

Benchmark Activity 41.2: The local board of health shall take actions to foster local health department partnership-building efforts and staff interactions with the community.

**Durham County Board of Health
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: October 8, 2015

Agenda Item Subject: HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis

Attachment (s): PowerPoint Presentation

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Arlene Sena, MD, MPH

Purpose: Action
 X Information only
 Information with possible action

Objectives:

- 1) Provide an overview of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- 2) Provide an update of the DCoDPH PrEP program
- 3) Discuss challenges to implementation of PrEP services

Summary Information:

- PrEP involves the use of anti-HIV medication that keeps HIV negative people from becoming infected. PrEP is approved by the FDA and has been shown to be safe and effective. PrEP for high risk persons in a community can potentially reduce HIV incidence.
- The DCoDPH initiated a PrEP referral program along with other local healthcare providers in May 2015. Since then, 38 clients have been referred for PrEP, of which 55% are uninsured.
- Challenges to PrEP implementation in Durham County include limited STD clinic resources, co-pay for uninsured patients referred to prescribing providers, and funding.

Recommended Action:

- Approve
 Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
 Approve & forward to _____
 X Accept as information
 Revise & schedule for future action
 Other (details): _____