

Metro Community Provider Network: Collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to Evaluate Chlamydia Screening in the Clinical Setting

Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN)

- ❖ **Service area:** Arapahoe, Jefferson, Adams, and Park counties and the cities of Lakewood and Aurora, has the largest population base of any community health center in Colorado, network of 13 sites surrounding Denver county
- ❖ **Goal: To provide primary healthcare for people who have no other access to healthcare**
- ❖ **Family Practice model** of healthcare supported by case management services, pharmacy services, and other coordination services to remove barriers to healthcare, honors each community as a unit to provide complete healthcare
- ❖ Well Child Care, immunizations, obstetrics, gynecology and chronic disease management are most requested; **Resources and healthcare services for teens**
- ❖ **Staff**, fluent in languages other than English, help remove cultural barriers to care
- ❖ **Insurance** accepted: Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP), Colorado Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), Emergency Medicaid, Medicaid, Medicare, Sliding Fee Scale, Self Pay
- ❖ **Nonprofit** organization, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), **Federally Qualified Health Center** with a \$25 million annual budget and over 230 employees
- ❖ **Funding** sources: 35% billable insurance and patient visits, 23% federal grants, 42% non-federal grants and contracts
- ❖ **Clients:** 72% at or below poverty level; 24% Caucasian, 54% Hispanic, 8% African American, 3% Asian/Pacific Islander and 11% unknown/decline to report
- ❖ In 2007, provided health and medical-related services to approximately 38,000 patients in over 244,000 visits; clinical initiatives focused on diabetes, asthma, immunization and women's health. **Add CT/GC urine screening?**
- ❖ **North Aurora Family Health Services** opened in 2008, consolidating 5 sites; 40,000 clients, \$21.9 million total budget including \$3.9 million USPHS grant
- ❖ **Collaborative relationship:** with CDPHE STI/HIV Section in 2006, HEDIS
- ❖ **Staff review:** Electronic Health Record data, CT screening in females aged 15 to 24 years- 24% in 15-19 year age group, 40% in 20-24 year age group in 2007. Urine CT/GC screening sent to private lab at \$40 per test, most CT screening is conducted at the PAP screening visit in females as culture, urine CT most \$\$\$
- ❖ **Support Clinical Changes and Collaboration:** Could revise EHR to prompt for routine CT/GC urine screening- must address cost- State lab could test specimens
- ❖ **Chlamydia Evaluation Initiative:** Submitted CEI partner proposal to evaluate CT screening coverage and develop routine community measures in 80010 (NA)
- ❖ **Evaluation of Expedited Partner Therapy:** Currently meeting with directors and staff to develop EPT protocol, implement at North Aurora clinic, and evaluate with resources from STI/HIV Research and Evaluation
- ❖ **Suggestions welcome!**