



Building Local Capacities for STI Clinical Services
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The Situation – Why Now?

- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) have increased nearly every year for more than a decade, and there is no evidence that these trends will stop anytime soon.
- Although investments have been made in the Public Health workforce, clinics across the US are still struggling to keep up.
 - Several clinics are reporting having difficulty filling positions for nurses and other health professionals when they have vacancies.
- While Kansas has a robust investigative workforce to respond to STIs, we are finding more and more that it's very difficult to get clinic appointments for prompt testing and treatment when we locate folks who have been exposed or tested positive.

Rules of Engagement

- 15 minutes per topic
- Work with people you might not know
- Pick someone to be the recorder to report out at the end.
 - *Open-mindedness* - Listen to and respect all points of view.
 - *Acceptance* - Suspend judgment as best you can.
 - *Curiosity* - Seek to understand rather than persuade.
 - *Discovery* - Question assumptions, look for new insights.
 - *Sincerity* - Speak from your heart and personal experience.
 - *Brevity* - Go for honesty and depth but don't go on and on.

Other things you would find important?

Strengths

- Things you think are going well, what makes your program special, assets: people, things, property, relationships etc.

Weaknesses

- What you don't have, what others do better you can't figure out, resource limitations, unclear issues

SWOT

Opportunities

- Underserved population, lack of competition, better relationships due to pandemic, press coverage etc.

Threats

- What's out of your control impacting the work, negative environment, changing attitudes etc.

Strengths

- What is working?
- How does that impact your decisions?

Weaknesses

- Where do you need more support?
- What's your biggest holdback?

Clinic Staffing

Opportunities

- What uses do you have for evaluation?
- How would it change things for you as a program?

Threats

- What happens if you don't do evaluations?
- What happens if you do?

Report Out

Strengths

Weaknesses

Accessibility

Opportunities

Threats

Report Out

Strengths

- What's working?
- What's partnership look like?

Weaknesses

- Where do you have questions?

Funding

Opportunities

- What opportunities work?

Threats

- Where's the biggest hurdle?

Report Out

Strengths

- Who are your biggest supporters?
- Who do you have partnerships with?

Weaknesses

- Where do you struggle?

Awareness & Education

Opportunities

- Where do you think you easily make a difference or connection?

Threats

- What's holding you back the most?

Report Out

Strengths

Weaknesses

Stigma

Opportunities

Threats

Report Out

Strengths

- What's clear?
- What's working?

Weaknesses

- Where are you confused?
- What needs work?

Policy

Opportunities

- Where do you see potential success for change?
- Where do you see support for no changes?

Threats

- What's a big problem with policy that's causing you grief?

Report Out

Thank you/Questions

