



## HIV/HCV Treatment Access Committee Meeting Highlights

January 17, 2019 -- 10:00am to 12:00pm

NYC Health Department, Long Island City

In Attendance, see below

### Committee Notes: (See slides)

- *Project SUCCEED Update*  
MaNtsetse Kgama, MPH, Project Manager, NYC Health Department; [mkgama1@health.nyc.gov](mailto:mkgama1@health.nyc.gov)
  - Brief Overview of Project SUCCEED's Goal and Strategy provided
- *Behavioral Health in SUCCEED Cohort*  
Kizzi Belfon, MPH, HIV/HCV Surveillance & Evaluation Analyst, NYC Health Department  
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  - Of the 24 facilities who provided detail, 18% (126 people) had a behavioral health related barrier to HCV treatment
  - Data collected from chart reviews
  - Overall consensus that mental health in population is under reported
- *HIV/HCV: A Behavioral Health and Psycho-Social Perspective*  
Dr. Francine Cournos, MD, Principal Investigator, AIDS Education & Training Center;  
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[AETC National HIV Curriculum](#)
  - Preface: Brain/Body cannot be separated. The health of one impacts the other.
  - More research on HIV/AIDS and mental health compared to HCV and mental health
  - Important to focus on co-infection because:
    - HIV and HCV coinfection increase the risk of progressing to serious liver disease and cancer
    - In NYC most people with HIV/AIDS are in care, so this is a good opportunity to treat and eliminate HCV
- *Case Study #1* – BronxCare Health System, Courtney Dower, MBA; [CDower@bronxleb.org](mailto:CDower@bronxleb.org)
- *Case Study #2* – BrightPoint Health, Lettice Maldonado, MPA; [lmaldonado@brightpointhealth.org](mailto:lmaldonado@brightpointhealth.org)
  - HIV/HCV Co-infected people with behavioral health diagnosis can be cured of HCV
  - Utilize resources, such as DOT, to help routinize treatment
  - Coordination needed to advocate for treating HCV in those with unsuppressed HIV viral loads
  - Patience, Motivational Interviewing and health education key to helping patient prioritize HCV Care
- *Ryan White Part A Care Coordination Program & Hepatitis C*  
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<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/aids-hiv-care-coord.page>

## Upcoming Events

**Project SUCCEED: Hep C Elimination in People Living with HIV – Citywide Progress Update Meeting.** February 27<sup>th</sup> (9 AM – 2 PM). The Center; 208 West 13<sup>th</sup> St.; New York, NY 10011. [RSVP](#). *SUCCEED interventions sites will share their project progress.*

**NYC Health Department Training:** [www.nychealthtraining.org/training](http://www.nychealthtraining.org/training)

- Intro to Viral Hepatitis. February 26, 2019 (Half day)
- Hep C Point of Care Testing. March 12, 2019 (Half day)
- Hep C Patient Navigation. March 27, 2019 (Full day)

## Community Training

- HepCure - weekly tele-education series. Tuesdays (4:30 - 5:30 PM). [www.HepCure.org](http://www.HepCure.org)
- Empire Liver Foundation: CME Clinical Provider Trainings offered regularly via live webinar. To learn more, contact: [megchappell@empireliverfoundation.org](mailto:megchappell@empireliverfoundation.org)

Additional resources available at [www.hepfree.nyc/projectsucceed](http://www.hepfree.nyc/projectsucceed)

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