

# CDU NEWSLETTER

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

Monthly Theme: Black History

FEBRUARY 2023

## TOP NEWS



**New Unit Manager**



**Wyoming U=U Campaign**



**2023 KnoWyo Voucher  
Guidance & Benchmarks**

**Quick Fact:** In 1951, [Henrietta Lacks](#) made one of the greatest medical contributions after her cells were taken from a cervical-cancer biopsy. “HeLa” cells became the first immortal human cell line to reproduce infinitely in a lab. Her cells provided the basis for AIDs and chemotherapy treatment, in-vitro fertilization, gene mapping, anti-cancer drugs and other medical discoveries.



Jane Cooke-Wright

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New National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

You can still use 1-800-273-8255 and many others are available [here](#).

The CDU Monthly Webinar is held every **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 2-3 PM MT** via Zoom  
Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

## Black History Month

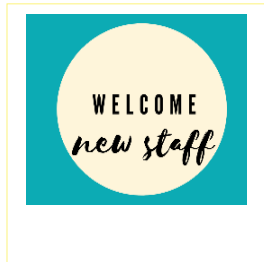
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To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. First celebrated in 1926, the week was expanded into Black History Month in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial.

## Unit Manager

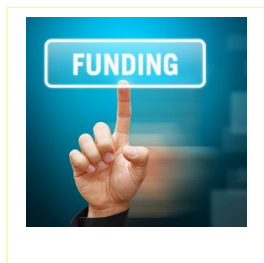
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Shawna Pena has accepted the position of Communicable Disease Unit Manager and will be joining CDU on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Shawna is coming to us from the Health Readiness and Response Section, where she served as the Rural and Frontier Health Unit Manager.

## 2023 CDU Funding Opportunity Guidance

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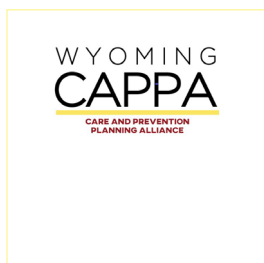


The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) requests funding for community mobilization activities in the CDC HIV Prevention and Surveillance Grant. These funds are used for CDU Funding Opportunities to support community efforts in Wyoming which promote HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI), and viral hepatitis B & C prevention and testing.

The CDU Funding Opportunity Guidance can be found on the [CDU Prevention website](#) under the CDU Funding Opportunity heading.

## CAPPA

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Virtual Meeting – February 3, 2023, 12-5p

Details regarding CAPPA can be found at

<https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/cappa/>.

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[Daniel Hale Williams](#)

## 2023 KnowWyo Voucher Guidance & Benchmarks

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The 2023 guidance includes clarifications, and answers to frequently asked questions. As KnowWyo is funded by CDC grants and CDC has resumed state site visits we have now included a Rapid Test Agreement, a KnowWyo Testing Site Agreement, and KnowWyo Voucher Guidance Compliance Log. The KnowWyo Voucher Guidance can be found on the [CDU Prevention website](#) under the KnowWyo heading.

The **Director/Manager at each KnowWyo testing site** must read the guidance, sign the Rapid Test Agreement and the KnowWyo Testing Site Agreement, and email the signed copies to [cdusupplies@wyo.gov](mailto:cdusupplies@wyo.gov) by **March 31, 2023 at 5pm.**

**All KnowWyo testing site staff who perform KnowWyo testing or perform administrative tasks** associated with KnowWyo vouchers must read the attached guidance, sign the KnowWyo Voucher Guidance Log, and the log must be emailed to [cdusupplies@wyo.gov](mailto:cdusupplies@wyo.gov) by **March 31, 2023 at 5pm.**

**KnowWyo testing sites that are not Wyoming Public Health offices**, as we have discussed over the last few months, CDU Counseling & Testing training has been developed. This allows CDU to ensure a standard level of knowledge for those performing KnowWyo testing. The material on these links is short. Once all the training is complete take the CDU KnowWyo Counseling and Testing Quiz which is the last link. The training and the test must be completed by **March 31, 2023 at 5pm.**

## CDU Monthly Webinar: Overview of Updated Guidance

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WEBINAR

Overview of the updated KnowWyo Voucher Guidance, CDU Funding Opportunity Guidance, and the CDU 340B & Retail Medication Guidance.

Tuesday, February, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-3p

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcOurpzktG905DFVZCDdYXDFJUp46H6Pw>



[William Augustus Hinton](#)

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## Slightly Revised 340B/EPT Guidance

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We had to make some slight revisions to the CDU 340B/EPT Guidance as we are now able to get Cefixime for EPT gonorrhea treatment again and CDC made some treatment recommendation updates since we were last able to get Cefixime. The [CDU 340B & Retail Medication Guidance](#) can be found CDU webpage.

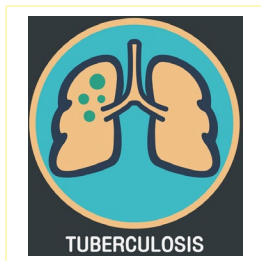
As this change is minor and the clinics who receive CDU 340B and EPT just submitted compliance logs for 2023, clinics will not need to submit new compliance logs for this revision.

### Review of changes

- Updated Table of Contents
- Addition of "medication availability" to the Notice page
- Treatment of Pharyngeal Gonorrhea
  - The partner(s) of clinic patients with pharyngeal gonorrhea MAY NOT receive CDU EPT and must seek testing and treatment in the office.
  - The only recommended treatment for uncomplicated gonococcal infection of the pharynx is 500mg Ceftriaxone. No reliable alternative treatments are available for pharyngeal gonorrhea.
- Clarification of EPT eligible use language
- CDU Staff Directory page has been replaced with a link to the CDU Staff Directory page on the CDU website.

## World TB Day & WY Annual TB Cohort and Advisory Meeting

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Save the date for the 2023 Wyoming TB Cohort & Advisory Meeting March 23rd & 24th at the Wyoming Public Health Lab in Cheyenne.

World Tuberculosis Day is March 24th and World TB Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of TB around the world. CDC, along with our partners and colleagues around the world share successes in TB prevention and control and raise awareness of the challenges that hinder our progress toward the elimination of this devastating disease.

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Louis Tompkins Wright

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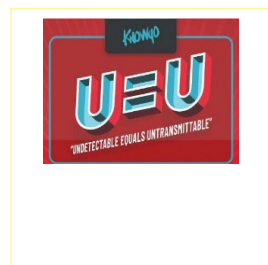
## Curry International Tuberculosis Center Training Opportunities



- July 11<sup>th</sup> Tuberculosis Nursing Workshop - Seattle
- July 12<sup>th</sup> Focus on LTBI – Seattle
- July 13-<sup>\*</sup>14 Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive – Seattle

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

## Wyoming U=U Campaign



We are excited to announce the release of our U=U campaign!

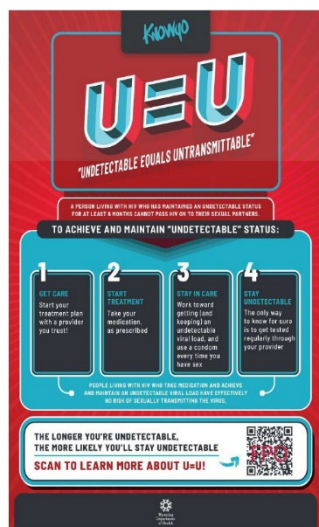
U=U stands for “Undetectable equals Untransmittable.”

Someone living with HIV who has maintained an undetectable status for at least 6 months cannot pass HIV on to their sexual partners.

When a person living with HIV is actively taking HIV medication and their viral load (the amount of HIV in their blood) stays at undetectable levels, that person cannot transmit HIV to a sexual partner who is HIV-negative. For almost everyone who starts taking their HIV medication, as prescribed, their viral load will drop to an undetectable level in six months or less.

You can access our [U=U campaign](#) on the [KnoWyo](#) website and it will soon be added to the [W\[h\]Y Prep Matters](#) website as well.

Wyoming U=U posters and stickers are also available in the KnoWyo Shop. Information regarding the KnoWyo Shop can be found on the [CDU Prevention website](#) under the Supplies heading.



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## National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSDD)

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NCSDD is a national public health membership organization representing health department STD directors, their support staff, and community-based partners across 50 states, seven large cities, and five US territories.

Associate Membership is free and is open to all individuals who work in the field of sexual and reproductive health or have an interest in these issues. Being a member of NCSDD provides you access to communications such as our weekly newsletter, STD Weekly, STD related advocacy and policy updates, free trainings and webinars, discounted pricing to attend STD Engage, access to our online communities allowing for information sharing among peers, news from CDC's Division of STD Prevention, and other important information in the field. <https://www.ncsddc.org/get-involved/ncsd-membership/>

Annual Meeting: NCSDD Engage

May 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2023

Sheraton New Orleans

<https://website.eventpower.com/23NCSDD-ENGAGE/Register>

## Prevention Heroes

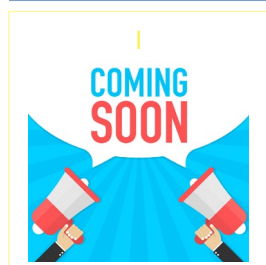
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Shout out to Jennifer Meineke at Sheridan County Public Health for amazing TB Case Management work and LTBI treatment completion on a case that experienced numerous barriers.

## Upcoming Events

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Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Condom Day
March 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	LGBTQ+ Health Awareness Week
April	STD Awareness Month
June	PRIDE
June 12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	TB Conference - Atlanta

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 Quarterly TB Meeting 1130am	2 Wyoming Equality Healthcare Access Mtg 6-7p	3 CAPPA Virtual 12-5p	4
5	6	7 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	8 Monthly HIV Case Manager Mtg 12-1p	9	10	11
12	13 Condom Day	14 Valentine's Day	15 Monthly Outreach Contract Meeting 10-1130a	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21 CDU Monthly Webinar 2-3 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2 Wyoming Equality Healthcare Access Mtg 6-7p	3	4
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