

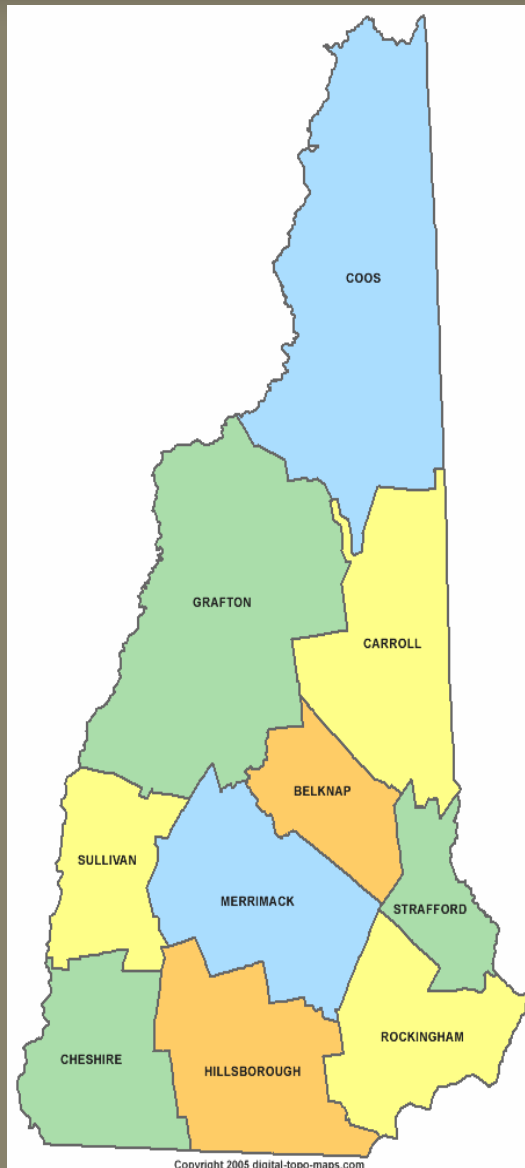
# Integrating Viral Hepatitis into the CPG Process in NH

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## New Hampshire

10 counties

1.2 million population

HIV Infection  
concentration in 3  
southern counties:  
Hillsborough,  
Rockingham, Merrimack  
(eligible metropolitan  
area of boston)



# Model of the NH CPG Committee Structure



# NH HIV Community Planning Group

- ◆ 23 voting members
- ◆ 21 non-voting members
- ◆ Prevention, Care, and Full CPG meet bi-monthly

# Similar At Risk Populations & Needs

- ◆ Injection Drug Users (IDU's)
  - ◆ Incarcerated individuals
  - ◆ STD Clinic Clients
- ◆ Mental health
- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Nutrition

# Presentations to CPG

- ◆ Hepatitis C – education and overview of state activities
- ◆ Substance Abuse Facilities
- ◆ Mental Health Facilities
- ◆ IDU Surveillance & Interventions
- ◆ Syringe Disposal Legislation
- ◆ Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD)



# Funding Funneled through HIV Section & Immunization Department to Support Integration

- ◆ “one-stop shopping” Hepatitis A/B Vaccine, HIV, STD, and Hepatitis B & C Screening & Testing
- ◆ Offered at all 23 STD/HIV Walk-in Clinics
- ◆ HIV section pays NASTAD fee for viral hepatitis

# Barriers



- ◆ Hepatitis C not “classified” as sexually transmitted disease
- ◆ Lack of Funding & Resources for Hepatitis
- ◆ Resistance regarding input for NH Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plan
  
- ◆ Hepatitis C not reportable in NH
  - ◆ Lack of data on hepatitis C prevalence/incidence and co-infection with HIV
  - ◆ Statistical information could aid in prevention prioritization and intervention programs

# Integration Successes

- ◆ Viral Hepatitis Coordinator as State Public Health Chair for CPG
- ◆ CPG - AIDS Service Organizations co-sponsor Hepatitis C Workshops
- ◆ HIV Hotline updated to: HIV/Hepatitis Hotline June 2008
- ◆ HIV/AIDS Resource Directory (approved by CPG)– revision in progress to: HIV/STD/Hepatitis Resource Directory

# More Successes!

- ◆ HIV Contractors include hepatitis in HIV counseling & testing
- ◆ HIV Contractors promote hepatitis B Vaccine Initiative (referring consumers/clients to 23 STD/HIV clinics)
- ◆ CPG members have disclosed being infected or affected by hepatitis B/C
- ◆ CPG member, State Prison Counselor began Hepatitis C Support Group

Thank you for your time



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