

APRIL 9 - 10

**HYATT REGENCY HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER**

**HIV AND HEPATITIS PREVENTION
CONTRACTOR'S MEETING**

2025

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AGENDA

All meeting attendees are invited to attend a
Welcome and Networking Reception on Tuesday,
April 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in Coral Salon D.

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HOUSEKEEPING



Registration will be open from 7:00 - 8:45 AM on Wednesday, April 9. Be sure to stop by the registration desk to check-in and collect your meeting materials.



The **Exhibit Hall** will be open from 10:25 am - 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 9 and 9:00 - 11:30 AM on Thursday, April 10. Be sure to find time to meet the exhibitors and learn about important products and services to support your work.



Be sure to complete your **Attendee Passport** as you visit the meeting exhibitors. Completed passports can be turned in at the bookstore before 11:30 AM on Thursday, April 10 for a chance to win a prize. Winners will be announced during the closing remarks.



All registered attendees will receive a **Library Card** at registration. The library card may be exchanged for a book from the bookstore in the exhibit hall. Contact information will be collected when you select your book, and optional virtual book clubs will be organized following the meeting.

If you need assistance at any time during the meeting, please visit the bookstore booth in the exhibit hall where a NuCara Capacity Extension Program staff member can assist you.

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2025

8–9 AM	BREAKFAST (CORAL SALON C)				
9–10:25 AM	OPENING PLENARY SESSION				
	Opening Remarks & State of the State Location: Coral Salon C Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cody Shafer-Fritz: Lead Prevention Services Coordinator ▪ Casey Ward: Client Services Coordinator ▪ Biz McChesney: Chief of the Bureau of HIV, STI, & Hepatitis 				
10:25–10:45 AM	BREAK				
10:45 AM–NOON	BREAKOUT SESSIONS				
	SESSION TRACKS	EQUITY & ENGAGEMENT	TECHNICAL SKILLS	PLANNING & RESPONSE	TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE & RESILIENCY
	Reaching Out: Exploring Effective Engagement Strategies from the Integrated Testing Services Project Period. Engagement of prioritized populations in prevention and testing services is a cornerstone of the Stop HIV Iowa and Stop HCV Iowa strategic plans. Legacy ITS sites will discuss effective strategies and lessons learned from the ITS project period to inform best practices among SPOTS partners. Location: Oakdale 1 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bricen Myers: Johnson County Public Health ▪ Fatoumata Traore: Johnson County Public Health ▪ Rebekkah Reilich: Pottawattamie County Public Health ▪ Jennifer Minchew: Pottawattamie County Public Health ▪ Brandi Steck: Siouxland Community Health Center ▪ Sarah Wignall: The Project Primary Healthcare Inc. ▪ Joshua Whittenberg: The Project Primary Healthcare Inc. 				
	HIV, STI, and Hepatitis Surveillance 101 Join the Bureau of HIV, STI, and Hepatitis Surveillance Office for an overview of surveillance activities, including an orientation for when and how local partners may interact with the Surveillance team in the course of their work. Location: Oakdale 2 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joyce Mbugua: Data and Epidemiology Program Manager ▪ Ariel Langtimm: Data to Services Coordinator ▪ Shane Scharer: Hepatitis C Epidemiologist ▪ Alagie Jatta: HIV Surveillance Coordinator 				

2024 Prevention Needs Assessment Lessons Learned

The HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Program will release findings from the 2024 Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) including an overview of lessons learned. Bring your ideas—we'll be collecting feedback from partners to inform the development of future PNAs.

Location: **Speakers:**

Coral Salon D Jennie Wonderlin: Prevention Program Evaluation Coordinator

Introduction to Trauma Informed, Healing Centered Principles

This session offers an introductory overview of trauma and chronic stress, including how widespread they are and how to recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma. Participants will learn about the significant impact of trauma and chronic stress on cognitive, emotional, physiological, and behavioral health. Finally, we'll explore steps to becoming a trauma-informed and healing centered organization, with an emphasis on the caregiver's "cost of caring."

Location: **Speakers:**

Coral Salon E

- Holly Hanson: Ryan White Part B Program Manager
- Cassie Welsh: Behavioral Health Coordinator

NOON TO 2 PM

LUNCH AND PLENARY SESSION

Centering Prevention Work in the Stop HIV & Stop HCV Iowa Strategic Plans

Join members of the HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Program for an exploration of strategies in the Stop HIV Iowa and Stop HCV Iowa strategic plans. Our discussion will include an overview of both current and planned implementation strategies as they relate to the work of prevention partners across Iowa.

Location: **Moderator:**

Coral Salon C Andrea Piekarczyk: Communications & Marketing Coordinator

Panelists:

- Elizabeth Kimutai: HIV & Hepatitis Prevention Program Manager
- Heath Johnson: Prevention Services Coordinator
- Liz Sweet: Systems Integration Coordinator
- Seth Owens: Prevention Navigation Coordinator

2–3:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Engagement Strategies to Support Service Delivery to People Who Use and People Who Inject Drugs

Led by the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition (IHRC), this session will focus on effective engagement strategies to support service delivery among people who use drugs (PWUD) and people who inject drugs (PWID).

Location: **Speakers:**

Oakdale 1

- Deborah Krauss: Executive Director, IHRC
- Laura Rodriguez: Program Coordinator, IHRC
- Nyah Noyes: Office Manager, IHRC

Ryan White Part B Client Services 101

The Ryan White Part B Client Services team will lead this primer on core medical and support services available to Iowans living with HIV. The survey of services will include case management and a variety of assistance services such as housing, emergency financial, transportation, food, and more!

Location:

Oakdale 2

Speaker:

Holly Hanson: Ryan White Part B Program Manager

Outbreak Response Planning & The Role of Local Partners

In the event of disease outbreaks, Iowa HHS may activate outbreak response activities to disrupt transmission and ensure linkage to care for impacted individuals. This session will provide an overview of Iowa HHS's outbreak response plans. We'll address the roles that local partners may be asked to play and review a recent micro-response activity that occurred in Iowa.

Location:

Coral Salon D

Speakers:

- Joyce Mbugua: Data and Epidemiology Program Manager
- Justinian Wurtzel: Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Coordinator
- George Walton: STI Section Supervisor
- Annie Rodruck: Disease Intervention Specialist

Community of Practice: Exploring Intersections of OD2A-S, SPOTS, & RHS

This Community of Practice session is intended to bolster collaboration and coordination amongst overlapping Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) local contractors, SPOTS sites, and Regional Health Specialist (RHS) partners implementing similar strategies (primarily academic detailing) within the same regions in Iowa.

Location:

Coral Salon E

Participants:

- Overdose Data to Action Contractors
- Regional Health Specialists
- Scott County Health Department
- Black Hawk County Health Department
- Linn County Public Health
- Johnson County Public Health

3:15–3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45–5 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Community Engagement Exercise

Community engagement is the holistic approach of working with community to ensure that individuals who are impacted by decisions are active participants in the planning and implementation of initiatives that affect them. This interactive presentation will explore the quintessential aspects of community engagement and highlight best practices of meaningful community involvement.

Location:

Oakdale 1

Speaker:

Stuart Scott: Community Engagement Coordinator

Syphilis 101

In response to the increase in syphilis in recent years, the CBSS and SPOTS programs have broadened testing criteria and onboarded new testing technologies to support concurrent screening strategies. This session will provide an orientation to syphilis, including lab interpretation and staging, to support test sites in implementation of syphilis screening, diagnosis, and linkage to treatment.

Location:

Oakdale 2

Speaker:

George Walton: STI Section Supervisor

State of Iowa Naloxone Training

As opioid overdoses continue to impact Iowans, important naloxone programs have been created to help reduce overdose deaths and expand naloxone access across the state. This session will review the purpose of naloxone, overdose prevention and response with naloxone, and programs, practices, and policies related to naloxone access in Iowa.

Location:

Coral Salon D

Speaker:

Leslie Mussmann: Prevention Community Health Consultant

Intersections of Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence with HIV Prevention Work

Domestic and intimate partner violence have well-documented impacts on access to healthcare and health outcomes. This session will explore the connections between interpersonal violence and HIV as told by a local author and activist based on her own experiences.

Location:

Coral Salon E

Speaker:

Destiny Smith: Author and Activist

DAY TWO: THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

8–9 AM	BREAKFAST (CORAL SALON C)				
9–10:15 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS				
	SESSION TRACKS	EQUITY & ENGAGEMENT	TECHNICAL SKILLS	PLANNING & RESPONSE	TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE & RESILIENCY
	Health Equity: From Concept to Competence to Culture Health equity eliminates avoidable health differences between groups by increasing healthcare access, improving services, and removing systemic barriers. This session will explore how to mature from understanding health equity, to implementing health equity, to ultimately embedding health equity into the culture of HIV and viral hepatitis prevention programs in Iowa. Location: Oakdale 1 Speaker: Akosua Dosu: Health and Racial Equity Coordinator				
	Implementing ChemBio HIV and Syphilis Combination Rapid Screening: Best Practices, Lessons Learned, and Device Training In response to recent increases in syphilis, the HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Program has onboarded ChemBio's rapid combination HIV and syphilis test kit to support concurrent screening. This session will provide an overview of the test technology, including hands-on device training and a facilitated discussion among pilot sites to inform implementation strategies and best practices. Location: Oakdale 2 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Schroer: Nebraska AIDS Project Anna Herber-Downey: Linn County Public Health Rebekkah Reilich: Pottawattamie County Public Health Claudia Robinson: Black Hawk County Public Health 				
	Developing and Monitoring Data-Driven Outreach Strategies SPOTS sites have a unique opportunity to utilize Aphirm data to inform quality improvement efforts within programs. This session will provide an overview of strategies to engage with Aphirm for data-driven decision making and feature the launch of new PowerBI data dashboards developed to support partners in better understanding population engagement in specific outreach settings. Location: Coral Salon D Speaker: Jennie Wonderlin: Prevention Program Evaluation Coordinator				
	Building Resilient Teams The toll of working in trauma-exposed environments is often unrecognized and unaddressed, which can lead to outcomes such as burnout and compassion fatigue. This session will explore strategies implemented by the STI team at HHS to address factors shaping individual and workplace mental health, with the goal of building and sustaining a resilient team. Attendees will learn strategies to replicate the initiative in their own workplaces. Location: Coral Salon E Speaker: Annie Rodruck: Disease Intervention Specialist				

10:15–10:45 AM BREAK

10:45–11:30 AM REGIONAL COLLABORATION AFFINITY SESSIONS

Affinity sessions are designed to facilitate collaboration and coordination amongst partners operating within the same geographic regions. Please attend the assigned session and come prepared to meet your regional colleagues and identify collaboration opportunities.

Regional Assignments

Western Iowa Regional Partners

Location:

Oakdale 1

Assigned Partners:

- Siouxland Community Health Center
- Nebraska AIDS Project
- Pottawattamie County Public Health
- Webster County Public Health
- Regional Health Specialist (Darla Peterson)
- Disease Intervention Specialists (Maria Alvarez, Lacie Marvin, Stephanie Schade)

Central Iowa Regional Partners

Location:

Oakdale 2

Assigned Partners:

- The Project of Primary Healthcare, Inc.
- Polk County Health Department
- Cerro Gordo Public Health
- North Iowa Community Action Organization
- Regional Health Specialist (Kathy Dooley)
- Disease Intervention Specialists (Annie Rodruck, Shannon Wood)

Northeast Iowa Regional Partners

Location:

Coral Salon D

Assigned Partners:

- Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association
- Hillcrest Family Services
- Cedar Valley AIDS Support Services
- Black Hawk County Public Health
- Linn County Public Health
- Linn County Community Services
- Regional Health Specialists (Alicia Mercado, Ashley Hunt)
- Disease Intervention Specialists (Nellie Burk, Gina Mallett)

Southeast Iowa Regional Partners

Location: Assigned Partners:

Coral Salon E

- River Hills Community Health Center
- Johnson County Public Health
- Scott County Public Health
- The Project of the Quad Cities
- University of Iowa
- Regional Health Specialist (Mary Hightower)
- Disease Intervention Specialists (Sydni Hilton, Mindy Schattner, Matt Sanford)

11:30 AM EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

11:45 AM TO NOON CLOSING REMARKS IN CORAL SALON C

NOON TO 1 PM LUNCH

Lunch will be “grab and go” lunch boxes to accommodate those who may need to travel longer distances to return home. Coral Salon C will remain open for those who wish to stay through lunch.

MEETING EVALUATION

The NuCara Capacity Extension Program would like to thank you for attending the 2025 HIV and Hepatitis Prevention and Ryan White Part B Contractor’s Meeting! We hope you found it to be informative and energizing. We look forward to continuing our collaborations as we work together to stop HIV and hepatitis in Iowa.



Please take a moment to complete the meeting evaluation to share your feedback and provide insight for the development of future technical assistance opportunities by 5 PM Central Time on Friday, April 18.

To access the evaluation form, scan the QR code (left) or use the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/g/G0gCNMsZxs>