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**Program and Training Branch (PTB) Thursday Report
Monthly Highlights from the STD Programs
October 2008**

CALIFORNIA

1. The first Viral Hepatitis Strategic Planning Meeting was held September 22 and 23, 2008. Eighty participants were hosted in a statewide meeting in Sacramento. Participants shared data, developed a practical vision for viral hepatitis over the next five years, identified challenges, proposed initiatives, and decided on four strategic directions 1) Driving Policy Change; 2) Targeting and Integrating Services; 3) Educating the Public and Providers; and 4) Improving Surveillance and Data Use. For more information please contact Rachel McLean at rachel.mclean@cdph.ca.gov.
2. Regional training for all Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) has begun. These two-day training sessions include both didactic and practical sessions. For more information, please contact Jessica Frasure at jessica.frasure@cdph.ca.gov.
3. The 2007 Local Health Jurisdiction STD Data Summaries are up on the California Department of Public Health web site <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/statistics/Pages/STDLHJData.aspx>. These summaries contain graphs and tables for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis, and population count data by gender and age group and by age group and race/ethnicity for all 61 local health jurisdictions in California, as well as statewide comparisons and rankings. For more information please contact Michael Samuel at michael.samuel@cdph.ca.gov

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MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts continues to observe a rise in infectious syphilis in Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) in 2008. There were 207 cases of infectious syphilis in MSM reported from January through August, 2008, which represents a 76% increase during the same time period in 2007. To respond to this increase, the following initiatives are being conducted:

- 1) **State-wide Forum on STD Prevention and MSM.** This forum is being held in Boston on November 7, 2008, and will include presentations by John Auerbach, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Dr. Kenneth Mayer, Medical Research Director, Fenway Community Health, and Thomas Bertrand, STD Director, MDPH.
- 2) **“Syphilis Prevention for You and Your Partners.”** A user-friendly brochure describing partner services has been developed with the goal of familiarizing MSM with partner services, as well as encouraging them to

contact the MDPH to learn more about available services through a newly established information phone line and e-mail address.

- 3) **FAQ Enhancement to www.GetTestedBoston.org.** A new feature of www.GetTestedBoston.org has been added that lists answers to the most commonly asked questions about STDs by MSM. The list of questions was created by soliciting input from clinicians at STD clinics in Massachusetts.

For more information on these initiatives, please contact David Goudreau, Syphilis Elimination Coordinator (David.Goudreau@state.ma.us, 617-983-6835).

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SAN FRANCISCO

1. In September 2008, 80 early syphilis cases were reported in San Francisco (SF). This is the largest single-month report of syphilis morbidity in SF history. Per an assessment performed by the EIS Officer, as of August 2008, syphilis cases have increased 54% compared to the same time last year and it is estimated that the total number of cases for the year will exceed 500 cases, putting rates back to those seen during 2003 and 2004. Cases are increasing among both MSM and heterosexuals. Specific risk factors for MSM cases have not yet been identified, except, anecdotally, it has been heard that Methamphetamine use is on the rise. Heterosexual cases seem to be connected to the Tenderloin/South of Market areas of the City and some preliminary risk factors are female gender, crack use, sex for drugs/money, homelessness, and incarceration in the County Jails.

A more detailed evaluation will be done over the next few weeks and as many local resources as possible will be devoted to the increase in syphilis. However, due to the huge cut in syphilis elimination (SE) funding in 2008 and the additional cut expected in 2009, there is a shortage of resources and SE activities have been seriously curtailed, including not interviewing early latent syphilis cases, even though some of these cases are very early cases (i.e., history of a negative serology in the past three months). Therefore, our response, will, at best, be very limited.

As always, it is strongly recommended that health care providers examine, screen, and test patients for syphilis frequently. Recommendations include screening HIV infected MSM for syphilis with every CD4 count or viral load test and non-monogamous MSM every 3-6 months, regardless of HIV status. Providers are also reminded to prophylactically treat anyone reporting possible syphilis exposure in the past 90 days to prevent infection.

2. On September 24, 2008, the STD Section held a press conference to announce the implementation of the newly enhanced online STD testing system, www.STDTest.org. This is a collaboration between the San Francisco Department of Public Health - STD Prevention and Control Services and Internet Sexuality Information Services, Inc. (ISIS)

and enables patients to confidentially go online to learn which tests are recommended based on their risk profile, prepare their lab slip in advance of a lab visit, and obtain their test results online within 5-7 days of testing, in a safe and private environment.

The expanded version of STDTest.org will ensure that San Francisco residents have better access, greater convenience, and easier choices in personal STD testing for people at risk for syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, HIV and herpes. Through www.STDTest.org, individuals print their own lab slips and locate a nearby testing site to provide their samples. Test results then arrive within five to seven days, accessible online by a unique identifier (PIN); HIV test results are delivered on the phone by a trained counselor.

Per Dr. Klausner, the STD Section Director, www.STDtest.org makes STD and HIV testing easy for everyone. Frequent testing is a great way to stay healthy and prevent the spread of STDs and HIV in the community and allows individuals who are reluctant or unable to seek medical care for STDs to get tested without fear or embarrassment. Providing accessible and free new media tools that empower people to take charge of their own sexual health is key in reducing disease in our community.”

3. The September 30, 2008, issue of the New York Times featured the following positive and complimentary article about the STD Section’s website in the Science Times/Decoding Your Health Section:

“San Francisco City Clinic, which offers low-cost testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, is also a bracing and realistic source of information. Its front page comes on gently with a little box marked “About You.” This leads to a customized list of diseases one can get as, say, a middle-age transsexual who sleeps with both men and women. For those who would rather see all the risks at once, a handy chart of “S.T.D. basics” catalogs the infections that can be transmitted by nine kinds of sexual activity. Bay Area residents can consult an exhaustive catalog of local resources. For the rest of us there is the clinic’s “Dr. K,” whose advice columns reveal, for example, that two condoms are not better protection than one.”

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Training Highlights December 2008 – February 2009

The “Training Highlights” section provides information on upcoming STD training activities of the National Network of STD/HIV PTCs (NNPTC) and the Health Professional Training and Education Unit in the DSTDP. For complete descriptions of classes and self-study educational resources, please visit the NNPTC website

www.stdhivpreventiontraining.org, and the CDC STD training website <http://www.cdc.gov/std/training/>

Partner Services and Program Support Training

Introduction to STD Intervention (ISTDI) courses

December 2-12, 2008, Placerville, CA

Sponsor: California PTC, <http://www.stdhivtraining.org/>

Contact: Veronica Espinoza, VEspinoz@dhs.ca.gov, or 562-570-4085

February 3-13, 2009, Carson City, NV

Sponsor: California PTC, <http://www.stdhivtraining.org/>

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Advanced STD Intervention (ASTDI) and Supervisory Courses

Please check the DSTDP Training Webpage <http://www.cdc.gov/std/training/courses.htm> for the 2008 and 2009 Training schedule for the Advanced STD Intervention (ASTDI) course, the STD Intervention for Supervisors (STDIS) course, and the Principles of Supervision course.

Clinical and Laboratory Training

STD Intensive Clinical Courses

STD Intensive

January 12-16, 2009, Cincinnati, OH

Sponsor: Cincinnati PTC, www.stdptc.uc.edu, and the Cincinnati Health Department

Contact: Barbara Forney, forneyba@ucmail.uc.edu, or 513-558-3197

Three day STD Clinical Intensive Flex course

January 27, 2009, Boston, MA

Sponsor: Sylvie Ratelle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center of New England,

<http://www.state.ma.us/dph/cdc/stdtcmai/stdtcmai.htm>

Contact: Janine Dyer, Janine.Dyer@state.ma.us, or 617-983-6964

STD Adolescent Intensive Course

January 27-28 2009, New York, NY

Sponsor: Region II PTC, www.nyc.gov/health/std, and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Contact: Region II PTC, nycptc@health.nyc.gov, or 212-788-7466

Three Day STD Clinical Intensive course

February 23-25, 2009, Boston, MA

Sponsor: Sylvie Ratelle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center of New England,
<http://www.state.ma.us/dph/cdc/stdtcmai/stdtcmai.htm>
Contact: Janine Dyer, Janine.Dyer@state.ma.us , or 617-983-6964

STD Advanced

February 23-27, 2009, Cincinnati, OH
Sponsor: Cincinnati PTC, www.stdptc.uc.edu , and the Cincinnati Health Department
Contact: Barbara Forney, forneyba@ucmail.uc.edu, or 513-558-3197

STD/HIV Clinical Update Courses

Clinician Update

December 9-10, 2008, Cincinnati, OH
Sponsor: Cincinnati PTC, www.stdptc.uc.edu , and the Cincinnati Health Department
Contact: Barbara Forney, forneyba@ucmail.uc.edu, or 513-558-3197

Clinical Exam Skills and Laboratory Skills Courses

Wet Mount Laboratory Course

February 25, 2009, Boston, MA
Sponsor: Sylvie Ratelle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center of New England,
<http://www.state.ma.us/dph/cdc/stdtcmai/stdtcmai.htm>
Contact: Janine Dyer, Janine.Dyer@state.ma.us , or 617-983-6964

Self-Study Clinical Continuing Education Offerings (free CE credit available)

Web Based STD Update with FREE CME (1 hour, category 1, CME)
Available at <http://www.cecentral.com/STDupdate>

STD Clinical Intensive Continuing Education Module

This offering features clinical illustrations and video segments on topics such as syphilis, gonorrhea, viral hepatitis, syndromic approach to STDs, and more.
Available at <http://www.bu.edu/cme/std/>

Chlamydia Case-Based Training

This course provides screening, diagnosis, and treatment information for chlamydial infections in women in case-based, interactive format.
Available at http://www.stdhivtraining.net/educ/training_module/index.html

NNPTC STD Case Series

This web-based case series is designed for practicing clinicians who diagnose, treat and manage patients with, or at risk for, STDs. The series includes case presentations of common STD-related syndromes with a guided, interactive process to evaluate each case, arrive at a diagnosis and provide recommended treatment.
Available at <http://www.stdhivtraining.net/nnptc/start.cfm>

CDC Self-Study STD Modules for Clinicians

This site offers seven web-based educational modules, each based on a specific STD topic. Each module is considered to be an individual course. The target audience is clinicians in primary care settings who desire a basic introduction to STD diagnosis and management.

Available at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/stdtraining/self-study/default.asp>

Other Clinical Resources

Illuminate Live! Free Monthly Webinar Sessions!

Join us for online distant learning trainings. Sit at your desk and participate in lectures and discussions on all the hottest STD topics. CME's are available. All eLearning seminars are 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern Time. To learn more about eLearning Seminars contact Barbara Forney at forneyba@ucmail.uc.edu, or 513-558-3197.

STI Provider Toolkits now available. The toolkit includes information on screening, syphilis diagnosis and management, reporting information and a summary laminated STD treatment guidelines card.

Contact: Region II PTC, nycptc@health.nyc.gov, or 212 788 7466

Subject: American Progress release: Change for America

Date: November 2008

Dear Colleagues,

As we discussed occasionally at our coalition meetings, the Center for American Progress Action Fund has been working with the New Democracy Project to produce a book titled, [Change for America: A Progressive Blueprint for the 44th President](#). I wanted to make sure you knew that it was released today. It takes a comprehensive look at opportunities to improve the functioning of the executive branch and is meant to provide guidance on establishing priorities for a new administration. In addition to the print version, several online chapters have been written as well. Shira Saperstein and I wrote one on reproductive and sexual health and rights

(<http://www.americanprogressaction.org/issues/2008/changeforamerica/pdf/reproductive.pdf>), much of which I'm sure you will find familiar. Also of possible interest to you,

Winnie Stachelberg co-authored a chapter with Mark Shields on GLBT priorities (<http://www.americanprogressaction.org/issues/2008/changeforamerica/pdf/glbt.pdf>).

More information about the book and links to other chapters can be found here:

<http://www.americanprogressaction.org/issues/2008/changeforamerica/>.

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