LOOKING BACK AT 2017/2018, MOVING AHEAD IN 2019

JODY RAUCH
CLINICAL QUALITY LEAD
HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS NETWORK
THREE MAIN BODIES OF WORK

- Communicable Disease
- Emergency Response Planning
- Housing and Health
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