

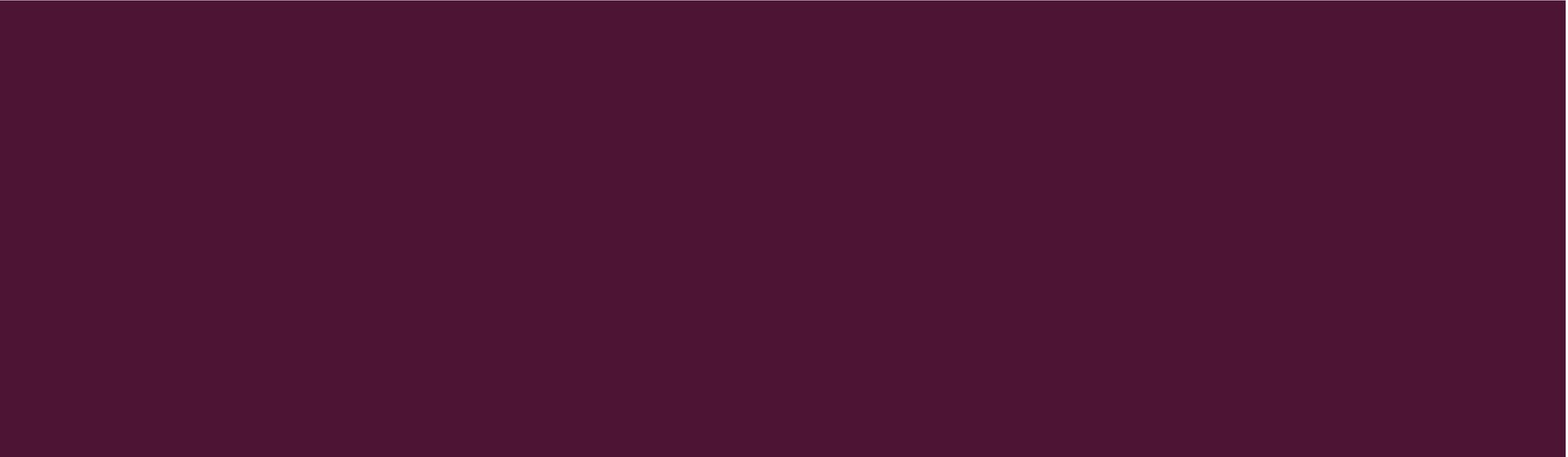


LOOKING BACK AT 2017/2018, MOVING AHEAD IN 2019

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CLINICAL QUALITY LEAD

HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS NETWORK



THREE MAIN BODIES OF WORK

- Communicable Disease
- Emergency Response Planning
- Housing and Health

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE WORK

- Response- to increasing communicable diseases in King County
 - HIV- cluster amongst heterosexuals, people living homeless and IVDU populations
 - Shigella- diarrhea
 - Bartonella Quintana aka “Trench Fever”
 - Group A Strep- strep throat, severe wounds, flesh eating bacteria\
- Prevention- Hepatitis A
 - Increased vaccine efforts
 - Limited access to hygiene facilities

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

- Planning for natural disasters and extreme weather
 - Communication plans
 - Snow, air quality response procedures
- Updating the Recommended Shelter Health and Safety Best Practices Guidelines
 - To align with the Sanctioned Homeless Encampments Guidelines

COORDINATED ENTRY FOR ALL (CEA)

- VI-SPDAT: Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
 - Doesn't capture the medical needs a person or family may have
- Spring 2018 HCHN was consulted on the issue of medical vulnerability
 - Convened a group and provided recommendations to CEA
- 2019 - Development of a Medical Acuity Review Team (ART)
 - ART proposal is a result of HCHN's recommendations to CEA
 - Goal is to augment the VI-SPDAT with specific medical issues

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Immunization Collaboration

- Jail Health Services, Public Health Reserve Corps, Hepatitis Education Project (HEP), local ED's

Health and Safety Collaboration

- Health and Homeless Coordination monthly meeting
 - City of Seattle Human Services Department
 - Public Health- HCHN, Environmental Health, Preparedness, Immunization Program, Needle Exchange, TB Control Program