HPTN 057 STUDY – CAB’S EXPERIENCE

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Structure of Blantyre CAB
- CAB Responsibilities in Implementing HPTN 057 Study
- Novel Approaches to CAB Utilization
BLANTYRE CAB

- Established in 1989
- Reshuffled once ever since
- Has 18 members = 8 females 10 males
- Diverse background
- All members are from within the site’s catchment area
- They are direct and indirect stake holders
- Six member executive
- Bi-monthly meetings
BLANTYRE CAB
CAB RESPONSIBILITIES

CAB was well informed about the study

- Relevance of the study to our communities
- Why TDF was being tested
- How the study was going to be conducted
- Risk and benefits
- Ethics and regulatory procedures
CAB CLINIC VISIT
CAB RESPONSIBILITIES CONT....

- CAB acted as a bridge between study site and the community
- Shared the study info with the community
- Corrected any myths and misconceptions in the community and share with the site
- Advised the site on recruitment and retention strategies
- Educated the community on the role of IRBs and DSMB
CAB RESPONSIBILITIES CONT...

- CAB members were participants’ advocates
  - CAB members were introduced to the community
  - Participants were encouraged to talk to CAB members in their area with any issue that they may have and may not be comfortable to share with site staff
  - CAB members then informed the site on these issues and discussed remedies
  - Monitoring and evaluation
NOVEL APPROACHES TO CAB UTILIZATION

- An experienced CAB (CAB retention)
- Diversified CAB
- Rearranged into sub groups
- Dedication
- Good working relationship with site & other stakeholders
CONCLUSION

- CAB and community involvement is very crucial throughout the study implementation period.
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