

SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (SEP)

Presenters: Cailin Lewis and Jeff Feller

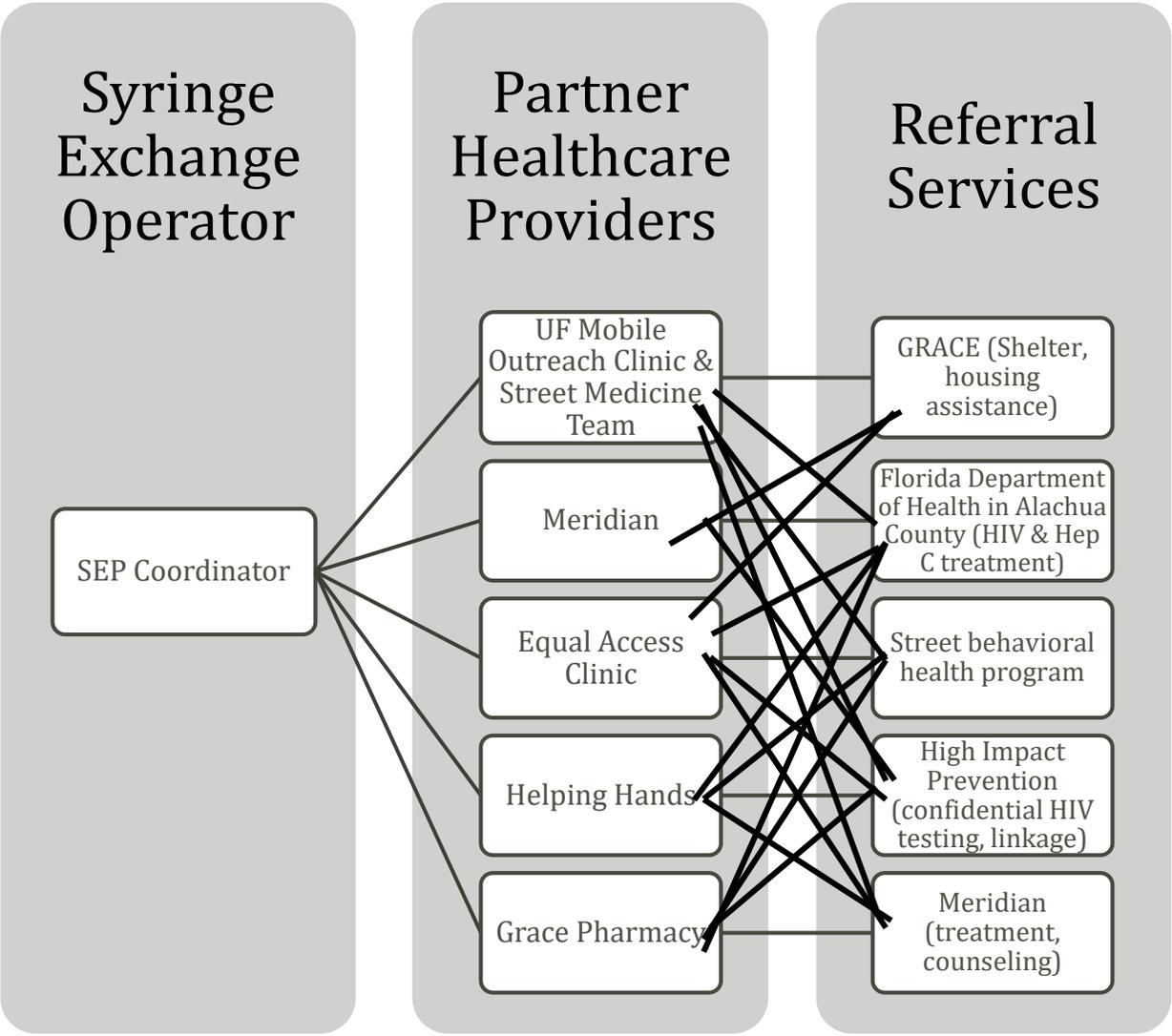
Infectious Disease Elimination Act

- Signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis on June 27, 2019
- County commissions can authorize SEPs under Section 381.0038, Florida Statutes
- Alachua County Ordinance unanimously approved in September 2020
- WellFlorida Council selected as Syringe Exchange Operator in August 2021
- No state, county, or municipal funds

SEP Requirements

- One-to-one exchange
- HIV and viral hepatitis screening
- Educational materials about HIV, viral hepatitis and other blood-borne diseases
- Onsite counseling or referrals for drug abuse prevention, education and treatment
- Narcan kits
- Anonymous data collection

Proposed Model – Integrated Syringe Exchange



SEP Coordinator

- Order supplies and deliver them to the SEP sites
- Help train new staff and volunteers
- Ensure proper data collection in RedCap
- Provide Narcan training and distribution
- Promote the service to potential participants
- Coordinate warm hand-offs to community partners
- Coordinate SEP meetings and participate in statewide meetings/trainings

Partner Healthcare Providers

- Integrate SEP into existing organization and schedule
- Provide one-to-one syringe exchange
- Distribute Narcan and supplies
- Provide anonymous HIV and Hep C testing
- Conduct participant intake assessment and enter follow up services in RedCap
- Link participants to needed services
- Provide wound care and basic medical care
- Participate in advisory group meetings

UF Mobile Outreach
Clinic & Street
Medicine Team

Meridian

Equal Access Clinic

Helping Hands

Grace Pharmacy

Proposed Timeline

- Anticipated funding start date, if awarded: May 30, 2022
- June – August 2022: Finalize partner MOUs and service delivery agreements, hire staff, order supplies, develop program materials
- September 2022 (or sooner): begin one-to-one syringe exchange
- Quarterly meetings with partners and stakeholders

QUESTIONS?
