

NEW ENGLAND HIV IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE NETWORK *Spotlight*

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The New England STD Consortium

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Consortium was created in July 2015 to bring together representatives from State run sexually transmitted diseases (STD) programs and their partners in New England to address the rise in STDs in the region. The Consortium holds monthly teleconferences and a two-day in-person meeting is planned in Ogunquit, Maine in June 2016. In addition to facilitating peer-to-peer technical assistance, the Consortium has identified improving partner services outcomes as a regional initiative.

KEY INSIGHTS/PROGRESS:

In addition to holding eight monthly conference calls and planning the June in-person meeting where a variety of STD program topics will be discussed, a regional assessment of partner services protocols was completed revealing that approaches vary somewhat from state to state, and that all states identify funding as a limiting factor in achieving better outcomes. Another

identified challenge regarding partner services is the capacity and skills required to conduct “online partner notification” using cell phone apps and online websites.

PROJECT TEAM AND PARTNERS:

State Health Departments: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont. Regional Centers/Programs: Brown University AIDS Program, US Department of Health & Human Services - Region 1, Sylvie Ratelle Training Center, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale University. National Organizations: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Coalition of STD Directors.

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