The NYS Hepatitis C Coalition Legislative Education Day

February 3rd, 2026



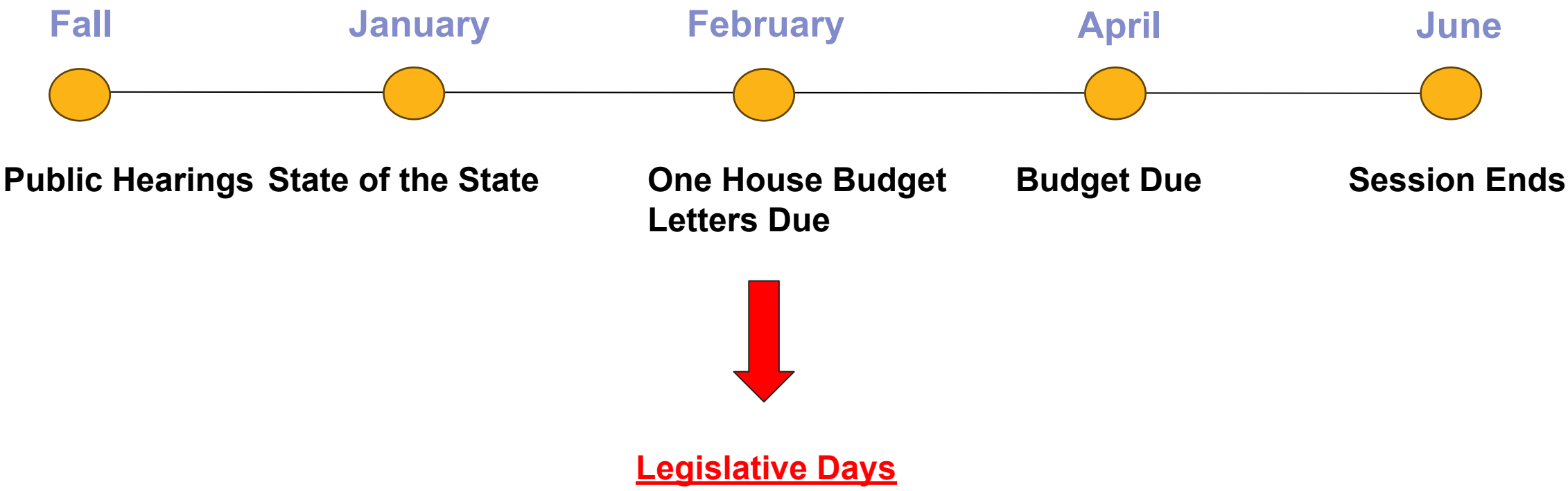


FY26-27 Priorities



1. **Sustain and Increase** Critical NYS Funding for Hepatitis C Elimination
2. **Increase Funding** for Patient Navigation in Traditional and Non-Traditional Settings
3. **Prioritize Investment** in Syringe Service Programs and Comprehensive Harm Reduction Services
4. **Support Opt-Out Testing** in NYS Correctional Facilities for Individuals on Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
5. **Expand Scope of Practice** for Nurse Practitioners to Provide HCV Care and Treatment

Civics 101: NYS Budget Cycle



Recap:



Coalition Members

Elected officials reached

Meetings Held

We Rallied!

- We heard from coalition members, elected officials and AIDS Institute Staff including,
  - **AM Linda Rosenthal** (District 67)
  - **Divine Prince Allah,** COPE
  - **Colleen Flanigan**, Director for the Bureau of Hepatitis Healthcare and Epidemiology
  - **Jose Martinez**, NHRC
  - **Mary Raiti,** Community Member





We made our voices heard!

- **Shirley Torho** (Black Health) and **Mike Selick** (National Harm Reduction Coalition) spoke to **David Lombardo** (Capitol Pressroom) on our priorities and the importance of Hep C Elimination funding



Photos Courtesy of Megan Kapler, Housing Works

We made a difference!

- Representatives from **eleven organizations** across New York State came together
  - Pictured here: Coalition members from NHRC, Housing Works and COPE



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Have Questions or Comments?

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