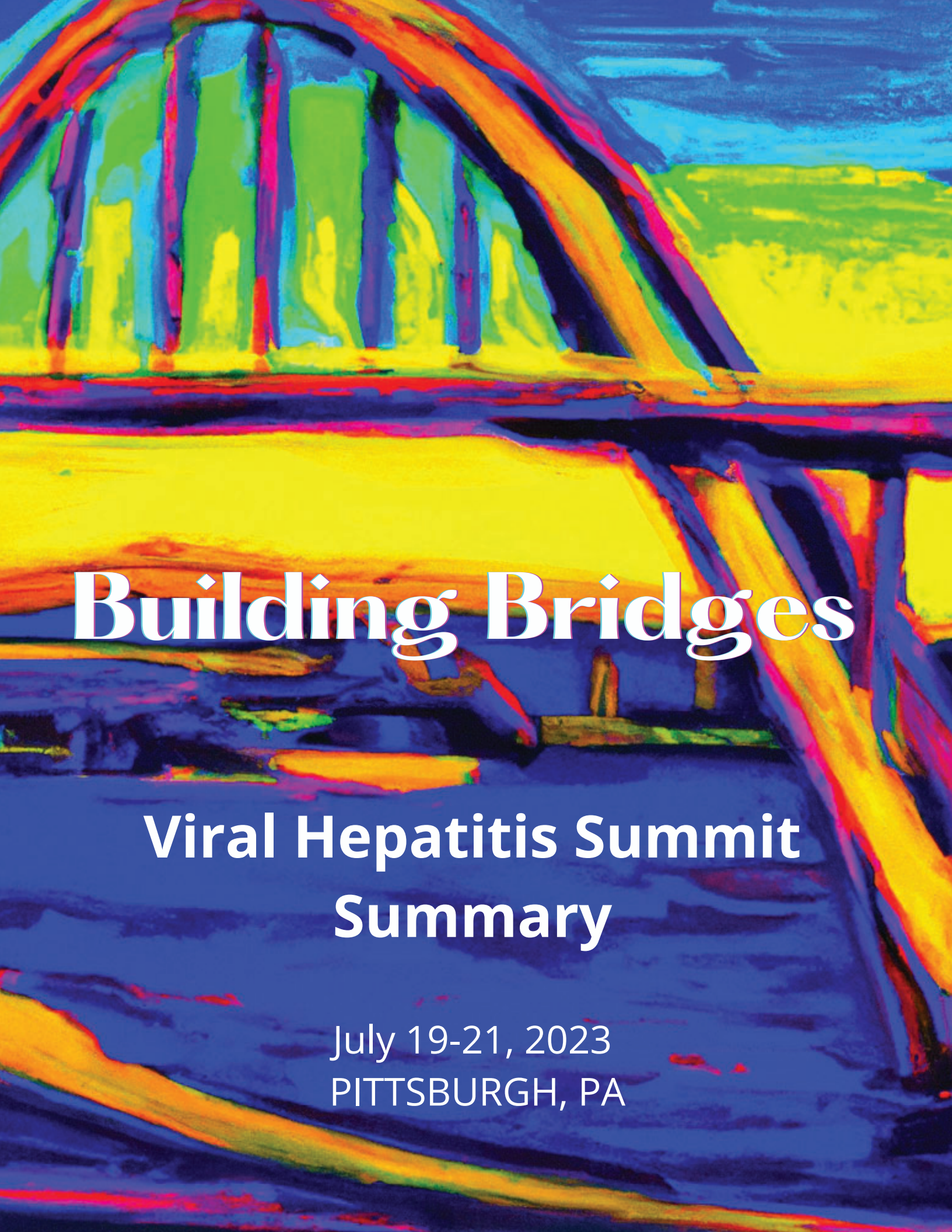


Building Bridges

Viral Hepatitis Summit Summary

July 19-21, 2023
PITTSBURGH, PA

Build Bridges with Us.

The Community Liver Alliance, along with an expert planning committee hosted a 3-day, in-person Viral Hepatitis Summit which took place in Pittsburgh, PA on July 19-21, 2023.

Viral hepatitis is a significant public health threat that puts people who are infected at an increased risk for serious disease and death.

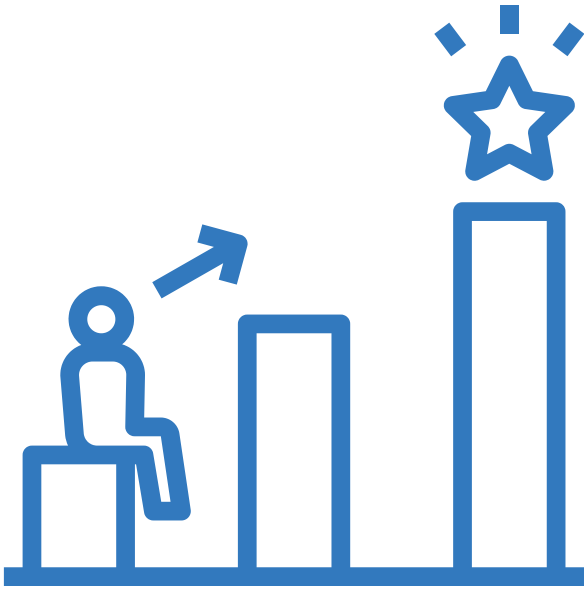
Viral hepatitis is associated with substantial health consequences, stigma, and discrimination.

It takes a large toll on individuals as well as communities, many of which are disproportionately impacted.

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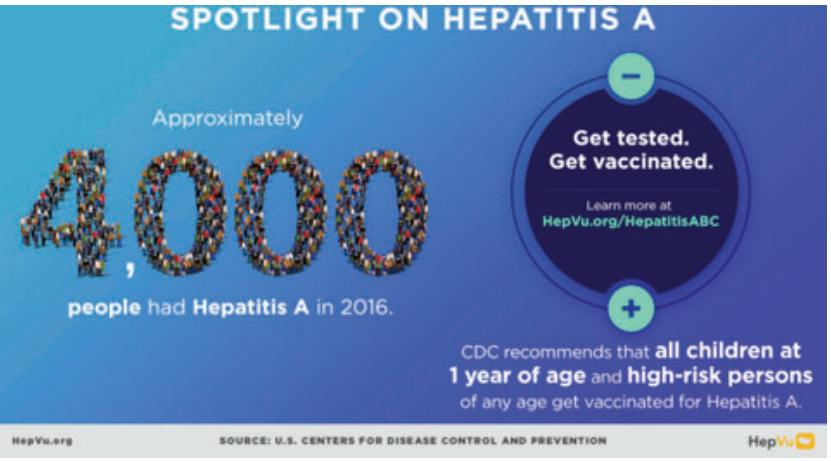
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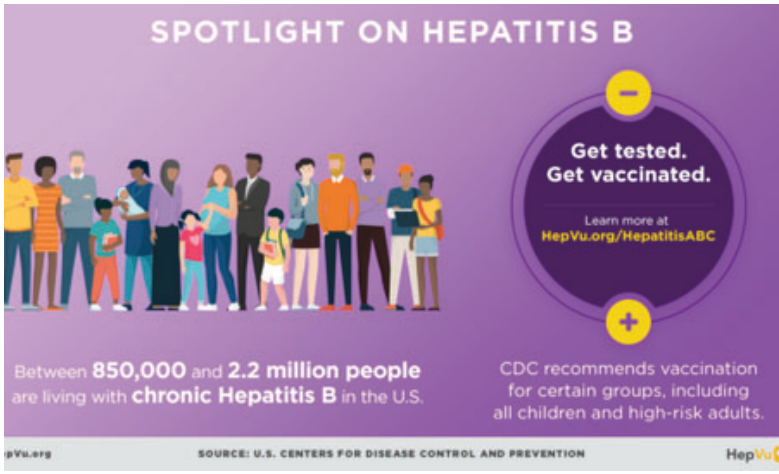


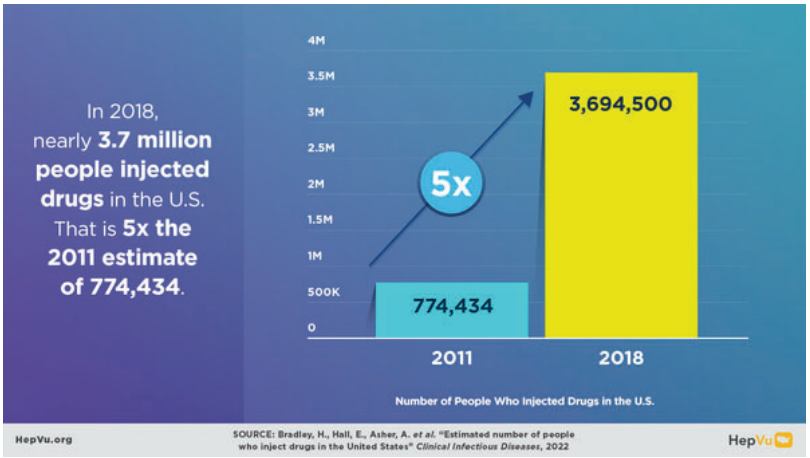
- Bring together the broad viral hepatitis community
- To identify strategies and best practices
- To Expand viral hepatitis elimination
- To successfully reduce disease burden and affect health equity

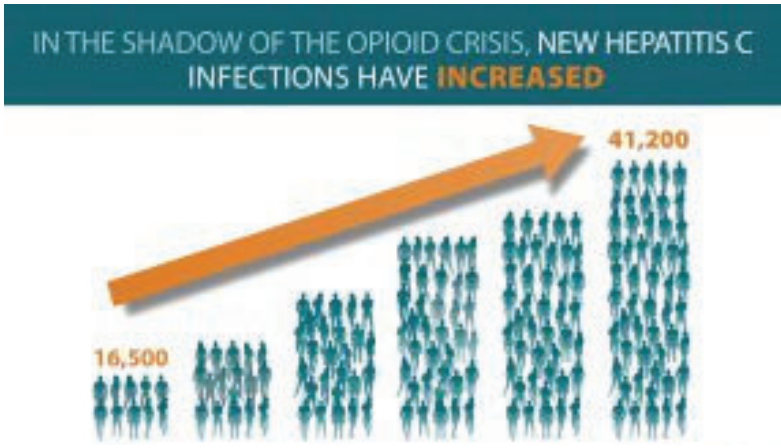
Hepatitis Disparities at a Glance

By building bridges, we endeavor to understand the disparities which exist for access to care and services for people living with viral hepatitis and identify evidence-based approaches to remove barriers to effect health equity. We will also provide training and education for service providers on screening and treating viral hepatitis, harm reduction strategies, and grassroots advocacy training.









- First 3 Infographics were shared by Hepvu.org and were sourced by US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- The Hepatitis C infections Increased was created by www.cdc.gov/hepatitis for more information.

Summit Priorities



1. Understand the disparities which exist for access to care and services for people living with viral hepatitis and identify evidence - based approaches to remove barriers to effect health equity.

2. Describe real-world best practices that have been implemented to improve hepatitis prevention and treatment outcomes in high-risk populations.

3. Identify evidence-based approaches to remove legal and other barriers to allow for the expansion of comprehensive harm reduction services in communities across the nation.

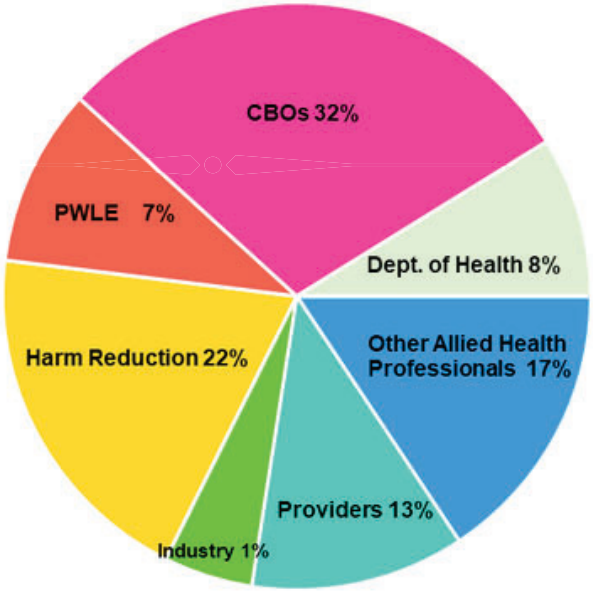
4. Describe successful strategies that have been implemented nationally to guide federal and state elimination.

Summit Attendance

The goal of the Summit is to bring together the broad viral hepatitis community to identify strategies and best practices to successfully reduce disease burden, affect health equity and expand viral hepatitis elimination.

The Planning Committee brought together state, federal and global subject matter experts to educate and inform the audience with interactive sessions both in person and virtually.

More than 100 individuals attended the Summit, representing health care providers, health department staff, workers from community-based organizations, HCV educators, peer counselors, harm reductionists, industry representatives, and other allied partners



Attendance

Summit Recommendations

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS IDENTIFIED BY PARTICIPANTS

The recommended steps outlined here stem from the key points raised in the presentations and discussions held during the Summit. This list doesn't aim to provide a comprehensive transcript of the meeting but rather serves as a concise summary of potential strategies to advance the elimination of viral hepatitis. It's important for readers to recognize that endeavors to enhance awareness, diagnosis, and treatment of viral hepatitis should be tailored to suit the specific needs, preferences, and realities of the individuals targeted by these services.

- Shift power and resources to those most vulnerable to structural violence
- Center racial justice and leadership for Black, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples
- Uplift the voices and priorities of people who use drugs
- Provide resources to those who are minoritized and historically under-resourced/ over-exploited, including those of LGBTQ+ experience, monolingual
- Spanish speakers, and those who engage in sex work
- Ensure that services and resources are available and accessible to those living with disabilities
- Create a space for community accountability, including transformative justice, healing justice, and restorative justice
- Geographic diversity
- Being mindful of the often-harmful impact of the involvement of the justice system within harm reduction programs and services
- Increasing health equity and address racial justice in communities relevant to disparities based on economics (or poverty), race/ethnicity, other demographic data (or other populations under attack - such as serving sex workers or migrant communities) and/or geography
- Address social determinants of health and co-occurring conditions
- Increase hepatitis vaccination and supporting vaccine development Eliminate perinatal transmission of hepatitis B and C
- Increase the capacity of public health, health care systems and health workforce to prevent and manage viral hepatitis
- BDVs must be mandatorily available in all African countries, especially with the recent GAVI Pact recognizing the importance of BDVs in Africa
- Bringing Together Behavioral and Physical Health in Viral Hepatitis
- We must do a better job of making providers aware of the new U.S. Screening Recommendations for HBV
- HBV-HDV co-infection results in accelerated liver disease with poor outcomes and no approved treatments currently available, HDV continues to pose a significant public health risk

Summit Agenda

July 20, 2023

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome and Introductions	**Suzanna Masartis and Teresa Davidson** Summit Co-Chairs
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Speaker HCV Elimination Update	**Anthony Martinez, MD, AAHIVS, FAASLD** Associate Professor of Medicine Jacobs School of Medicine University at Buffalo Medical Director, Hepatology Erie County Medical Center
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Review of CDC's Methods and Results for Developing Hepatitis C Virus Clearance Cascades (virtual)	**William Thompson, PhD** Senior Scientist Division of Viral Hepatitis National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	National Elimination Plan Update (virtual)	**Rachael Fleurence, PhD** National Institute of Health (NIH) Senior Advisor to Dr. Francis Collins Science Advisor to the President, White House
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break Sponsored by Gilead Visit Exhibits	**Hepatitis C: The Quiet Disease For the Record** Vice News/Gilead Video
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Complicated Funding Ecosystem Opioid Settlement	**Tricia Christensen,** Director of Policy Community Education Group **Katherine Brookmeyer, MPH** Division of STP Prevention CDC **Kirsten Forseth, MPH** Associate Director NASTAD Drug User Health Team
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	Addressing Viral Heptatitis B & C in a rural setting	**Tuesdae Stainbrook, DO, MPH** TruCare Internal Medicine
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Rethinking Incarceration and Empowering Recovery (RIvER) Clinic Model of Caring for Individuals following Incarceration.	**Allegheny Health Network River Team** **Dyvia Venkat, MD** Inclusion Health Track Director **Hannah Cawoski, PharmD** Clinical Pharmacy Specialist
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	People with Lived Experience Panel: Gaining Trust and Building Bridges in Rural Communities	**Moderator: Lill Prosperino** Harm Reduction Resource Coordinator National Harm Reduction Coalition (NHRC)
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	HepConnect	**Mariah Francis, MPH** Harm Reduction Resource Associate

Summit Agenda

July 21, 2023

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	NASTAD New Plan	**Zakiya Grubbs, MPH** Manager, Hepatitis, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Hepatitis Elimination in Africa (virtual)	**Dr. Bisi Bright, FPCPharm, FPSN, MPH, MNIM** 1st Vice Chairman / CEO, LiveWell Initiative
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Novel Approaches to Elimination Panel Tennessee, Kentucky, Arizona and Indiana	**Amber Coyne, MPH,** Syndemic Coordination Director Department of Health State of TN **Dia J. Obonyo, DrPH** Prevention Coordinator, Part Time Instructor - Kentucky Department for Public Health Viral Hepatitis Program **Arlis Jenkins, MPH** Arizona Department of Health Services Ending the Epidemic Program Manager **Brittany M. Gross, MPH, CHW** Viral Hepatitis Service Program Manager Indiana Dept. of Health
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Hepatitis C Virus Treatment, Evaluation, Management and Post Treatment Monitoring in Children	**Ligai Alfaro Cruz, MD** Asst. Professor of Pediatrics, Quillen College of Medicine East TN State University
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Bringing Together Behavioral and Physical Health	**Jennifer Fiddner, MPH, CIC** Epidemiologist Allegheny County Health Department **Jaspreet Brar, MD, PhD, MPH** Senior Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	The Current State of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis Delta (virtual)	**Beatrice Zovich, MPH** Public Health Program Coordinator Hep B Foundation
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	People with Lived Experience Panel Discussion Meaningful Engagment with PWLE	**Moderator: Clayton Ruley, MSS, MLSP** Director, DEI and Harm Reduction Community Liver Alliance
4:00 PM	Wrap up and Next Steps	**Suzanna Masartis and Teresa Davidson** Summit Co-Chairs

Summit Feedback

More on community-lead efforts for viral hepatitis elimination

Perinatal Harm Reduction (I know I sound like a broken record), inclusion of other high-risk communities on the People with Lived. Experience panel & more questions about navigating the system & what people need from us to make access to care & treatment easier.

Great program and I enjoyed it.

If there were less presenters that were remote, I feel like that would improve the overall experience. I do understand how hard it is to get so many people in the same space at the same time. It was good to have a virtual option for attendance. Had we known about that earlier, Matt colleagues could have attended virtually. I am happy that I attended. I was able to meet folks in person that I spend a lot of time in virtual meetings with & it is so helpful to learn what is working in other communities. Thank you!

With our program if clients run or leave without hep C medication what else can we do with medication. Hard to reach some clients and some maybe homeless.

More harm reduction :)

Really enjoyed hearing how different states handled program. Keep this in for next year with more states being used.

More about perinatal HCV

Great job organizing this conference!

The content was excellent!

Add CME

Enjoyed it very much!!

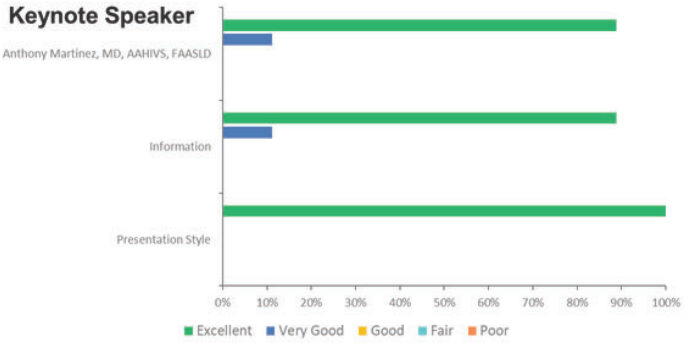
Actual examples of local health departments receiving viral hepatitis funding.

Thank you for your passion and dedication to raising education and awareness of Hep B & C

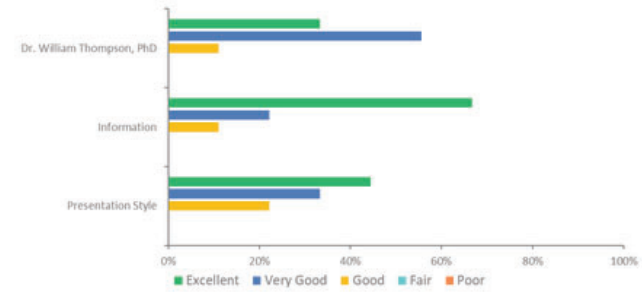
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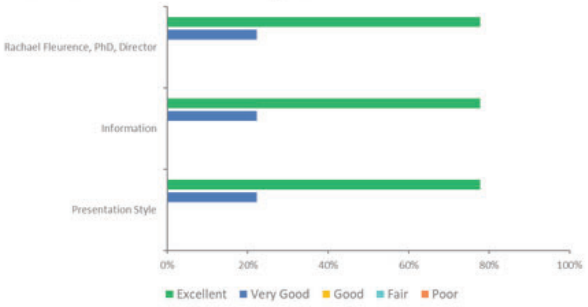
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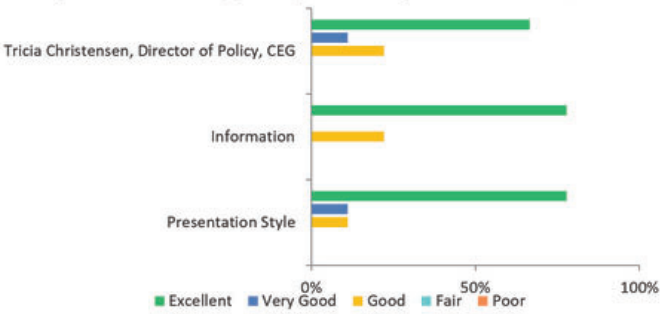
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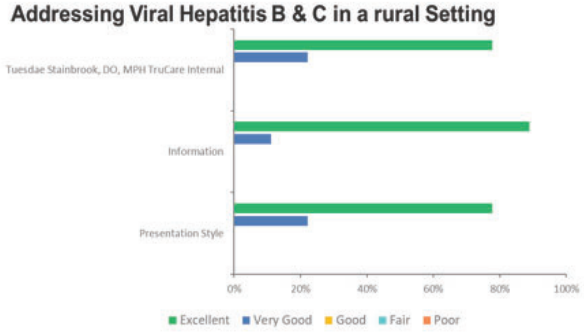
National Elimination Plan Update



Complicated Funding Ecosystem - Opioid Settlement, ETC



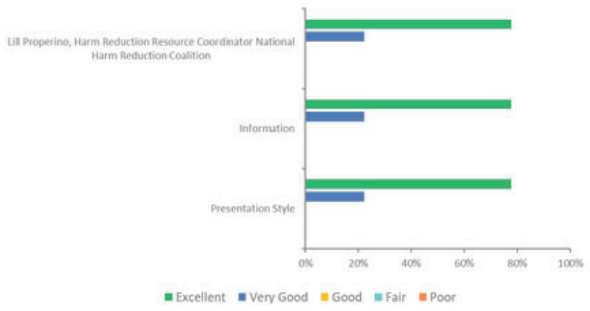
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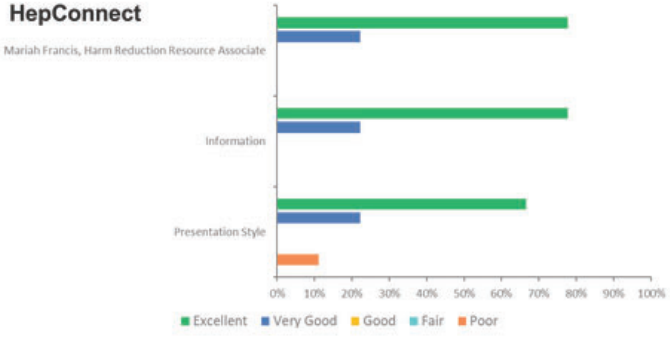
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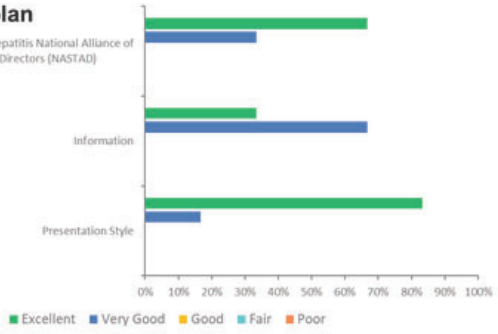


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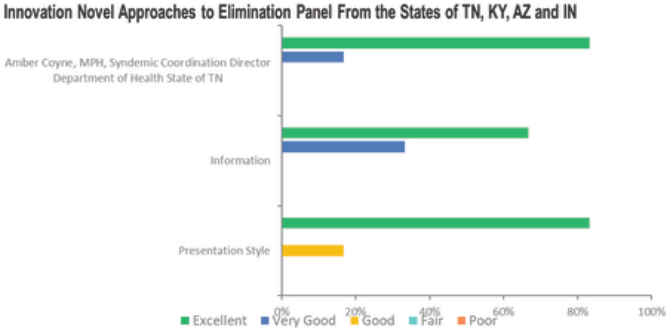
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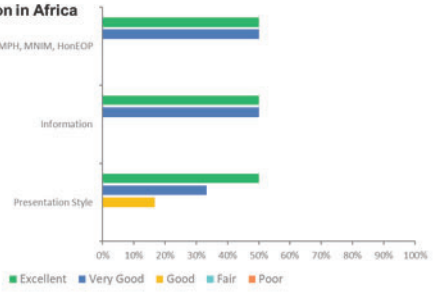
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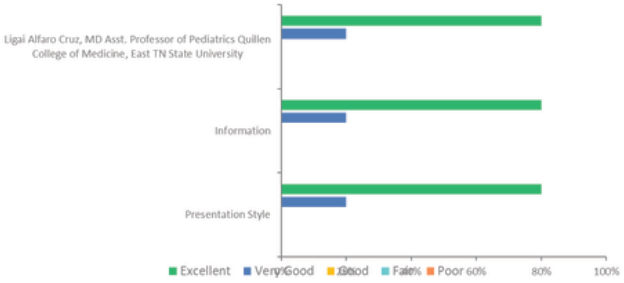
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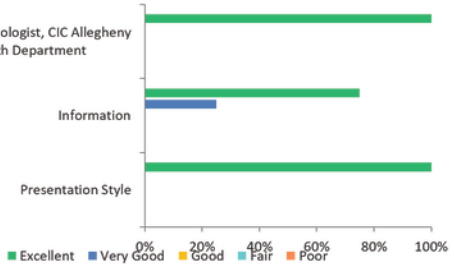
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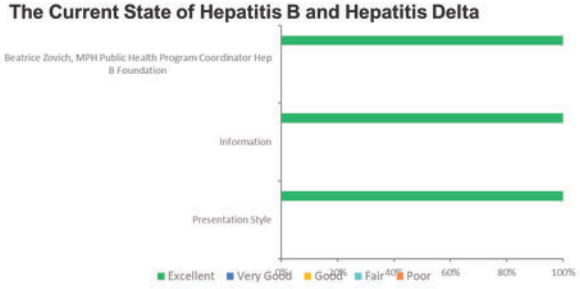
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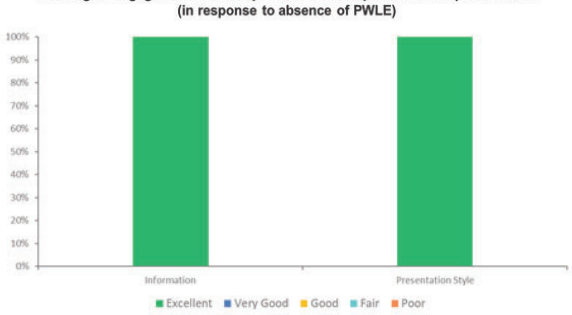


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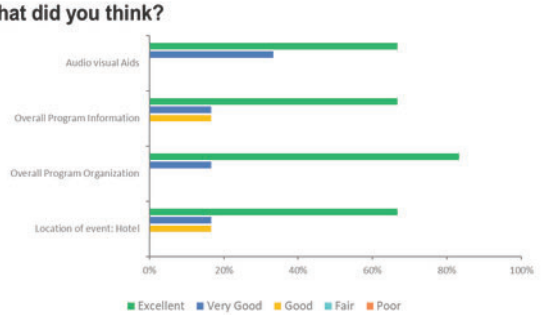
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Meaningful Engagement with People with Lived Experience Group Brainstorm (in response to absence of PWLE)



What did you think?



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- Frank Hood, MPS, Director - Hep B United, Associate Director Policy & Partnerships, Hepatitis B Foundation
- Alison Kost, RN, Viral Hepatitis Program Director – Community Liver Alliance
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- Clayton A. - A. Ruley, MSS, MLSP, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Harm Reduction – Community Liver Alliance
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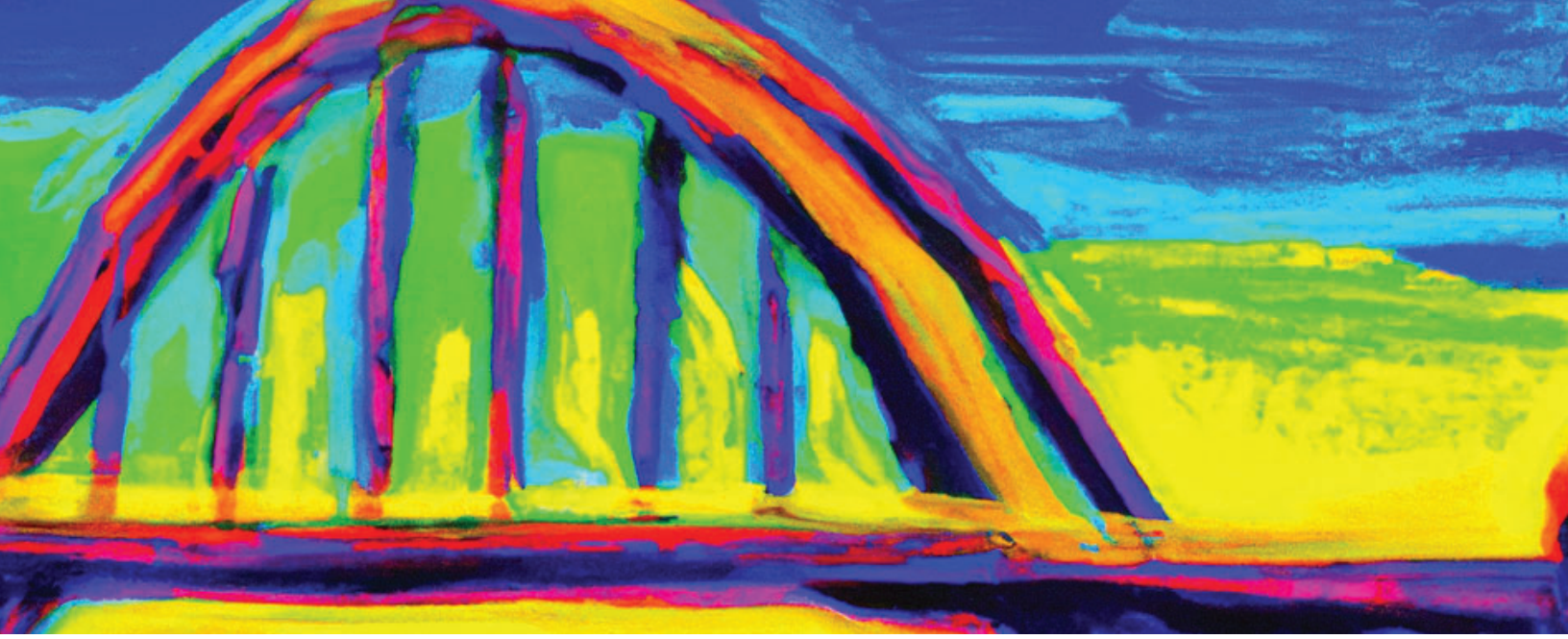








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