

## **ASTDA Small Project Assistance: Final Report**

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**Project Name:** Community Advisory Board for STI and HIV Prevention among Transgender and Non-binary Adults in Seattle

**Project Goals:** The [Seattle Trans and Non-binary Sexual Health \(STARS\) Advisory Board](#) was convened in February 2022 to provide community consultation on my doctoral dissertation, titled “Heterogeneity in HIV/STI Prevalence, Testing, and PrEP Use among Transgender and Non-binary People and their Partners in the US.” The STARS Advisory Board is comprised of 9 transgender and non-binary people living in the Seattle area who are diverse with respect to their gender identity (trans women, trans men, non-binary and genderqueer individuals), race/ethnicity (Black, Pacific Islander, Latinx, and White), and professional experiences (nursing, social work, LGBTQ advocacy, public health practice, esthetician, and drag performance art). This project was awarded \$2,250 by the ASTDA to provide monetary incentives that would have allowed the STARS Advisory Board to convene for three important final meetings, during which members would provide critical guidance on (1) interpreting the results of the data analysis, and (2) dissemination of results to the transgender community, as well as to clinicians and local organizations that provide STI/HIV care for transgender populations.

**Project Achievements:** As a result of the additional funding provided by ASTDA, the STARS Advisory Board convened for 6 additional meetings that were held bimonthly between July 2021 and June 2022. During this period, we developed and published a 36 page report in collaboration with Public Health—Seattle & King County titled “2021 Pride Survey Report: Social Determinants of Health and Barriers to Health Care for LGBTQ+ People in Washington State.” This report is available online at [tinyurl.com/WApridereport](https://tinyurl.com/WApridereport). We also have begun to disseminate the results of our community-engaged research activities in both academic and non-academic settings. In line with community based participatory research approaches, the STARS Advisory Board members who met the criteria for authorship have been included as co-authors on 4 manuscripts in preparation for publication in academic journals, 2 poster presentations at the upcoming AIDS 2022 Conference, as well as an oral presentation at the CDC’s upcoming 2022 STD Prevention Conference. In addition, we presented our findings through the [Center for AIDS Research](#) in September 2021 and at an all-staff meeting for Public Health—Seattle & King County HIV/STD Prevention program in November 2021, which included disease intervention specialist, HIV test counselors, syringe exchange program staff, PrEP providers, and HIV/STD programs managers and directors. Lastly, we have two upcoming presentations scheduled for July 2022, one to disseminate our research findings to members of the transgender community in Seattle, and another for clinicians and community based organizations that serve the local transgender community. In summary, the ASTDA small grants assistance allowed us to reach and surpass our project’s goals, and enabled the dissemination of community-engaged research on HIV/STI prevention for transgender and non-binary people and their partners.