

ASTDA Small Project Assistance: Final Report

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Project Name: Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing Risk and Prevention among Trans Women (STRiP-T) Community Advisory Board (CAB)

Project Goals: The [Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing Risk and Prevention among Trans Women](#) (STRiP-T) Community Advisory Board (CAB) has four members: two Latina trans women, one Black trans woman, and one Latine nonbinary individual. The CAB members hold executive positions in many trans-friendly community-based organizations in Orlando. These diverse community leaders were first convened on 05/05/2023 to voice the concerns of the trans-feminine community in Orlando and provide feedback on STRiP-T study procedures and study instruments. The CAB will also participate in the interpretation and dissemination of study findings. The STRiP-T CAB project was awarded \$2500 through the ASTDA Small Project Assistance program to support the establishment and activities of the CAB.

Project Achievements: The STRiP-T CAB includes more members than initially proposed. The increase from two to four members allowed for more community engagement, given the ever-changing political climate and concerns within it. Based on feedback received while recruiting CAB members, highlighting the need for fair compensation, we revised the hourly rate to \$100 per hour, ensuring that the contributions of the CAB were duly acknowledged. The CAB met four times and maintained communication between meetings through several channels (phone, text, in-person). Leveraging their invaluable cultural expertise, the CAB meticulously assessed the STRiP-T study procedures and instruments and offered recommendations. In response, we have embraced their insights by changing the proposed clinic site to one recommended by the CAB and updating the study instruments, accordingly, thereby demonstrating our commitment to honoring their perspectives. One CAB member provided specific expertise on Spanish translations and the cultural appropriateness of study materials for the Hispanic/Latina community. The CAB did not complete participant referrals as recruitment is pending. However, the CAB remains engaged in the STRiP-T study and will complete participant referrals during study recruitment. They will also interpret and disseminate findings once data collection is complete. The CAB will be involved in the adaptation of a self-collection kit for STI testing among trans women. They will also be involved in the resulting peer-reviewed manuscript that summarizes the findings of this work. The CAB is now also engaged in other studies led by the PI and will continue to support the transgender health-related studies of the [PI's research lab](#) (e.g., Social, Sexual and Spatial Network Synthesis (S3NS-T)- Ethical Considerations for HIV/STI Prevention and Drug Abuse Research).