

# NEW ENGLAND HIV IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE NETWORK *Spotlight*

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium – June 2, 2016



cira

Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS  
at Yale University



## *Working with HIV clinics to adopt addiction treatments using Implementation Facilitation (WHAT-IF?)*

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

We seek to evaluate the impact of Implementation Facilitation (IF), an evidence-based intervention that includes a bundle of strategies to promote practice change, on improving provision of treatments (pharmacotherapy and counseling) for tobacco, alcohol, and opioid use disorders in 4 HIV clinics. We will use a hybrid type 3 approach with a stepped wedge design. We will conduct a formative evaluation to tailor the IF to each site's needs and then examine the impact of IF on organizational and patient-level outcomes.

### **KEY INSIGHTS/PROGRESS:**

Lessons learned during study roll-out:

- 1) Identifying sites was facilitated by relationships in the New England HIV Implementation Science Network;
- 2) Determining the baseline “denominator” (i.e. prevalence) of treatment-eligible patients is

complicated by low screening practices for SUD;

- 3) Clinics vary in provision of treatments for SUD supporting the need for formative evaluations; and;
- 4) Streamlining data extraction from diverse electronic medical records requires validation and close partnership with information technology team members.

### **PROJECT TEAM AND PARTNERS:**

Haelen Center at Yale New Haven Hospital – New Haven CT; Special Treatment and Research (STAR) Program at SUNY Downstate; Miriam Hospital Immunology Center – Providence RI; Hartford Hospital/University of Connecticut – Hartford CT.

### **PRIMARY PROJECT CONTACT:**

David Fiellin, Professor of Medicine, Yale University Schools of Medicine and Public Health (david.fiellin@yale.edu)