

STD HC I @ HIV Integrated Planning Counsel

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STI CONTROL AS HIV PREVENTION

- Over the past two decades STD control has become one cornerstone for HIV prevention
 - STIs increase the risk of both transmission and acquisition of HIV
- Having an STI is a noted risk for acquiring HIV
 - Sexual Health (STI) clinics therefore are a good place to identify persons who would benefit from other HIV prevention services

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SHIFT IN WHO WE ARE

- Over the years HCI has evolved and become receptive to community voice
 - Shift in staff
 - Worked with other organizations to improve cultural sensitivity/competency training
 - Expanded the services we offer with special attention to HIV prevention services
 - Moved – improving the overall physical plant and atmosphere

HEALTH CENTER | HIGHLIGHTS OF HIV PREVENTIONS SERVICES

- Opt out HIV testing
 - Largest number of new HIV cases from a single clinic
- PrEP offered in house and ability to refer out as well
 - Began offering PrEP in 2015
- nPEP
 - Provided free of charge to all patients
- DoxyPEP
 - Routinely offer PrEP to patients since pre-pandemic

HEALTH CENTER I

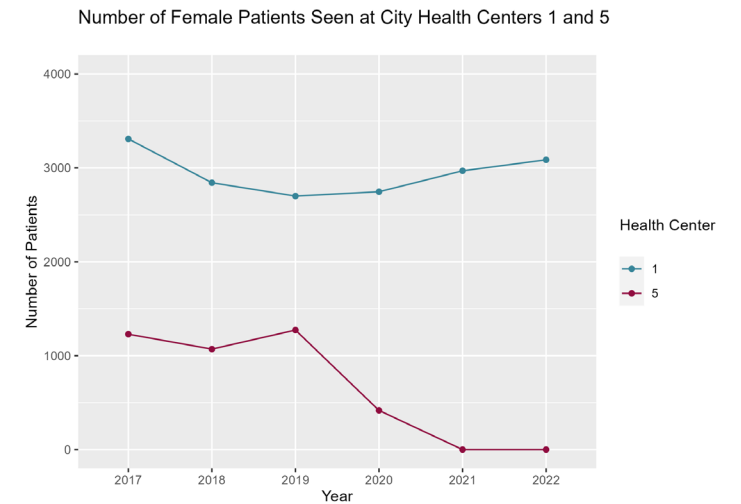
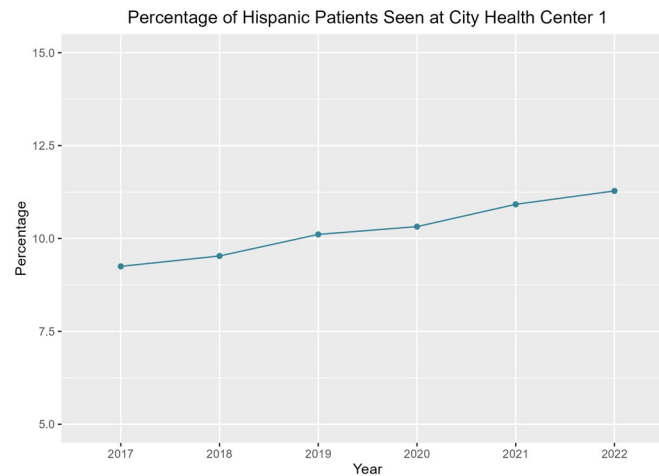
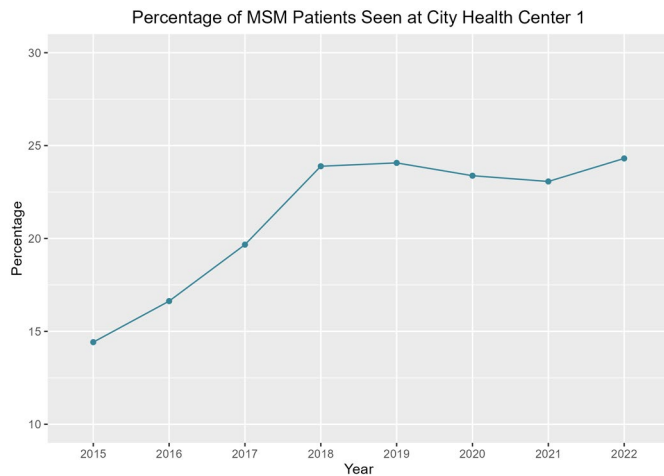
- Categorical STI/D clinic for PDPH
 - Walk-in availability – No appointment necessary
 - No fee or insurance billed for visit
- Types of visits
 - Express – we encourage asymptomatic persons to be screened and offer test only visits
 - Symptomatic patients – see a clinician and are evaluated, tested and treated on site
 - Partner evaluation – support STD control services
 - HIV prevention services
 - HIV testing and referral
 - Pap smears/screening available
- Services
 - On site STAT lab for syphilis and rapid HIV testing
 - Treatment provided for most STIs free of charge
 - Vaccinations MPox (Jynneos) Meningitis, Hep A &B, HPV – as indicated

HCI ... NOT PRIMARY CARE

- Health Center I is not part of the network of primary care clinics that AHS runs
 - Patients do not need to be previously registered to be seen at Health Center I
- We do not do primary care services
 - Encourage patients to maintain primary care services
- HCI is a categorical STI clinic and we cannot be all things to all patients –rely on strong partnerships.
 - Penn Dermatology clinic
 - Extensive referral system for persons who test positive for HIV
 - In addition to offering PrEP services inhouse, HCI refers to outside agencies for PrEP
 - SW on site for linkage to other Behavioral health programs.
 - Referral for more extensive gender affirming care

SHIFT IN WHO WE SERVE

- Increase in % of clients who are MSM
 - Sharp increase in 2015 began to offer PrEP
- Increase in % of clients who identify as Hispanic/Latine/Latinx
- Increase among women – bottom line shows concurrent decrease at satellite clinic closed during pandemic



OUR ASK

- Support our application for additional funding to build and maintain infrastructure for STI testing and HIV preventive services in the city of Philadelphia
 - Letter of support/agreement
- Advise and assist in our identification of community partners
 - To supplement the services that we do not offer in clinic
 - As a referral resource for agencies that don't offer the services that HCI provides
- Provide feedback to HCI leadership on a regular basis

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