



PARTNER SERVICES UPDATE

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MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

- The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through provision of public health leadership and through community-based public health efforts in partnership with local health departments, providers, community based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

VISION

- The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy optimal health and well-being.



PRISM Launch

- PRISM is our new statewide STI surveillance and STI/HIV partner services data system
- Replaced the previously separate instances of STDNIS used by the State and City
- All data from the City STDNIS and State STDNIS systems was merged together and migrated to PRISM prior to Go Live on March 9, 2015

Benefits of PRISM

- Secure web-based system behind DHMH firewall
- Using one statewide system improves:
 - Access to and completeness of patient history
 - Timeliness of city/county patient information transfer
 - Accuracy of morbidity case counts
 - Timeliness of monitoring statewide morbidity
- Improved data quality with system-level edits
- Enhanced documentation of HIV testing and linkage to care (LTC) efforts performed by DIS
- Integrated eHARS (HIV surveillance) record searches for authorized users



THANK YOU

- Special thanks to CSTIP staff who helped train our PRISM users and who continue to provide ongoing training and technical assistance
- And thank you to all of our PRISM users for their patience...
 - Over the last several years while we worked to improve PRISM to meet Maryland's needs, and
 - During training and implementation



PRISM User Training

- 76% of PRISM users have attended an in-person training provided by CSTIP staff
- Some staff in rural areas have also received in-person training provided by regional DIS

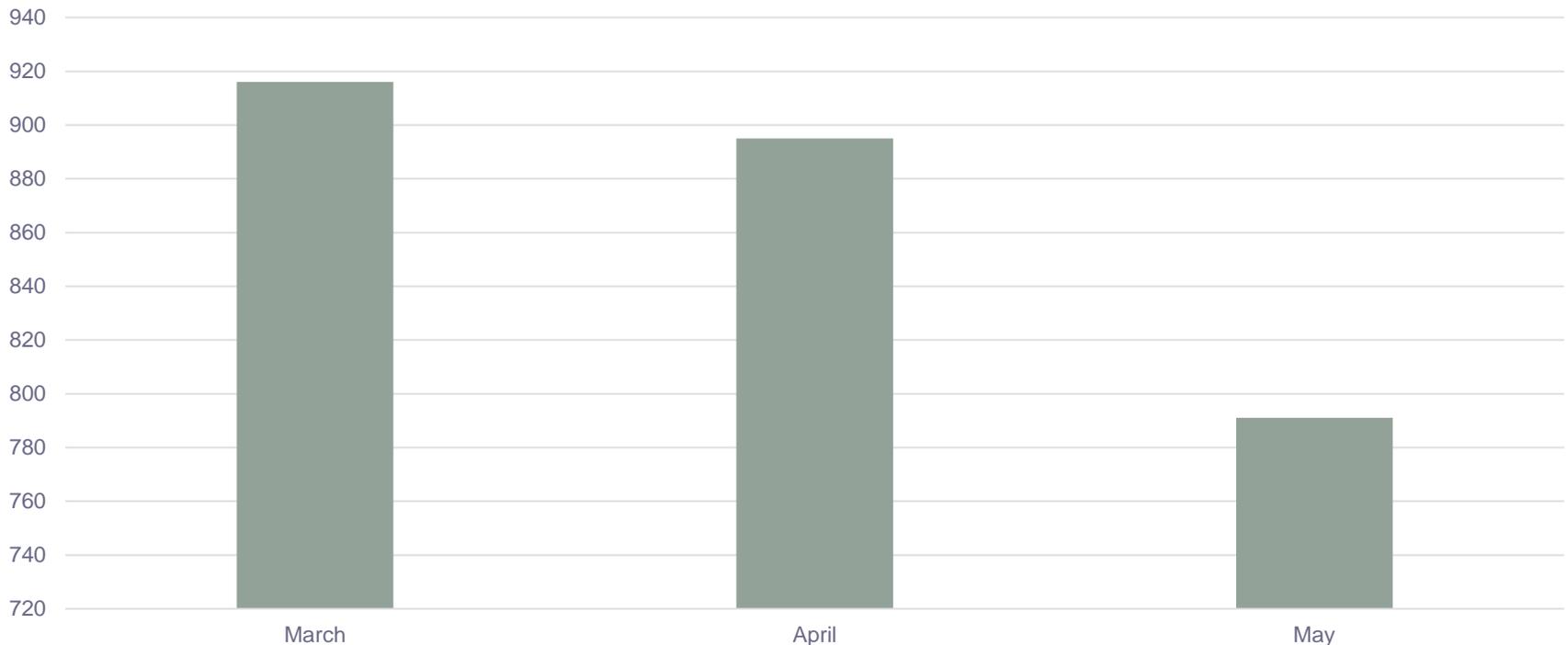
Total Number of PRISM Users	181
Number of In-Person Trainings Provided	15
Total Unduplicated Number of Users Trained	137 (76%)
Total Number of Training Participants	192
PRISM “Office Hours” Conference Calls Provided	7



PRISM Help Desk Tickets

- Overall decrease in the number of Help Desk tickets submitted since the system was launched

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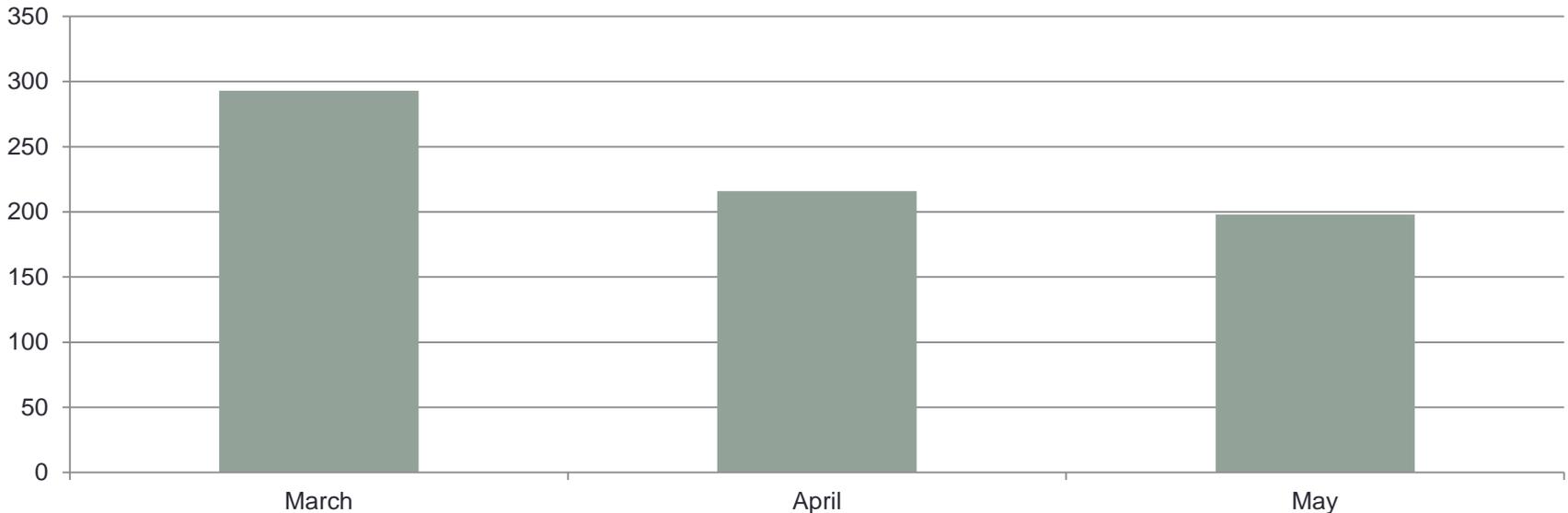




Improving our Provider List

- Knowing which providers are identifying new cases and/or treating patients is very important
- Please continue to submit requests for providers to be added who are not in the system

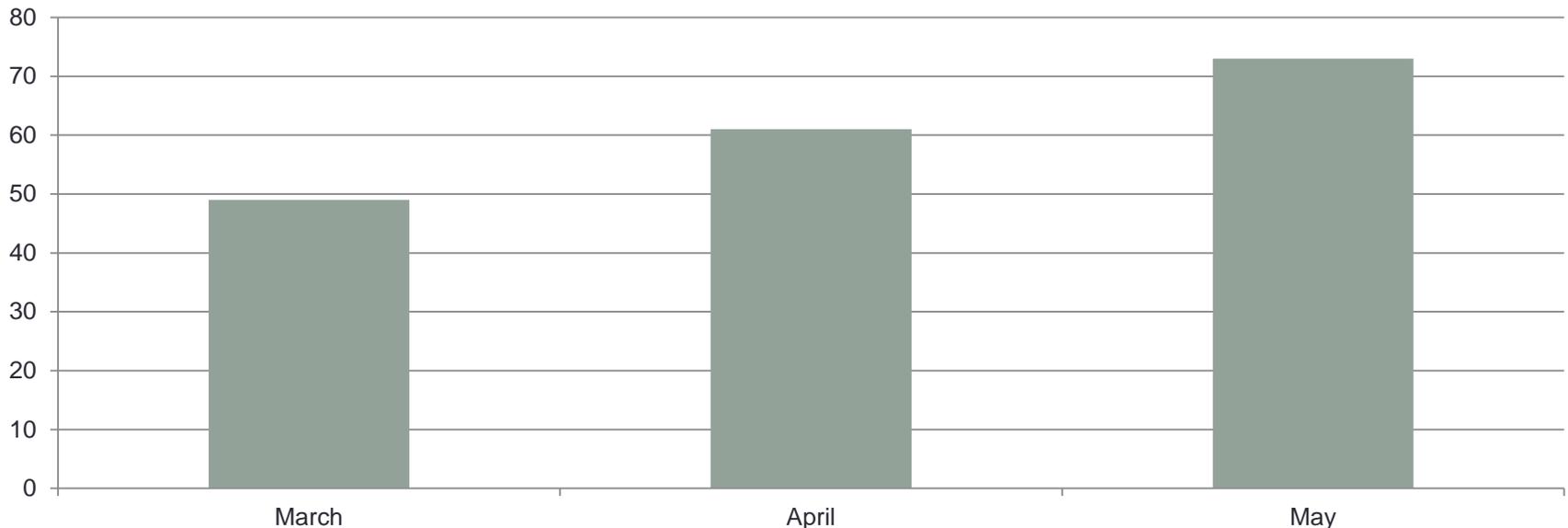
Provider - Add - Used to request a new provider.



Accurint Searches

- LexisNexis Accurint searches are now requested through the PRISM application to obtain additional locating information on patients
- Always request before closing as unable to locate

Client Location Search - Accurint search





The Future of PRISM in Maryland

- Improve PRISM access issues, particularly for users connecting to the system through VPN
- Enhance eHARS search results and incorporate recent CD4/VL data from eHARS
- Expand canned reports for LHD program management and state monitoring
- Produce one-click provider letters to request missing treatment and other info
- Implement electronic lab reporting



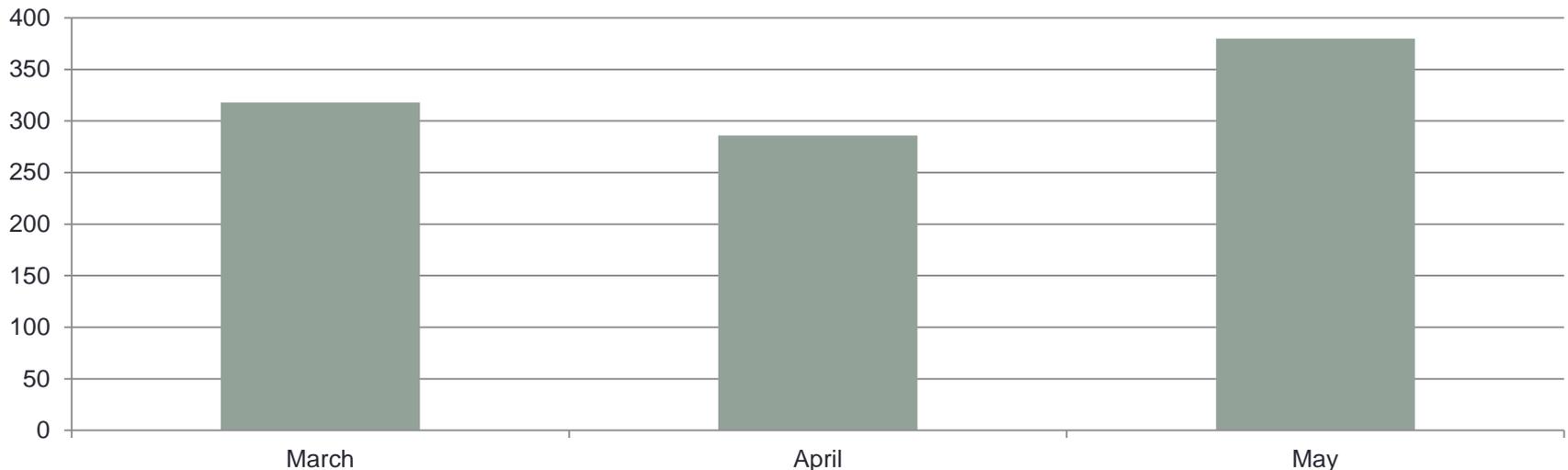
Partner Services Evolution

- Commitment to invest in our DIS
- Prepare for possible National DIS Certification
- Expanded role in HIV engagement in care
 - Working to identify resources to increase staffing for this
- Identify and provide future DIS trainings
 - Motivational interviewing
 - Identifying and referring patients to PrEP
 - Recommending rectal/pharyngeal GC/CT testing
- Continue county-specific technical assistance

HIV Engagement in Care

- HIV linkage and re-engagement for individuals who have fallen out of care represents an increased workload for DIS
- Continuing to expand these efforts statewide

Linkage To Care Tracking



Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

- DIS routinely interact with high-risk individuals who are often ideal candidates for PrEP:
 - New or repeat bacterial STI diagnosis
 - Exposure to previous or newly diagnosed HIV-positive partners
 - Needle-sharing partners
- DIS are in a unique position to identify these individuals and refer them to PrEP at a pivotal moment → when they are most at risk for HIV infection but have not yet acquired the virus



PrEP Availability in Maryland

- The following providers are known to be prescribing PrEP and accepting referrals:
 - Chase Brexton – Mt Vernon and all satellite sites (in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard and Talbot counties)
 - Johns Hopkins Moore Clinic – downtown and at Greenspring location (in Baltimore county)
 - University of Maryland – JACQUES Initiative and STAR TRACK
 - Whitman Walker – Washington, DC
- DIS training on identifying candidates for PrEP and a provider contact list is forthcoming

HIV Outbreak in Indiana

- Rural area in southeastern Indiana that typically identifies 5 new cases of HIV annually
- Since mid-Dec 2014 – 158 new HIV cases identified
- >80% co-infected with Hepatitis C
- Network of injection drug users
 - Multi-generational households sharing needles
- The single DIS responsible for this county was the first to notice the increase and alert other public health staff
- More Information: [Indiana State Department of Health - HIV Outbreak in Southeastern Indiana](#)

Ocular Syphilis

- Since December 2014, 24 cases of ocular syphilis have been reported from California and Washington, with several other states reporting potential cases.
 - To date Maryland has one confirmed case during this time period
- All ocular syphilis cases must now be reported to CDC
- Please contact Marcia Pearl or Elisabeth Liebow if you suspect a syphilis case may have ocular involvement
- More information:

[Clinical Advisory: Ocular Syphilis in the United States](#)



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