

Opening Remarks

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Joseph Kerwin, Director, AIDS Institute

Tina Kim, MSc, Acting Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Health Equity and Human Rights of the New York State Department of Health

Dr. Ashwin Vasan, MD, PhD, Commissioner of Health, City of New York

Keynote

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Rachael Fleurence, MSc, PhD

Senior Advisor to The White House on the National Plan for Hepatitis C Elimination

Progress Towards Hepatitis C Elimination New York State

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

- New York State Elimination Metrics Update
Larissa Wilberschied, MS
Epidemiology and Surveillance Program Manager, AIDS Institute
- Updates on New York State Programs, Policy, and Significant Accomplishments
Colleen Flanigan, RN, MS
Director, Bureau of Hepatitis Health Care and Epidemiology, AIDS Institute

New York City

- New York City Elimination Metrics Update
Holly Anger, MPH
Senior Surveillance and Research Scientist, Viral Hepatitis Program
Bureau of Hepatitis, HIV and STI, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Updates on New York City Programs, Policy, and Significant Accomplishments
Marie P Bresnahan, MPH
Director, Training, Policy and Administration, Viral Hepatitis Program
Bureau of Hepatitis, HIV and STI, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Break

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Innovative and Promising Practices Breakout Session

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Breakout 1: Opioid treatment programs, an opportunity to increase access to hepatitis C services

To achieve elimination in New York State, hepatitis C prevention, testing and treatment must be more accessible to people who use drugs. Opioid treatment programs are uniquely positioned to reduce access related barriers to hepatitis C services, including patient education and screening, medication delivery and storage, and treatment adherence. This session will review promising practices and lessons learned from three opioid treatment programs.

- Hepatitis C Elimination Campaign in a Hospital-Based Opioid Treatment Program
Julia Hunter, MD, MPH, FASAM and Jennifer Hatton, United Health Services
- Universal Access to Hepatitis C Treatment in an Opioid Treatment Program
Sara Lorenz Taki, MD and Ashley Magnussen, CRPA, CASAC-T, Greenwich House
- Building Capacities in Opioid Treatment Programs for Hepatitis C Treatment Services and Care Management Supports
Ana Ventuneac, PhD and Anthony Mcleod, START Treatment and Recovery Centers, Inc.

Breakout 2: Promising practices for hepatitis C screening and linkage to care in correctional settings

Nearly one-third of Americans with hepatitis C spend at least part of the year in a carceral facility. People who are incarcerated often have low rates of engagement with healthcare despite higher rates of significant health and behavioral health needs. Local jails and alternatives to incarceration programs are uniquely positioned to facilitate screening and address barriers to linkage to care for people with hepatitis C. This session will share lessons learned and promising practices for developing hepatitis C services in correctional settings.

- Implementing Opt-out Hepatitis C Testing in a County Jail
Antonie Hiemer, PhD, MS, RN, CLNC, Madison County Sheriff Department
- Collaboration with Local County Jails to Screen and Link to Care People with Hepatitis C
Ashley Sears, LPN, Hudson Headwaters Health Network
- Improving Linkage to Hepatitis C Care from Alternatives to Incarceration Programs
Lindsey Riback, MPH, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center

Breakout 3: Innovative strategies to identify and link people with hepatitis C to care and treatment

Barriers remain at each step in the HCV cascade of care from screening to linkage to treatment to assessment for cure. This session will explore innovative approaches to identifying barriers and implementing solutions to achieve universal HCV screening and increase access to curative treatment.

- Sun River Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center Network in New York State - Data Analysis of HCV Testing and Treatment
Dr. Aarathi Nagaraja, MD, CPH, Mary Correa, and Aldonza Milian, Sun River Health
- Utilizing Telehealth for Hepatitis C Treatment within a Syringe Exchange Program
Brian Hennessey, MPH, Housing Works
- Community Health Worker Facilitated Hepatitis C Telehealth Model
Reginald Idlett, REACH Program, Mount Sinai Hospital

Closing Remarks

1:30 pm – 1:50 pm

Dr. Shashi N Kapadia

Assistant Professor of Population Health Sciences, Weil Cornell Medical College

Closing

1:50 pm – 2:00 pm

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