**DATE: Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

**TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Peoria City/County Health Department, Room 125**

I. **Welcome**

Michelle McCormick welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged introductions among each group.

II. **Peoria County STI Report 2017**

Katy Endress, Epidemiologist at the Peoria City/County Health Department, provided an overview of the recently released Peoria County Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Report for 2017. She clarified that the data includes all positive results from Peoria County, but the Health Department only knows the number of people tested through the Health Department and not the total number tested at other locations. With the increase in testing, one would expect the number of positives to continue to increase for the short term.

Additional discussion occurred with the group about the lack of standardized sexual health questions by primary care providers. Jean Bellisario noted the positive feedback at the PREP training from providers on the need for asking these questions.

III. **Review of Workgroup Structure and Team Responsibilities**

Michelle reviewed the tasks for each group for the day and requested that at least one copy of the action plan be turned into her at the end of the meeting.

IV. **Intervention Team Breakouts**

Teams broke out into workgroups to continue working on the action plan.

V. **Teams Report Out**

1. **Social Marketing:** Betty reached out to Carver Center to confirm that they do not currently have focus groups. Using the space at Carver Center is an option and Betty will follow up for clarification on if a fee will be charged. The team is also planning to learn more about implementing the Health is Power Campaign. Jean Bellisario mentioned that Chris Wade at Central IL Friends of PWA and the Health Department may have funding for social marketing for outreach to MSM of color.
2. **Structural:** Task 1 of identifying contacts at UnityPoint and Heartland Clinic has been completed and the team is working on setting up a meeting with the individuals. On Task 2 and Task 4 the group has identified the educational standards called the Five Ps and are going to verify with Dr. Na’Allah before moving forward. Task 5 of promoting the PREP an PEP event has been completed. For Task 6, a local chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is interested in helping to promote comprehensive sexual education in schools throughout the tri-county region. There also might be an opportunity to utilize software for a train the trainer model for teachers of how to speak to students.
3. **Public Health:** The team is waiting to hear back about the grant Dr. Na’Allah applied for under Task 1. Task 2 of implementing FLASH is ongoing in Peoria Schools. Task 4 for identifying current education programs in the community is ongoing and outreach to Becca has occurred for the current list already compiled. For Task 5 of gathering and identifying data, the team noted that the STI report was just released and the Maternal and Child Health Report would be released later this year. The team also discussed ideas of how to encourage providers to ask sexual health questions such as a curriculum, signage for offices, or lunch and learn especially for those in the high risk zip codes.
4. **Behavioral and Biomedical:** The PEP and PREP training was successfully held and a grant has been received to continue training next year. For Task 5, the team has identified that Becca is already involved in the Youth Advisory Council and will work with her on additional items for the groups to consider. The team noted that most testing occurring is only through urine test, but oral and rectal testing may also be needed to thoroughly test individuals. For Task 6, the team discussed needing to identify the barriers to access for the testing that is available in the high risk areas and effective strategies to overcome these barriers once they are identified. There was also discussion on if the goal should be to lower rates or to increase testing in the community. The team also noted that new bus ads would be starting soon in promoting testing.

VI. **Brief Announcements**

During the announcements, concerns were raised by the group of the lack of consistent attendance by the teams. In addition, the group questioned if a larger group discussion should occur about the items that are overlapping between groups.

The group was reminded about the Wellness Forum: Providing Holistic Care to the LGBTQ Community at Methodist College on June 7 from 8 am to 4 pm.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 27 at 3 pm**