Agenda

Thursday, October 24, 2013

9:00 – 9:30 AM  Welcome and Opening Remarks – Dupont A

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

9:30 – 10:45 AM  Hepatitis and the Affordable Care Act – Dupont A

This plenary will include an overview of the Affordable Care Act and opportunities for increasing viral hepatitis services. Examples of how states can prepare for full ACA implementation and strategies for increasing testing, linkage to care, and care and treatment will be highlighted.

*Amy Killelea, Associate Director, Health Care Access*
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

*Moderator: Rachel McLean, California Department of Public Health*

10:45 – 12:15 PM  Federal Action to Respond to Viral Hepatitis – Dupont A

While health departments are responsible for coordinating the response to viral hepatitis, federal agency priorities and policies impact the provision of state coordination. An overview of the *Viral Hepatitis Action Plan* continuation will be discussed and federal agencies will provide programmatic priority updates.

*Ronald Valdiserri, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health*
HHS Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy

*Elinore McCance-Katz, Chief Medical Officer*
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

*John Ward, Director*
CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis

*Moderator: Ralph Wilmoth, Arkansas Department of Health*

1:30 – 3:00 PM  Concurrent Sessions

Health Department Role in an Evolving Health System – Dupont B

With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, how individuals access insurance and services is changing. The role of public health is even more important in assuring health services exist, that prevention of infectious diseases is prioritized and that underserved populations are served. This
session will include an overview of how two health departments are responding to the evolving health system. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Anne Brenner, Manager, Business Development  
Washington State Department of Health

Rachel McLean, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator  
California Department of Public Health

Moderator: Linda Brown, South Carolina Department of Health

Addressing HCV Among Baby Boomers - Kalorama
Baby boomers account for nearly three fourths of all cases of HCV in the U.S. The CDC has recommended that all baby boomers be tested for HCV. This session will include presentations on how health departments are raising awareness of these guidelines and how advocates are working on policy initiatives to increase the number of baby boomers who know their status. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Nirah Johnson, Community Projects Specialist  
New York City Department of Health

Hadiyah Charles, Hepatitis C Advocacy Manager  
Harm Reduction Coalition

Moderator: Phil Reichert, Florida Department of Health

Working with Jails and Prisons – Dupont A
The prevalence of HCV infection in prison inmates is substantially higher than that of the general U.S. population. Testing and treating individuals in jails and prisons provides a unique opportunity to diagnose and treat individuals living with HCV, though there are unique challenges to implementing testing and treatment in jails and prisons. This session will include presentations on how health departments are working with jails, prisons and the court system to reach this important population impacted by HCV. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Heather Bush, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator  
Utah Department of Health

Jude Leahy, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator  
Oregon Health Authority

Dielda Robertson, Epidemiologist Specialist/Hepatitis Coordinator  
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Moderator: Shannon Mason, New York State Department of Health
Concurrent Workshops

Strategies for Increasing Testing – Dupont A
With up to 75% of people living with HBV or HCV unaware of their status, health departments have been identifying opportunities to increase testing and linkage to care services. With little or no categorical funding to support HBV and/or HCV testing, there are significant challenges. Health departments have been identifying creative strategies to offer HBV or HCV testing in their jurisdictions. This session will include presentations on how health departments are implementing testing programs, including rapid HCV screening. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Jude Dean, Adult Viral Hepatitis Program Coordinator
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Sheila Guilfoyle, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
Wisconsin Division of Public Health

Lauren Stockman, Hepatitis C Epidemiologist
Wisconsin Division of Public Health

Ginger Provo, Nurse Epidemiologist/Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
Alaska Division of Public Health

Moderator: Shane Scharer, Iowa Department of Public Health

Strengthening Viral Hepatitis Surveillance - Kalorama
Health departments do not receive funding to conduct viral hepatitis surveillance, though many are working to collect, analyze and use HBV and HCV data to increase awareness and effectively target prevention efforts. This session will include presentations on basic surveillance activities health departments can conduct to better describe the HBV and/or HCV epidemic in their state. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Dan Church, Epidemiologist/Viral Hepatitis Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Dielda Robertson, Epidemiologist Specialist/Hepatitis Coordinator
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Kendra Viner, Hepatitis Epidemiology Program Coordinator
Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Moderator: Alex Sheriffs, Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Addressing Hepatitis in Communities of Color – Dupont B

African Americans, Latinos and Asian Pacific Islanders are disproportionately impacted by HBV and HCV. While there have been programs working to raise awareness among and test Asian Pacific Islanders for HBV, there has not been a concerted effort to raise awareness of and provide HCV testing services for African Americans and Latinos. This session will include presentations on why culturally appropriate population specific outreach is needed to reach populations disproportionately impacted by HCV. Examples of activities at the federal, state and local level will be discussed. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Christopher Bates, Senior Advisor to the Director
HHS Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy

Isaiah Webster, Senior Manager, Health Equity/Prevention
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Hadiyah Charles, Hepatitis C Advocacy Manager
Harm Reduction Coalition

Moderator: Ronada Anderson, Alabama Department of Public Health

6:30 – 8:00 PM Future Directions in Treatment (dinner provided) – Glover Park

Congressman Hank Johnson (GA) - Invited

Tracy Swan, Hepatitis/HIV Project Director
Treatment Action Group
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Public/Private Partnerships – Dupont B
In the absence of categorical funding for HBV or HCV testing, linkage to care, and care and treatment programs, health departments, community partners and private industry are identifying creative strategies to increase awareness, testing, linkage to care and care and treatment services. This session will include presentations on how health departments are working with community partners and private industry, ways that industry is working to support health department and community priorities, and how health departments can and should work to increase public and private partnerships. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

*Alex Sheriffs, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator*
*Philadelphia Department of Public Health*

*Tony Zezzo, Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing*
*OraSure Technologies*

* Moderator: Anne Brenner, Washington State Department of Health*

Strengthening State Based Advocacy & Engagement - Kalorama
Health departments work with a number of external stakeholders, including advocates, grantees, community based organizations and private industry. These individuals and organizations are uniquely positioned to raise awareness of HBV and HCV with policy makers at the local, state and federal level. This session will include presentations on how health departments are working with stakeholders to improve programmatic activities, inform external advocacy, and manage the balance between education and advocacy. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

*Larry Cuellar, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator*
*Texas Department of State Health Services*

*Shane Scharer, Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator*
*Iowa Department of Public Health*

*Patricia Young, HIV and Hepatitis Prevention Program Manager*
*Iowa Department of Public Health*

* Moderator: Emily McCloskey, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors*
Public Health and Community Health Center Collaboration – Dupont A
Federally Qualified Health Centers and other community health centers are uniquely positioned to provide hepatitis testing and linkage to care and care and treatment services. With a vast network nationwide serving medically vulnerable populations, they are well suited to integrate hepatitis services. There continue to be challenges in offering these services as they are considered “specialty services” by many health centers. This session will include a basic overview of the Federal Qualified Health Center program as well as how health departments are working with individual centers and state primary care associations. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Christopher Cannon, Manager, Health Care Access
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Colleen Flanigan, Director, Viral Hepatitis Section
New York Department of Public Health

Andrea Lombard, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator
Connecticut Department of Public Health

Moderator: Rachel McLean, California Department of Public Health

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Utilizing Data to Raise the Profile of Hepatitis - Kalorama
Health departments are utilizing hepatitis data to highlight the problem in their jurisdiction and the unique role that health departments play in responding to the epidemic. This session will include presentations on how to identify data sources, how to analyze and share this data at the local, state and federal level to increase awareness and prioritization of public health programs. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Rachel Hart-Malloy, Epidemiologist
New York State Department of Public Health

Liisa Randall, Director of Health Care Planning
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Natalie Cramer, Director, Prevention
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Moderator: Jude Leahy, Oregon Health Authority

Reducing Injection-Related HCV Transmission – Dupont A
Injection drug use continues to be the primary cause of HCV infections in the U.S. Recent trends indicate that there is an emerging HCV epidemic among young people who inject drugs. This session will include presentations on the HCV epidemic among people who inject drugs and how the federal government and health departments are responding to HCV among this population. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.
Improving Testing, Care and Treatment Services – Dupont B

With the Affordable Care Act, rapid HCV testing and new HCV treatments on the horizon, there are increased opportunities to improve testing, linkage to care and care and treatment of HCV. This session will include presentations on how health departments are working to increase testing and linkage to care, care and treatment, and approaches to support individuals through treatment. The presentations will be followed by a group discussion of how other participants are addressing this issue in their jurisdiction.

Thaddeus Pham, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
Hawaii Department of Health

Andrea Lombard, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator
Connecticut Department of Public Health

Sandra Graham, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

Amanda Bowes, Associate, Health Care Access/Viral Hepatitis
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

Moderator: Ami Gandhi, Georgia Department of Health

12:15 – 1:45 PM  HCV and Drug Use (lunch provided) – Dupont A

Michael Botticelli, Deputy Director
Office of National Drug Control Policy

Jon Zibbell, Health Scientist
CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis

Dan Church, Epidemiologist/Viral Hepatitis Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Moderator: Chris Taylor, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

1:45 – 2:00 PM  Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks – Dupont A

Murray Penner, Deputy Executive Director
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
At the technical assistance meeting, NASTAD released “Breaking the Silence on an Epidemic: Policy Recommendations to End Viral Hepatitis”

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