



National Viral Hepatitis Technical Assistance Meeting
J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC
September 29 – October 1, 2008

Monday, September 29, 2008

- 12:00 – 6:00 PM** **Registration** **Capitol Foyer**
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM** **Exhibit Hall Set-Up** **Salon D & E**
- 1:00 – 4:30 PM** **Health Department Meeting (Health Departments Only)...** **Salon F & G**
- 5:00 - 6:30 PM** **Reception – Exhibit Hall Open** **Salon D & E**
Networking opportunity for health department staff, community based organizations, national organizations and industry partners.
- 6:30 – 8:30 PM** **Opening Dinner and Keynote**..... **Salon I**

Julie Scofield, Executive Director
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Allan Clear, Executive Director
Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

- 7:30 – 5:00 PM** **Registration – Exhibit Hall Open**.....**Capitol Foyer**
- 7:30 – 8:30 AM** **Continental Breakfast (provided)** **Salon D & E**
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**..... **Salon F & G**

Murray Penner, Deputy Executive Director of Domestic Programs
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Chris Taylor, Viral Hepatitis Program Manager
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

- 9:00 – 10:30 AM** **Plenary I – Hepatitis Priorities of Federal Agencies****Salon F & G**
This plenary will include updates from federal partners on their viral hepatitis specific priorities for the coming year as well as updates on how federal agencies are working together to respond to the nation's viral hepatitis prevention, care and research needs.

Presenters:

John Ward, MD, Director
Division of Viral Hepatitis, CDC, Atlanta, GA

Lance Rodewald, MD, Director
Immunization Services Division, CDC, Atlanta, GA

Laura Cheever, MD, ScM, Deputy Associate Administrator
HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA, Rockville, MD

*Kaytura Felix-Aaron, MD, Chief, Clinical Quality Data Branch
Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA, Rockville, MD*

Moderator:

*Peter Whitar, Chief, STD/AIDS Prevention Branch
Hawaii Department of Health, Honolulu, HI*

10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 12:15 PM Concurrent Workshops

Screening, Counseling, Testing & Referral.....Dirksen Room

This session will explore strategies for increasing access to HBV, HCV and HIV counseling and testing. Presenters will highlight testing services in community based organizations. Participants will discuss opportunities to increase HBV/HCV/HIV testing in their jurisdictions. Models of integrated testing programs and leveraging existing funding streams to support viral hepatitis testing will be highlighted. An overview of the new CDC HBV testing recommendations will be presented.

Presenters:

*Bruce Burkett, Executive Director
Missouri Hepatitis C Alliance, Columbia, MO*

*Andi Thomas, Executive Director
Alert Health, Miami, FL*

*Fabian Eluma, MD, PhD, MPH, Public Health Advisor
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, SAMHSA, Rockville, MD*

*Geoff Beckett, Chief, Prevention Branch
Division of Viral Hepatitis, CDC, Atlanta, GA*

Moderator:

*Laura Baus, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Helena, MT*

Perinatal HBV Programming – Bridging the Gap.....Treasury Room

This session will provide an overview of the current goals and outcomes of perinatal hepatitis B programs in the U.S. Program successes, including best practices that can be adapted to increase positive outcomes, will be featured. Current challenges and gaps in perinatal programs will be discussed, with ideas for overcoming these challenges to improve future outcomes. Additionally, gaps in the education and referral of HBV-infected mothers and their partners will be discussed, with a focus on including this as a future goal of perinatal HBV programs. Participants will learn where to access additional information and support for perinatal and HBV prevention programming.

Presenters:

*Julie Lazaroff, MPH, Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY*

*Claudia Miller MS, Supervisor, Vaccine-Preventable Disease Surveillance
Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul, MN*

*Kari Tapley, Perinatal Hepatitis B Surveillance Specialist
Michigan Department of Community Health, Detroit, MI*

*Alison Evans, ScD, Assistant Professor/ Director of Public Health Research
Drexel University School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA
Hepatitis B Foundation, Doylestown, PA*

Moderator:

*Libby Landrum, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Manager
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Columbia, MO*

Outbreak: Public Health Readiness and Response....Commerce Room

This session will highlight the experiences of two health departments that responded to the public health needs of hundreds to thousands of patients potentially exposed to the top 3 blood borne pathogens HBV, HCV and/or HIV in the U.S. through medical procedures. Presenters will discuss lessons learned, strategies for preparing for similar situations, developing a pre-investigation tool, leveraging health department capacity to respond, supporting local health departments in case investigation and follow up, Educating/updating local health care professionals regarding the big 3 blood borne pathogens, and educating counselors/interviewers regarding FAQ and decreasing the stress/trauma of potentially infected patients.

Presenters:

*Kathy White, MT, RN, BSN, Hepatitis Prevention Program Coordinator
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Lincoln, NE*

*Bob Salcido, MPH, Communicable Disease Surveillance Program
Nevada State Health Division, Reno, NV*

*Mary Ellen Harrell, RN, MS, Community Health Nurse Manager
Southern Nevada Health District, Las Vegas, NV*

*John Ward, MD, Director
Division of Viral Hepatitis, CDC, Atlanta, GA*

Moderator:

*Roxanne Ereth, Hepatitis C Program Manager
Arizona Department of Health Services, Phoenix, AZ*

Hepatitis and Harm Reduction.....Longworth Room

This session will include an overview of harm reduction principles, the disproportionate impact of viral hepatitis on persons who inject drugs and strategies for increasing prevention programming for populations at risk. Participants will discuss challenges and identify strategies for applying and operationalizing harm reduction principles in health department programming. Information on evidence based harm reduction interventions and additional information will be shared.

Presenters:

*Daniel Raymond, Policy Director
Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY*

*Heather Lusk, Hepatitis C Coordinator
Hawaii Department of Health, Honolulu, HI*

*Alessandra Ross, MPH, Injection Drug Use Policy and Program Coordinator
California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, Sacramento, CA*

Moderator:

*Ann Shindo, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
Oregon Public Health Division, Portland, OR*

12:30 – 2:00 PM Plenary Luncheon (Provided)Salon I

Addressing Health Disparities

This plenary will provide an overview of reasons for health disparities in the United States, and specific examples and recommendations how health department hepatitis programs can increase programming to better address health disparities.

Panelists:

*Tanya Pagán Raggio Ashley, MD, Director and Chief Medical Officer
Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, HRSA, Rockville, MD*

*Marguerite Ro, DrPH, Deputy Director
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, San Francisco, CA*

*Terrance Moore, Senior Manager
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Program, NASTAD*

Moderator:

*Eric Rude, Director, Office of Viral Hepatitis Coordination
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. New York, NY*

2:00 – 2:30 PM Break - Exhibit Hall Salon D & E

2:30 – 4:00 PM Concurrent Workshops

HAV/HBV Vaccination – Strategies for Improving Access.....Dirksen Room

This session will explore strategies for increasing access to HAV and HBV vaccination for adults. Participants will discuss challenges to providing HAV/HBV vaccination and identify opportunities to increase vaccination in their jurisdictions. Models of vaccination programs in HIV/STD testing sites, substance use treatment facilities, and prisons will be highlighted. Participants will also receive an update on the 317 Adult HBV Vaccination Initiative.

Presenters:

*Mary Conant, RN, BSN, Immunization Nurse Manager
Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Jamaica Plain, MA*

*Anthony Campbell, MD
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA, Rockville, MD*

*Beth Rowe-West, Head, Immunization Branch
North Carolina Department of Health, Raleigh, NC*

*Hope King, Team Leader/Lead Health Scientist, Prevention Branch
Division of Viral Hepatitis, CDC, Atlanta, GA*

Moderator:

*Claire Hannan, Executive Director
Association of Immunization Managers, Rockville, MD*

HBV/HCV Treatment 101.....Treasury Room

This session will provide basic information on HBV, HCV and co-infection treatment for health department programs. Participants will learn basic information to share with persons newly infected, or just learning of their infection, about what to expect when seeking further medical evaluation and care. Current medical evaluation/diagnostic techniques, treatment recommendations, FDA approved treatments and complimentary therapies will be discussed. Participants will learn where to access additional up to date treatment information.

Presenters:

*Tracy Swan, Hepatitis/HIV Project Director
Treatment Action Group, New York, NY*

*Lei Chou, Hepatitis/HIV Project Coordinator
Treatment Action Group, New York, NY*

*Lorren Sandt, Hepatitis C Program Director
Caring Ambassadors Program, Inc., Vancouver, WA*

Moderator:

*Susan Thompson, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
North Carolina Division of Public Health, Raleigh, NC*

Hepatitis Services in Community Health Centers.....Commerce Room

This session will highlight HBV and HCV prevention, care and treatment services in community health centers. Examples of how health department hepatitis programs are working with community health centers in their jurisdictions will be discussed, as well as an overview of a hepatitis initiative of the National Association of Community Health Centers. Participants will discuss strategies for engaging in collaborative partnerships with community health centers, identify opportunities to refer patients to health centers in their jurisdictions, and develop an action plan for strengthening relationships with community health centers in their jurisdictions.

Presenters:

*Linda Norris, Project Manager – Hepatitis C Initiative
National Association of Community Health Centers, Bethesda, MD*

*Melissa Callaham, Program Assistant
National Association of Community Health Centers, Bethesda, MD*

Moderator:

*Andrea Lombard, Viral Hepatitis Program Coordinator
Connecticut Department of Public Health, Hartford, CT*

Hepatitis Advocacy Strategies.....Longworth Room

This session will include presentations on local and state hepatitis advocacy efforts. Participants will learn how health department staff have worked with community advocates to secure additional funding and legislation. The session will also include an overview of the federal landscape for viral hepatitis appropriations and legislation. Participants will learn of opportunities to engage with other advocates at the national level and discuss strategies for increasing state and local advocacy efforts.

Presenters:

*Eric Rude, MSW, Director, Office of Viral Hepatitis Coordination
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY*

*Colleen Flanigan, RN, MS, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator
New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY*

*Martha Saly, MS, Director
California Hepatitis Alliance, Sacramento, CA*

*Joan Block, RN, BSN, Executive Director
Hepatitis B Foundation, Doylestown, PA*

*Ryan Clary, Director of Public Policy
Project Inform, San Francisco, CA*

Moderator:

*Laura Hanen, Director Government Relations
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors*

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Caucus/Affinity Sessions

CDC 317 Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Initiative.....Room TBA

This session will include a discussion of the current 317 Adult Hepatitis Vaccination Initiative, including challenges of implementing the initiative, strategies jurisdictions employed to overcome the challenges, and feedback to CDC as preparations for continuing the initiative are underway. This meeting is open to health departments eligible for 317 Adult Hepatitis Vaccination Initiative funding.

Dinner on Your Own

Monuments by Moonlight Walk – Meet in Hotel Lobby at 8 PM

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

7:30 – 9:45AM Exhibit Hall Open Salon D & E

7:30 – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast (provided) Salon D & E

8:30 – 10:00 AM Concurrent Workshops

HBV/HCV/HIV Co-Infection Case Management.....Dirksen Room

This session will highlight health department and community based organization hepatitis case management programs. Participants will learn of programs focusing on both medical and psychosocial case management. Participants will discuss challenges and identify strategies to increase case management services for persons at risk or living with HBV/HCV or co-infected with HIV. Innovative methods to fund case management programs will also be discussed.

Presenters:

*Sandi Carlson, HIV and HCV Project Manager
University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA*

*Bruce Burkett, Executive Director
Missouri Hepatitis C Alliance, Columbia, MO*

*Robin Lord Smith, Co-Chair
Maryland Viral Hepatitis Task Force*

Moderator:

*Dan Church, Epidemiologist/Viral Hepatitis Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Jamaica Plain, MA*

Hepatitis Education and Training.....Treasury Room

This session will highlight how health departments are integrating hepatitis into existing trainings, how best to develop a training and educational materials, and opportunities available to health department programs. Participants will learn where to find information on educational materials and training opportunities, including related health issues (HIV, STD, immunization, substance use, harm reduction, etc.)

Presenters:

*Richard Cotroneo, MA, Director
National Hepatitis Technical Assistance Center, Albany, NY*

*Anna Thomas, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
Houston Department of Health and Human Services, Houston, TX*

*Ereka Washington Philip, Public Health Investigator Specialist
Houston Department of Health and Human Services, Houston, TX*

*Tom Kresina, Health Sciences Administrator
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA, Rockville, MD*

*Thelma King Thiel, Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Hepatitis Foundation International, Silver Spring, MD*

Moderator:

*Dana Cropper Williams, Director of Training and Education
National Coalition of STD Directors, Washington, DC*

The Surveillance Gap.....Commerce Room

This session will highlight three examples of chronic viral hepatitis surveillance systems. Chronic HBV and chronic HCV surveillance systems as well as how an HIV surveillance program has integrated HCV into its activities will be explored. Participants will discuss surveillance challenges, lessons learned, and opportunities for leveraging existing health department capacity to support hepatitis surveillance. Presenters will also discuss limited resource strategies to ramp up surveillance activities, using surveillance data to guide prevention/services, and linking surveillance with client follow up.

Presenters:

*Lily Foster, MSPH, Program Manager
New Mexico Department of Health, Santa Fe, NM*

*Elena Rocchio, MA, Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Coordinator
New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY*

*Sue Shallow, MPH, Epidemiologist
San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA*

*Amy Nishimura, MS, MPH, Project Coordinator
San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA*

Moderator:

*Mary Kate Appicelli, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Augusta, ME*

10:00 – 10:15 AM Break

10:15 –11:45 AM Concurrent Workshops

Prevention & Care with Drug Users.....Dirksen Room

This session will highlight health department and community based organizations working with current and former drug users. Possible topics will include working in substance use facilities, prisons re-entry programs, syringe exchange programs, and medical clinics. Participants will discuss challenges and identify strategies for increasing prevention and care services for this often underserved population. Information on resources and additional information will be shared.

Presenters:

*Lauretta Grau, PhD
Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, CT*

*Danielle Brown, MPH, Hepatitis Project Coordinator
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY*

*Pedro Mateu-Gelabert, MD, Project Director – Staying Safe
National Development Research Institutes, Inc., New York, NY*

Moderator:

*Heather Lusk, Hepatitis C Coordinator
Hawaii Department of Health, Honolulu, HI*

Future Directions in TreatmentTreasury Room

This session will provide information on promising HBV, HCV and co-infection treatments for health department programs. Participants will learn about treatments in the pipeline, anticipated 'release' dates, clinical trials and the clinical trials development process, and updates on HCV and HIV vaccine development. Participants will learn where to access additional up to date clinical trials and treatment pipeline information. Current and future testing technology will also be discussed.

Presenters:

*Tracy Swan, Hepatitis/HIV Project Director
Treatment Action Group, New York, NY*

*Lei Chou, Hepatitis/HIV Project Coordinator
Treatment Action Group, New York, NY*

*Alison Evans, ScD, Assistant Professor/ Director of Public Health Research
Drexel University School of Public Health, Philadelphia, PA
Hepatitis B Foundation, Doylestown, PA*

Moderator:

*Lorren Sandt, Hepatitis C Program Director
Caring Ambassadors Program, Inc., Vancouver, WA*

Leveraging Resources – Doing More With Less.....Commerce Room

This session will explore strategies for leveraging existing health department resources and integrating viral hepatitis into existing programs and funding streams. Three health departments will discuss creative strategies for integrating hepatitis into existing programs and services, leveraging state funding from federal funding, and using state Medicaid data to demonstrate HCV treatment cost to the state. Participants will also learn about hepatitis treatments included in state AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP), and the work of the NASTAD ADAP Crisis Task Force.

Presenters:

*Tricia Ingraham, MPH, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator
New Hampshire Department of Health*

*Randy Mayer, MS, MPH, HIV/Hepatitis Program Manager
Iowa Department of Public Health*

*Kathy White, MT, RN, BSN, Hepatitis Prevention Program Coordinator
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services*

*Murray Penner, Deputy Executive Director of Domestic Programs
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors*

Moderator:

*Dave Kern, Director Prevention Program
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors*

12:00 – 12:30 PM Closing Remarks: Take Home Messages and Next Steps...Salon F & G
A Perinatal HBV Coordinator and Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, as well as the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) and the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) will reflect on key take home messages from the Technical Assistance Meeting and discuss future activities and opportunities to enhance viral hepatitis prevention and care.

Presenters:

Perinatal HBV Coordinator – TBA

Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator – TBA

*Claire Hannan, MPH, Executive Director
Association of Immunization Managers*

*Julie Scofield, Executive Director
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors*

12:30 PM Meeting Officially Adjourns

12:30 – 2:00 PM Box Lunches (Provided) – Time for Networking.....Salon I