



Viral Hepatitis

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a

Winnable Battle!



NVHR Director Martha Saly

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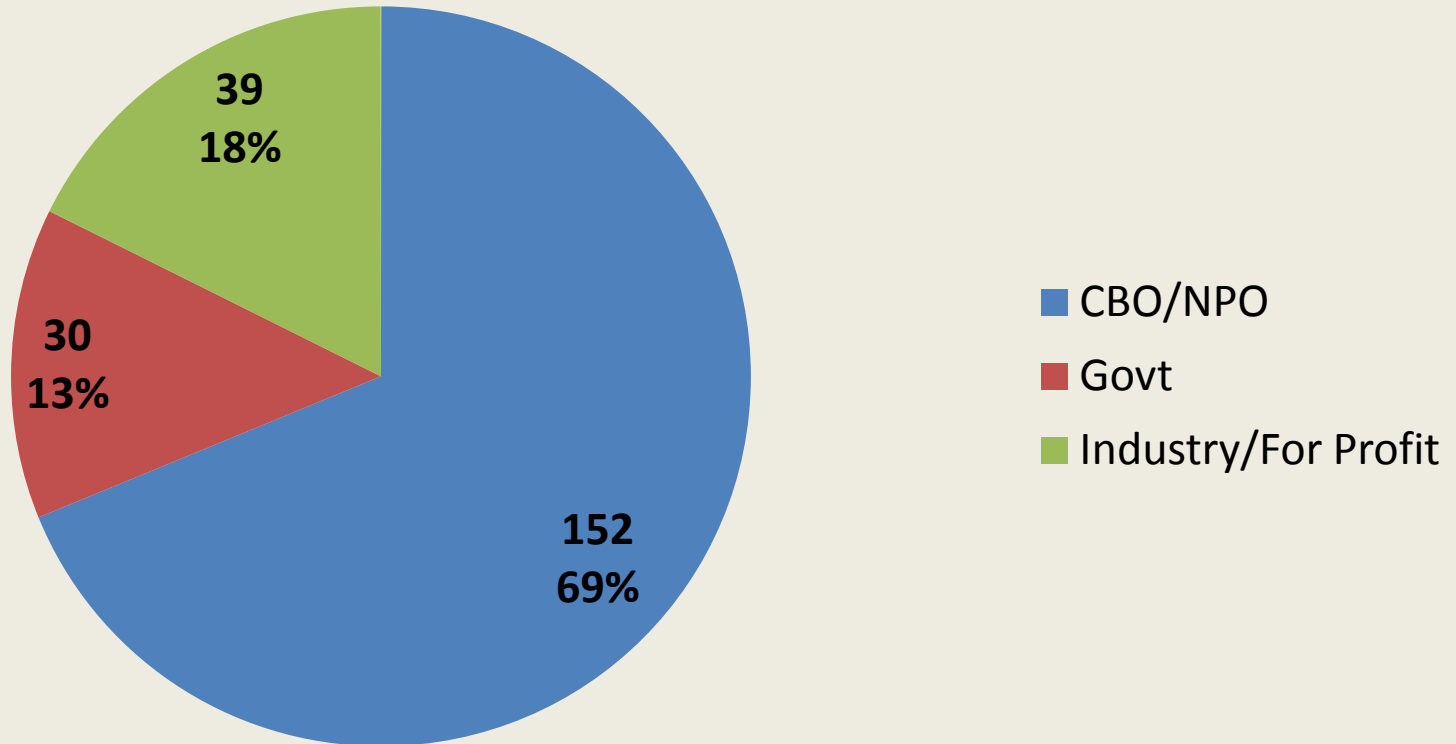
**THANK YOU!**

# New 2012 Steering Committee

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# Membership

## Record Number of Members - 221!



# Priority Topics

- **Build the capacity to eliminate viral hepatitis**
- **Vaccinate America**
- **Counsel, test, refer persons at risk**
- **Care for people with viral hepatitis**
- **Research new therapies and vaccines**
- **Reduce the number of cases of liver cancer**

# Policy Action Agenda

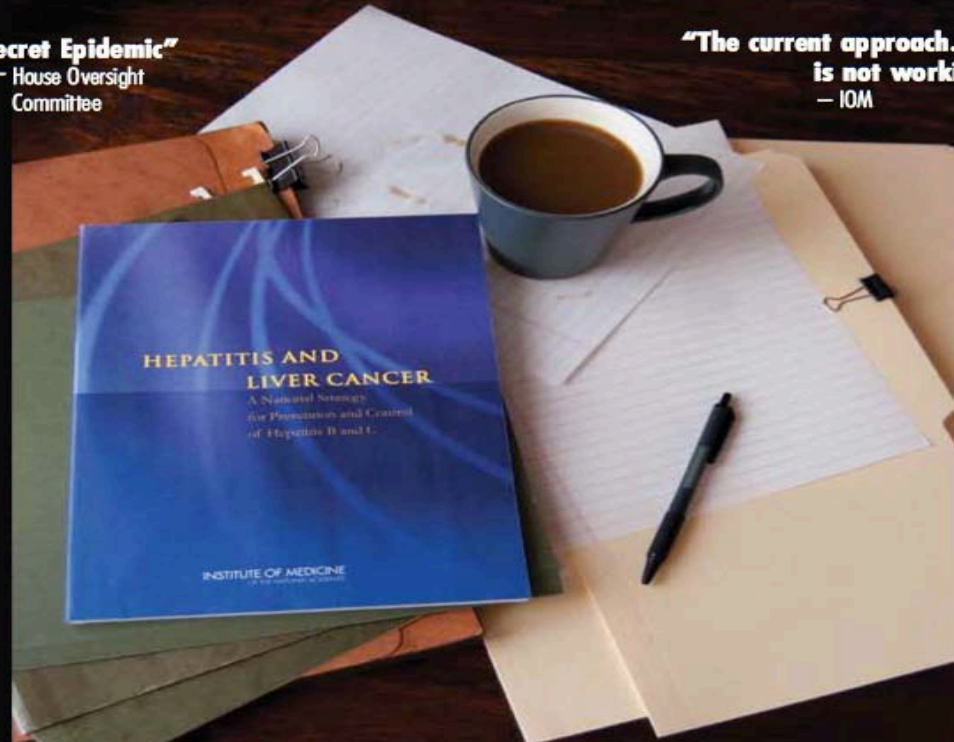
- Communicate with policy makers (elected and federal government agencies) to advance policies that improve viral hepatitis outcomes
  - Letters
  - Meetings
  - Conference calls
- Educate our members about advocacy opportunities
- Convene ad-hoc committees and workgroups addressing current policy issues/opportunities
- Conduct aggressive media outreach

# Working Collaboratively

- Partner with other advocacy organizations
  - HAP
  - Fed-ban
  - Hepatitis B Task Force
  - Fair Pricing Coalition
  - HCAB
- Seek input from our members
- Provide feedback to federal partners and industry partners

**"The Secret Epidemic"**  
— House Oversight  
Committee

**"The current approach...  
is not working."**  
— IOM



**"If Congress gets on the case now, the leading cause  
of liver cancer won't stand a chance."**

# MISSION: POSSIBLE

**MISSION: POSSIBLE – HEARING ON "VIRAL HEPATITIS: THE SECRET EPIDEMIC"  
WHICH THREATENS UP TO 5.3 MILLION AMERICANS**

A DRAMATIC NEW REPORT, FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE (IOM), CONCLUDES THAT  
"THE CURRENT APPROACH TO THE PREVENTION & CONTROL OF CHRONIC HEPATITIS B & HEPATITIS C IS NOT WORKING."  
AS THE CENTRAL CONSORTIUM OF HEPATITIS ORGANIZATIONS, THE NATIONAL VIRAL HEPATITIS ROUNDTABLE URGES LAWMAKERS TO:  
SUPPORT THE VIRAL HEPATITIS & LIVER CANCER CONTROL ACT (HR 3974) – ADOPT THE IOM RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR CREATING A NATIONAL STRATEGY ON HEPATITIS – FUND PREVENTION & EDUCATION. THIS MISSION IS POSSIBLE.

**COMING JUNE 17 – 2154 RAYBURN – Visit [NVHR.org](http://NVHR.org) for more info.**









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**COMBATING THE SILENT EPIDEMIC  
of VIRAL HEPATITIS**

**Action Plan for the  
Prevention, Care & Treatment  
of Viral Hepatitis**



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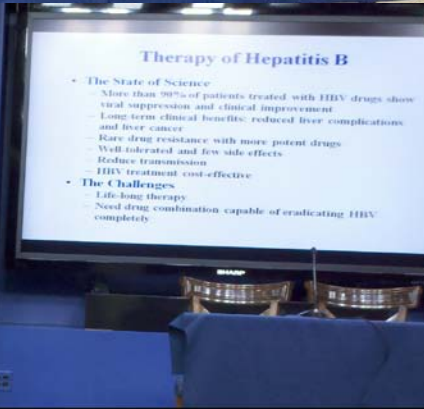
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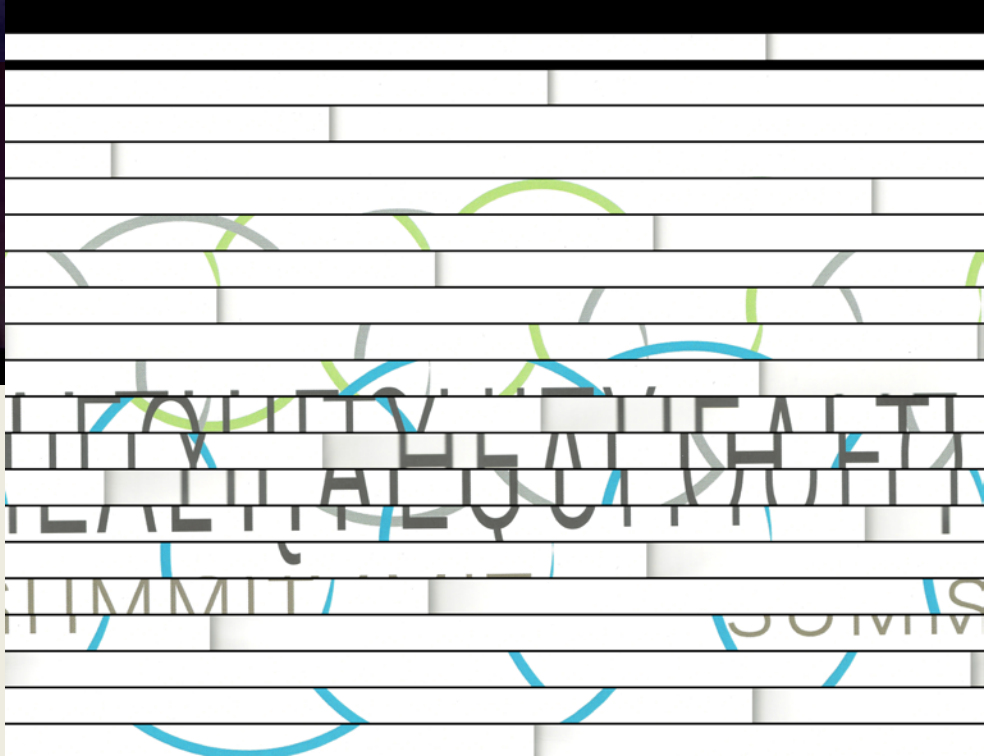
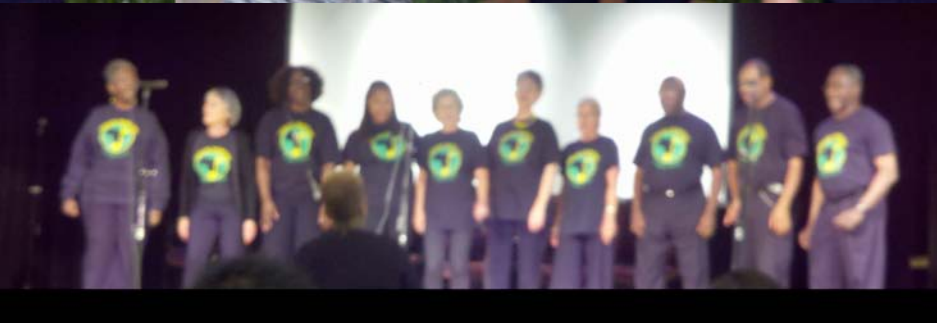
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# Gregg Allman Hepatitis C Community Education Fund



**TUNE IN TO HEP C PRESENTS  
THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND  
TONIGHT SOLD OUT**







**Viral Hepatitis Testing  
Act of 2011**

**SB XXX  
HB XXXX**