

Community/Coalition Building Statewide



Overview

- ▶ Statewide coalition building
- ▶ State health department collaboration
- ▶ Hepatitis Free PA current and future activities

Pennsylvania can eliminate Hepatitis

- ▶ A strong foundation
 - ▶ Hepatitis B foundation
 - ▶ HepCAP
 - ▶ HepFree Allegheny
 - ▶ Community Liver Alliance
 - ▶ Provider and patient advocates across the state
 - ▶ Engaged local and state epidemiologists

Developing a Statewide Coalition

- ▶ Formation of Hep Free PA Viral Hepatitis Elimination Coalition
 - ▶ Under fiscal umbrella of Community Liver Alliance
 - ▶ Purpose: to develop and implement advocacy strategy that will support implementation of the viral hepatitis elimination plan
 - ▶ Identify Coalition Co-Chairs
 - ▶ Create an Advisory Committee
 - ▶ Identify and organize community members who may be impacted by the HCV and HBV epidemics
 - ▶ Host monthly Coalition meetings
 - ▶ Advocacy Efforts
 - ▶ Secure funding through grant writing and government engagement
 - ▶ Secure government endorsement of the viral hepatitis elimination plan

Coalition Members

Co-Chairs:

Stacey Trooskin, MD, PhD
Medical Director
Philly Fight Clinic

Chari Cohen, DrPH, MPH
Sr. Vice President
Hep B Foundation/Hep B United

More than 300 Coalition members representing;

- ▶ Academia
- ▶ Behavioral Health
- ▶ Community-based organizations
- ▶ Corrections
- ▶ Government
- ▶ Harm reduction
- ▶ Health care
- ▶ Industry partners
- ▶ Legislators
- ▶ People with lived experience and Caregivers

Advisory Committee

- ▶ The Pennsylvania Viral Hepatitis Elimination Coalition Advisory Committee provides strategic guidance on the development and direction of the PA Viral Hepatitis Elimination Coalition's policy and advocacy activities.
- ▶ Further, the Advisory Committee will empower the Coalition and its members to help raise the profile of important issues with policymakers, both state and local; to develop priorities, timelines, and action items.
- ▶ The Advisory Committee is comprised of up to five members plus the coalition's co-chairs.
- ▶ Currently working on mission vision values.

Budget Request

- ▶ A budget was developed by the Coalition Co-Chairs
- ▶ Shared with the Coalition membership for review and comment
- ▶ Meeting with the Secretary of Health in October 2019
- ▶ Meeting with the Budget Secretary in January 2020
- ▶ Budget submitted for consideration
- ▶ COVID-19 Happens ☹️
- ▶ Follow up letter to the PA Governor for budget consideration September 2020

Future Planning

- ▶ Advocacy efforts
- ▶ Annual Hill Day
- ▶ Annual Viral Hepatitis Screening Day
- ▶ Legislative Meetings/Letter writing campaign
- ▶ Educational forums
- ▶ Town Hall events for people with lived experience

Questions?

