to-care work documented in PRISM

BALTIMORE



Informing HCV D2C Program



*Three individuals were encountered during outreach and requested a referral to HCV care. Two partners of the original client requested linkage to HCV testing. Both tested positive for active HCV infection and were linked to care.



P4C DATA-TO-CARE

III. Can the process be improved?



D2C CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

I. Establishing bi-directional data sharing agreements between DPH & providers can be complex and lengthy process

State statutes

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 - Not-in-Care definitions, generating NIC lists, linkage outcomes
 - Electronic Health Records



- Managing other external data sources for case investigations Staffing (shift in skills)
- Manual bi-directional data exchange & communication processes can be resource intensive and delay public health follow-up
- 8. Feedback to providers is an additional but important step



D2C CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES





"According to your HIPAA release form I can't share anything with you."



NY STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

- 2010 NYS Public Health Law broadened allowed use HIV surveillance data to locate out of care individuals and link them back to care. However, this information could not be shared with medical providers.
- 2015 legislation passed expanding the permissible use of HIV surveillance data to allow NYSDOH to share patient specific HIV information with medical providers for the purposes of improving linkage to care (LTC)
- Formal guidance needed to be developed to operationalize what information could and could not be shared with individual providers
 - e.g., confirmed newly diagnosed status could not be shared
 - In the interim, data sharing protocols accommodated data sharing between HIV surveillance and the six partner FQHCs



Challenges in Florida

- Delays in development and implementation timelines
- Legal Issues
 - MOAs between health department and health centers
 - Client consent forms
- Data Sharing
 - Health centers and their EHR capabilities/costs associated with modifications
 - Format of shared data from multiple EHRs
 - Development time and processes
 - Consistent out-of-care definitions (linkage/retention)



D2C CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES





Not-In-Care Definitions

	Surveillance initiated definitions	Time Frame for Not-In-Care Status			
FL	Never or previously linked	≥ 12 months without labs			
MA	Previously linked	≥ 6 months without medical visit (after 12 months in care)			
MA	Never linked	≥ 3 months post-diagnosis without medical visit			
MD	Never or previously linked	\geq 13 months without labs (never linked diagnosed for 2-3 years currently prioritized)			
NY	Previously linked – NYC	≥ 9 months without labs			
NY	Previously linked – ROS	13-24 months without labs			
NY	Never linked- NYC & ROS	≥ 3 months post-diagnosis without labs			
	Health Center Initiated definitions	Time Frame for Not-In-Care Status			
NY	Never linked - NYC & ROS	≥ 3 months post-diagnosis without medical visit			
NY	Previously linked - NYC & ROS	≥ 9 months without medical visit			
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NY Defining "Not-in-Care"

Four definitions developed with input from our health centers





D2C CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES







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D2C STAFFING

- Traditional DIS/linkage coordinators
- Hiring epidemiologists as field staff
 - Data and technology background
 - Support provider education and coordination
- Emphasis on monitoring client engagement efforts for impact

 0.3%	61.5%	 Phone calls Field visits HC visit Text messages Letters Internet contacts Email Other 	
	Newly diagnosed cases (N=27)	Out of care cases (N=70)	All closed cases (N=97)
Average contacts per case	2.2	3.8	3.4
Median contacts per case	1.0	4.0	3.0
Range of contacts per case	0-9	0 – 13	0 – 13
Total contact attempts for all	58	267	325
cases			
Linkage to care	87%	50%	
Linked by Field Epi	48%	69%	

Types of Field Epidemiologist Engagement



Improving Retention in HIV Care Through New York's Expanded Partner Services Data-to-Care Pilot

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Objective: Investigate feasibility of D2C approach applied to Partner Services program

- <u>Results</u>: Individuals relinked by ExPS DIS were more likely to reengage in care
- <u>Conclusions</u>: D2C can be effective when conducted outside a large MSA and/or closed health care systems. It can also be effectively incorporated into existing PS programs.



D2C CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES



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Automated Notifiable Disease Surveillance & Case Management





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"NEXT FRONTIER" OF D2C





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