CDU NEWSLETTER

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Wyoming Department of Health, Communicable Disease Unit

Monthly Theme: Indigenous History

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Susie Walking Bear Yellowtail

CDU Monthly Webinar held the **3rd Tuesday of every month from 2-3 pm** via Zoom
(check calendar below)

Syphilis

Syphilis outbreaks are occurring across the country including Wyoming's neighboring states. The outbreaks have included numerous cases of congenital syphilis. Untreated syphilis can cause major health issues including death in both patients and unborn children. Up to 40% of babies born to women with untreated syphilis may be stillborn, or die from the infection as a newborn. Congenital syphilis is preventable with appropriate testing and treatment. The Communicable Disease Unit encourages all providers to test for syphilis for every client based on risk as indicated in the Wyoming CDU Screening recommendations, which can be found on the CDU STD Health Professional Resources page.

It is imperative that syphilis testing is provided to all patients who are at risk and to all pregnant women when positive pregnancy status is determined. Repeat testing should be provided to pregnant women in accordance with the testing algorithm listed below and throughout the duration of the pregnancy, if any of the following apply to the patient or their partner(s):

- Patient or partner have other sexual partners
- Use of injection or intranasal drugs
- Unprofessional or homemade tattoo(s) or piercing(s).

Screening Recommendations for Pregnant Women and testing algorithms can be found on the CDU STD Health Professional Resources page. Please feel free to distribute these resources to local providers.

Syphilis testing is covered through KnoWyo safety-net testing vouchers. If KnoWyo testing sites charge an administration fee, the fee should not exceed $25.00 and patients requesting KnoWyo testing may not be turned away for inability to pay. At this time, we ask that KnoWyo sites waive testing administration fees for syphilis testing. If a KnoWyo site is unable to waive the testing administration fee, for a limited time, KnoWyo testing sites may invoice CDU for the administration fee for syphilis testing instead of passing that cost on to the patient. Sites may submit a monthly invoice for a maximum of $25.00 per patient for each patient tested for syphilis.

Testing sites must submit a syphilis testing administration fee invoice to the CDU within 45 days of the date the patient was tested. Invoices received after the 45 days may not be paid.

Send monthly syphilis testing administration fee invoices to the following address:

Wyoming Communicable Disease Unit
Prevention Program
122 West 25th Street, 3rd Floor West
Cheyenne, WY 82002

340B

Monthly CDU 340B STD medication and TB serum, as well as EPT reporting is due by the 5th of every month. For clinics utilizing medications provide by CDU you must report either administration or none given each month. None given reporting can be completed between the last day of the month through the 5th of the following month. This reporting is a condition of 340B certification and is requested during federal 340B audits. We will be unable to recertify clinics that are not compliant with the reporting requirements.

DIS

Please remember to advise clients with positive (gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis B or C, and HIV) tests that DIS may be calling to touch base with them for follow-up.

TB

TB Case Manager: The clinic staff member who manages the case for patient's with positive TB results. Clinics include Public Health, UW SHS, FQHCs, Corrections, Private Provider, etc.

Prior Authorizations: Please send a copy of the PA to the billing department of the facility who will be performing the service(s) before the service is provided..

Close-out reminder: TB Case Managers please remind facilities the 2021 TB Grant closes December 31, 2021. In order for the facility to receive payment, all billing for 2021 TB Program services (prior authorizations) must be correctly submitted to the CDU TB Program by December 31, 2021.

Curry

Upcoming Curry Center TB Center Training Opportunities:

Nov 1st: Achieving Treatment Completion for Drug-Susceptible TB: Rarely a Straight Path

Nov 8-10th: Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive

TBD Oct/Nov: Case Management for Latent TB Infection

https://www.currytbcenter.ucsf.edu/trainings

KnoWyo

The KnoWyo Consent page went live at the end of September, take a minute to review the page at https://knowyo.org/get-consent/.

The KnoWyo At-Home HIV Testing page went live at the beginning of October. Please use this page when promoting or referring client to at-home HIV testing https://knowyo.org/at-home-hiv-testing/.

With recent funding changes we are now able to again offer KnoWyo vouchers to everyone with a Wyoming address **regardless of insurance status!** They revised KnoWyo guidance can be found on the Prevention webpage at https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/hiv-prevention-program/.

We provide frequent prevention and testing messaging on the KnoWyo Facebook and Instagram pages and we encourage you to share this messaging on your clinic's social media pages as well. The page can be found at:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/knowyo

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/knowyo

Dr. Jeffrey A. Henderson

Annie Dodge Wauneka

HIV Peer Support Navigation

People Living with HIV (PLWH) have a first-hand understanding of the HIV services that are available in Wyoming, and are able to serve as an excellent resource for individuals who have been newly diagnosed or someone who is struggling with any aspect of an HIV diagnosis. HIV Peer Support Navigators are HIV positive individuals or parent/guardian of HIV+ children, with special training and a willingness to provide HIV navigation support to others living with HIV. Peers are able to provide guidance and advocacy that is intended to supplement the education and information provided by medical case managers and clinicians.

HIV Peer Support Navigation is for anyone in Wyoming who is living with HIV.

HIV Peer Support Navigation guidance and referral process can be can be found at https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/hiv/resources-for-patients/.

Dr. Taylor McKenzie

Dr. Donald Warne

HIV/TB Prior Authorization Form

The prior authorization form for the CDU HIV and TB Treatment Programs has been updated. It is now two-sided with the form on one side (HIV on the top half, TB on the bottom half) and billing instructions on the other side. Please note the date of 10/15/2021 in the bottom right hand corner.

Please ensure the billing department of the facility providing the prior authorized service receives a copy of the prior authorization before the patient receives the service. Also, please educate the patient that the facility will need to bill according to the prior authorization instructions.

This form can be found on the CDU TB webpage at https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/tuberculosis-2 under Forms & Documents (English) or in the HIV Case Management Google Drive.

Harm Reduction Special Training Reminder

If you are one of the individuals who signed up for special training slots offered by CDU earlier this year the sessions must be completed by December 31st, 2021.

If you are not one of the individuals who signed up for the special training slots but would like to take the three course training please email Leslie at leslie.fowler@wyo.gov. Information regarding the courses can be found at https://nhrclearninglab.thinkific.com/collections.

1) Foundation or Harm Reduction
2) Overdose and Prevention Response
3) Engaging People Who Use Drugs

CDU Monthly Webinar

HIV Peer Support Navigation

Tuesday, November 16th, 2p-3p

This webinar will review the updated HIV Peer Support Navigation Guidance and referral process. Register in advance for this meeting at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvf-2rrTwsHd1mYmY_TD3yVnPmkoqundTW

All available materials from past CDU Monthly Webinars are available on the CDU Monthly Webinar Google Drive at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oQRgzw9mB34Jyec3a1flXZcQtCfvXuth?usp=sharing

Harm Reduction Webinar

Compassionate Communities & Cognitive Liberty:

Giving Power to People Who Use Drugs

Tuesday, November 9th 3:00 - 4:30 pm EST/ 1:00 - 2:30pm MT

Register at: https://www.cognitivelibertyproject.org/panel-3

Prevention Heroes

Katelyn Hoff, DIS EXTRAORDINAIRE!

Happy five year anniversary to Jill Prosek at Lincoln PH and ten years to Jacqueline Wells, PHN Regional Nurse Manager!

Kathryn Martin, PA at Wind River Cares, you are amazing and we appreciate you so much!

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Native American Heritage Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings	8	9 Harm Reduction Webinar	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15	16 **CDU Monthly Webinar 2-3 PM**	17	18 *National Rural Health Day* World Antibiotic Awareness Week	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 Start of Hanukkah	29	30	1 **WORLD AIDS DAY**	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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Quick Fact: In 1953, four Lakota grandmothers, Phoebe Downing (Standing Rock), Alfreda Janis Bergin (Pine Ridge), Irene Groneau (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate), and Eunice Larrabee (Cheyenne River), founded the Lakota TB and Health Association in response to a tuberculosis outbreak among the Cheyenne River Sioux (source: CDC).