



Hepatitis C Elimination in New York State

VOCAL-NY





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A campaign to create a plan for hepatitis C disease elimination in New York State.

Prior Work

- » HCV Town Halls
- » HCV Elimination Working Groups
- » HCV Elimination Summit

Current Initiatives

- » Consensus Statement on HCV Elimination in NY
- » HCV Listening Sessions
- » Regional Partnerships
- » Gaps Analysis



Hep C Town Halls: Regional Partnership Building

2016: Raised Hep C awareness across the state to bring attention to the state of the epidemic and the unique issues in each region of NY.

Built support for the HCV Elimination campaign.

Documented challenges faced in each region.

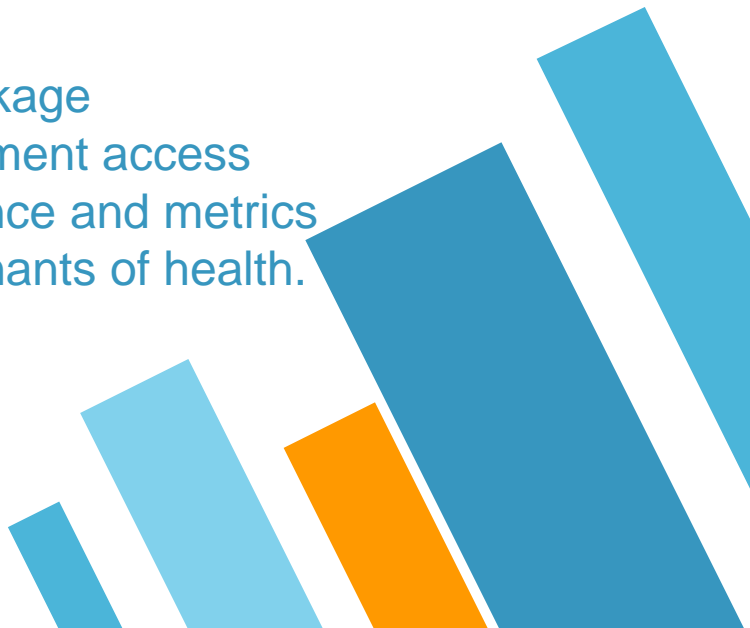




Background on New York HCV Summit

- » **Spring 2016:** VOCAL-NY, community orgs partnered with NYS DOH & NYC DOHMH to consider and build consensus on statewide opportunity for HCV elimination.
- » **May 2016 - January 2017:** 94 stakeholders came together to develop recommendations to inform a statewide HCV elimination plan.

Five working groups were established:

- » Prevention
 - » Testing and linkage
 - » Care and treatment access
 - » Data, surveillance and metrics
 - » Social determinants of health.
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HCV Summit Highlights

» 150 attendees

» 114 live streamed

Quotes:

- » “Eliminating Hepatitis C will take more time and require more public will, resources and effort,”- Gillian Buckley, New York Academy of Medicine.
- » “We are ready to say we have enough of a foundation to eliminate HCV”- Johanne Morne, Director, AIDS Institute, NYS DOH.
- » “HCV treatment works! Now, we have to figure out how everyone gets it,”- Ann Winters, Director, Department of Viral Hepatitis, NYC DOHMH
- » “HCV now causes more deaths than all diseases reported to the CDC combined,”- John Ward, Director, Viral Hepatitis Program, Center for Disease Control

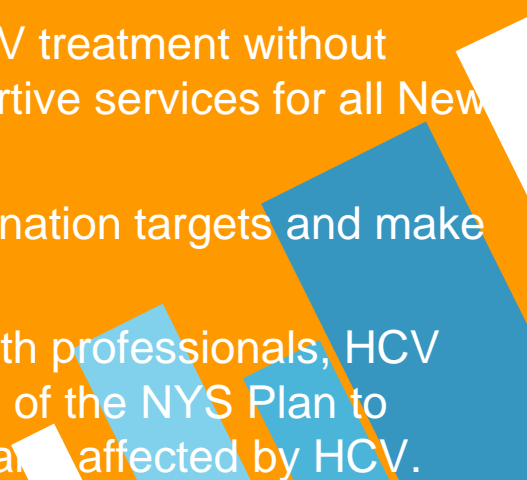
- » If medication assisted treatment were more readily available there would be reduced likelihood of HCV transmission,” Commissioner Arlene Gonzalez-Sanchez





Consensus Statement

The Five Pillars

1. Enhance HCV prevention, testing and linkage to care services for people who inject drugs, people who are incarcerated, men who have sex with men and other populations disproportionately impacted by HCV infection
 2. Expand HCV screening and testing to identify people living with HCV who are unaware of their status and link them to care
 3. Provide access to clinically appropriate and affordable HCV treatment without restrictions and ensure the availability of necessary supportive services for all New Yorkers living with HCV.
 4. Enhance NYS HCV Surveillance, set and track HCV elimination targets and make information available to the public
 5. Commit NYS government and elected officials, public health professionals, HCV experts and industry partners to leadership and ownership of the NYS Plan to Eliminate HCV alongside community members living with and affected by HCV.
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130+ Consensus Statement Supporters

1. AAHIVM Hepatitis Institute 2. ACRIA 3. ACT UP New York 4. Adolescent AIDS Program, Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center 5. African Services Committee 6. After Hours Project 7. AIDS Center of Queens County 8. AIDS Community Resources, Inc. (ACR Health) 9. AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) 10. Albany Damien Center 11. Ali Forney Center 12. Alliance for Positive Change 13. Alliance for Positive Health 14. American Academy of HIV Medicine, New York Chapter 15. American Academy of Pediatrics, New York 1 Chapter 16. Amida Care 17. Apicha Community Health Center 18. AREA 19. Argus Community, Inc. 20. Bailey House 21. Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center 22. BOOM! Pharmacy 23. BOOM!Health 24. Bridging Access to Care 25. Brightpoint Health 26. BRONX Lebanon Department of Family Medicine 27. Bronx Parent Housing Network, Inc. 28. Bronx Works 29. Brooklyn Community Pride Center 30. Callen-Lorde Community Health Center 31. CARES, Inc. 32. Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services 33. Center for Health, Identity, Behavior & Prevention Studies (CHIBPS), New York University 34. Central New York HIV Care Network 35. CHOWProject 36. Coalition for Homeless Youth 37. Coalition for Positive Health Empowerment, COPE 38. Community Health Action of Staten Island 39. Correctional Association of New York 40. CUNY Institute for Implementation Science in Population Health (ISPH) 41. CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy

42. Destination Tomorrow 43. Diaspora Community Health Center 44. Doctors for America- NY 45. Elmcor (Queens) 46. End AIDS Now 47. Erie County 48. Evergreen Health Services 49. Exponents 50. Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) 51. God's Love We Deliver 52. Grand Street Settlement/ Project SOL 53. Harlem Health Promotion 54. Harlem United 55. Harm Reduction Coalition 56. Health People 57. Hep Free Hawaii 58. Hepatitis Foundation International 59. Hetrick-Martin Institute 60. Hispanic Federation 61. Hispanic Health Network 62. Housing Works 63. Hudson Valley Community Services 64. In Our Own Voices, Inc. 65. Iris House 66. John Jay Department of Law, Police Science & Criminal Justice Administration 67. Latino Commission on AIDS 68. Legal Action Center 69. Legal Aid Society 70. Living Positive Inc. 71. Love Heals 72. Make the Road NY 73. Manhattan Legal Services 74. Morris Heights Health Center 75. Mount Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine 76. National Action Network NYC 77. National Black Leadership Commission On AIDS, Inc. 78. National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable 79. National Working Positive Coalition 80. New Alternatives for LGBT Homeless Youth 81. New York Harm Reduction Educators (NYHRE) 82. New York Transgender Advocacy Group (NYTAG) 83. NYC Hepatitis B Coalition 84. NYC Hepatitis C Task Force 85. Planned Parenthood of New York City 86. Positive Health Project

87. Praxis Housing Initiatives, Inc. 88. Pride Center of Western New York 89. Pride For Youth, Long Island Crisis Center 90. Quality Specialty Pharmacy 91. Queerocracy 92. Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center 93. SBH Health System Bronx 94. Sheltering Arms 95. Shubert Botein Policy Associates (SBPA) 96. Southern Tier AIDS Program 97. St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction 98. STAR Program, SUNY Downstate Medical Center 99. Streetwork Project 100. Swan Project 101. The Center for HIV Law and Policy 102. The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (TFAM) 103. The Hepatitis C Mentor and Support Group, Inc. 104. The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Division of General Internal Medicine HCV Clinical & Research Program 105. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center (The Center) 106. The Sharing Community 107. Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc. (TOUCH) 108. Translatina Network 109. Treatment Action Group, TAG 110. Trillium Health, Rochester 111. Union Community Health Center, Bronx 112. United Health Services, Binghamton 113. VillageCare 114. Visual AIDS 115. VOCAL-NY 116. Voces Latinas 117. Washington Heights Corner Project 118. Women & Justice Project 119. Wyckoff Heights Medical Center 120. American Academy of Pediatrics, NY 1 Chapter 121. American Academy of Pediatrics, NY 3 Chapter



Next Steps:

- HCV Listening Sessions & Gaps Analysis
- Regional Partnerships

Listening Sessions Tentative Calendar

<p>5/10: Buffalo 1:00pm- 3:00pm Register Here! Central Library- Central Meeting Room 1 Lafayette Sq. Buffalo, NY 14203</p>	<p>6/6: Bath 2:00pm- 4:00pm Register Here! Trillium Health 18 Buell St, Bath, NY 14810</p>	<p>6/14: Elmira 10:30am- 12:30pm Register Here! Steele Memorial Library 101 E Church St, Elmira, NY 14901</p>	<p>7/11: Yonkers 3:00pm- 5:00pm Register Here! Yonkers Riverfront Public Library 1 Larkin Plaza, Yonkers, NY 10701</p>
<p>5/11: Jamestown 1:00pm- 3:00pm Register Here! Pendergast Public Library 509 Cherry St, Jamestown, NY 14701</p>	<p>6/7: Rochester 5:00pm-7:00pm Register Here! Trillium Health 259 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14607</p>	<p>6/15: Norwich 8:30am-10:30am Register Here! Board of Supervisors Chambers Chenango County Office Building 5 Court Street, Norwich, NY 13815</p>	<p>7/12: NYC 2:00pm- 4:00pm Register Here! LGBT Community Center 208 W 13th St, New York, NY 10011</p>
<p>5/23: Plattsburgh 12:00pm- 2:00pm Register Here! Alliance for Positive Health 202 Cornelia St, Plattsburgh, NY 12901</p>	<p>6/8: Geneva 2:00pm-4:00pm Register Here! Trillium Health 30 Elm St, Geneva, NY 14456</p>	<p>6/16: Binghamton 10:00am- 12:00pm Register Here! Broome County Public Library- Decker Room 185 Court St, Binghamton, NY 13901</p>	<p>7/17: Staten Island 3:00pm- 5:00pm Register Here! Staten Island Pride Center 25 Victory Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10301</p>
<p>5/24: Albany 12:00pm- 2:00pm Register Here! Alliance for Positive Health 927 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207</p>	<p>6/12: Oneonta 11:30am- 1:30pm Register Here! Huntington Memorial Library 62 Chesnut St, Oneonta, NY 13820</p>	<p>6/20: Syracuse 2:00pm- 5:00pm Register Here! NBLCA Offices- South Side Innovation Center 2610 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13205</p>	<p>7/18: Newburgh 2:00pm- 4:00pm Register Here! Hudson Valley Community Services- 280 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550</p>
<p>5/25: Glens Falls 12:00pm- 2:00pm Register Here! Crandall Public Library 251 Glen St. Glens Falls, NY 12801</p>	<p>6/13: Ithaca 6:00pm- 8:00pm Register Here! Tompkins Public Library 101 E Green St, Ithaca, NY 14850</p>	<p>6/21: Utica 12:00pm- 2:00pm Register Here! Utica Public Library 303 Genesee St Utica, NY 13501</p>	<p>TBA: Long Island</p>



HCV Updates In New York State


»HCV infection is no longer just among baby boomers.

○Rates are higher in 20-39 age-group.

»When risk information is available, IDU is very common among cases <30 years (90%), and equally common among male and female cases (70%).

»Most (57%) female cases are of child-bearing age (15-44 years of age).

»Rates of hepatitis C are highest in Central and Western NY and increasing, while the Metro region has the most cases.





2017 NYS & NYC Policy Updates

»In the state HCV has been flat funded at about \$2M a year for nearly a decade.

»In 2017 we asked for \$10.8M for...

- Statewide Surveillance (\$2M)
- Prevention (\$1.3M)
- Linkage to Care & Treatment (\$6M)
- Criminal Justice Initiative (\$1.5M)

The Governor and the Legislature **did not** allocate any new funds to HCV services.

»Last year the NYC Council funded \$1.44M to the Viral Hepatitis Initiative.

»In 2017 we asked for \$2.2M for...

- Hep C Peer Program
- Check Hep B&C Patient Navigation
- HCV Clinical Mentoring
- Project Inspire

The City Council allocated \$1.4M this year, but **did not** grant any additional funding.





THANKS!

Any questions?

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