

**Pharmacy Working Group Call Notes**  
**April 28, 2017**  
**1pm Eastern/10am Pacific**

1. Introductions
2. Report back from Gilead Pharmacy Meeting – Michelle Martin, Bob Gish, Robyn Teply, other attendees
  - The meeting took place on Gilead’s campus in March 2017 and included pharmacists and physicians from across the country. Presentation topics included community pharmacists caring for patients with hepatitis C (HCV), Project ECHO, Veterans Affairs (VA) pharmacists’ experience regarding HCV treatment, utilizing pharmacy students’ help in getting prior approvals, HCV screening in a rural setting and HCV screening in a retail setting.
  - Overall, it was an eye-opening meeting and informed everyone about the role that pharmacists can play in treating HCV.
  - Maybe all working group members would like to have a separate meeting at relevant conferences. Tina and Bekeela will compile a list of relevant conferences in which people may want to meet, attend or submit abstracts. (see attached or see link in body of email – let’s send them to your draft unless you wanted to send later?)
  - There is a lack of HCV statistics – [hepvu.org](http://hepvu.org) was just launched and provides surveillance data
3. Report back from New York State Pharmacy HCV Meeting – Eric Rude
  - The meeting took place in early April 2017 to discuss pharmacy practice policy issues in New York state with about 70 attendees.
  - At the end of the meeting, a group of about 20 people agreed to work on changing the practice law so that pharmacists can do some clinical services (i.e. test, diagnose and treat HCV patients). The aim is for this workgroup to be trained as advocates to change legislation in New York.
    - At the VA and IHS, about 95% of pharmacists already do testing and other clinical practices with comparable SVR rates and better retention in care.
4. Update on State Level Pharmacy Reimbursement Legislation - Alex Adams (invited), Thaddeus Pham, Julie Akers
  - Bill Remak said that in California, there’s a [bill being moved forward](#) that will allow a person’s medical care to not be interrupted when moving from one insurance plan to another. Please email Bekeela if you’d like to see fact sheets and additional resources
5. Discussion – NASEM Hepatitis Elimination Report & Implications for Pharmacy Work
  - WHO also has released their Global Hepatitis Report, similar to the elimination report
  - NVHR considering recommendations regarding important role for pharmacists in hepatitis B and hepatitis C elimination.
  - This group can work with other national pharmacy associations like the American Pharmacists Association.
  - Pharmacy students and medical student associations are other options to do (and promote) projects and gather data.

- Linking data with community events is going to be helpful to get the pharmacist's scope of duty expanded.

#### 6. Next Steps

- Tina and Bekeela developed [a group roster](#) on the google group. Please let them know if you don't want to be on the roster. Please update your information as appropriate by clicking on the link to edit
- Tina and Bekeela will work to get permission to share the slides from the Gilead pharmacy meeting.
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