



This document describes the Hep Free NYC Advocacy Leadership Committee and provides an overview of the opportunities and responsibilities of committee membership.

What is the Hep Free NYC Advocacy Leadership Committee?

The Hep Free NYC Advocacy Leadership Committee is one of the most active and effective hepatitis B and C advocacy groups in the nation with some members who are new to advocacy and some with over a decade of experience in federal, state, and local policy issues. Every year, the committee develops the New York City and State budget and legislative priorities for Hep Free NYC and provides trainings and educational resources to help people affected by viral hepatitis engage with policymakers.

Opportunities of Membership:

- To have a voting role in policy and budget agenda setting for Hep Free NYC
- To receive mentoring and support from other committee members in learning about hepatitis B and C budget and legislative advocacy
- To get opportunities for networking and leadership development through creating and participating in committee trainings and events
- To help your organization build closer relationships with City and State elected officials

Responsibilities of Membership:

- Attend bi-weekly meetings (the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month)
- Help plan activities around the city and state advocacy calendar, including trainings, committee briefings, and legislative education days
- Disseminate and promote upcoming committee-related events to your networks
- Demonstrate a commitment to working collaboratively with other committee members

The total time commitment is roughly 2-6 hours per month (varies based on time of year).

If you are interested in joining the Hep Free NYC Advocacy Leadership Committee or have questions, email committee chair Meg Chappell at megchappell@empireliverfoundation.org.