

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: FIRST PHASE REPORT ON STDs FOR THE NATIONAL COALITION OF STD DIRECTORS

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- ▶ Genesis of the First NAPA Report
- ▶ NAPA Study Panel Members/Team Members
- ▶ Challenges to STD Control and Prevention
- ▶ Actions for Consideration to Move the Field Forward
- ▶ Status of the Second NAPA Report²

OVERVIEW

- ▶ What is the National Academy of Public Administration?
- ▶ Our role in conducting studies
- ▶ The request from the National Coalition of STD Directors
- ▶ Time Frame
- ▶ Methods

FIRST NAPA REPORT

▶ **NAPA Fellows:**

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- ▶ Kenneth Kizer, M.D.
- ▶ Gregg Pane
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▶ **NAPA Study Team**

- ▶ Brenna Isman, Director of Academy Studies
- ▶ Cynthia Heckmann, Project Director & NAPA Fellow
- ▶ Laurie Ekstrand, Senior Adviser, Phase One Report
- ▶ Richard Pezzella, Research Associate

WHO PARTICIPATED?

- ▶ **:Fragmented nature of the health care landscape in general**
 - ▶ Numerous intergovernmental and nongovernmental stakeholders who influence STD prevention and control and who therefore must (but do not always) collaborate
 - ▶ The good news and the bad news: Medicaid expansion
- ▶ **STDs themselves:**
 - ▶ They intersect with each other, with HIV and other infectious diseases
 - ▶ Drug resistance issues are emerging (gonorrhea)
 - ▶ They occur in a nation both obsessed and uncomfortable with open discussion of sex and sexuality
- ▶ **Characteristics of those affected by and at risk for STDs**
 - ▶ People with few resources and little power: adolescents and young people; MSM; newborns; poor people; people of color; people in states that have not expanded Medicaid (e.g. many Southern states)

CHALLENGES TO STD PREVENTION & CONTROL

- ▶ **Infrastructure limitations and wide variations:**
 - ▶ Testing; reporting; treating; identifying additional individuals at risk;
- ▶ **Limits on our ability to learn what has and will happen:**
 - ▶ Data problems; paucity of studies of what does and does not work, especially in prevention; inherent methods challenges, especially in estimating costs of treating and not treating
- ▶ **INADEQUATE, INDEED DECLINING FUNDING**

CHALLENGES TO STD PREVENTION & CONTROL

- ▶ Identify and Empower a National Champion
- ▶ The Need to Change the Narrative to Achieve Public Recognition of the Importance of STDs
- ▶ The Need to Remove Artificial Barriers Across Multiple Problems that often Intersect
 - ▶ HIV, HPV, Opioid Crisis, etc.

ACTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- ▶ **More and better data, research and evaluation**

- ▶ Accurate epidemiological estimates cannot be generated without improvements in uniform data specifications, data submission and data integration
- ▶ We need to generate and **rigorously** test new ideas for prevention and control

- ▶ **A personal note:**

- ▶ The US has managed to address a sexually transmitted disease, HIV, even hepatitis, in an organized and reasonably well-funded way. What will it take for this to happen for STDs, given the wide range of points of view about sexuality, sexual and gender preferences, and reproductive health?

ACTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- ▶ **NCSD asked NAPA to carry out a second study**

- ▶ This is underway with same panel and a slightly different study team
- ▶ Focus has been on exploring what is happening on the ground at the state and local level
- ▶ We are also working with a team of graduate students at GWU to describe funding streams in detail
- ▶ The report will be done by the end of 2019
- ▶ We encourage you to build on it in your work!

THE SECOND NAPA REPORT