

# **Working w/in Health Departments to Promote Viral Hepatitis Prevention and Care**

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# What state and local health departments CAN do



- Fund programs
- Validate best practices through guidelines, strategic plans, reports, conferences, research
- Work with other government agencies
- Provide health information materials, expertise
- Mobilize communities to solve health problems

# What state and local health departments **CANNOT** do



**CALL TO  
ACTION**



- Take public positions supporting or opposing:
  - legislation
  - budget cuts
  - candidates
  - court decisions
- Talk to the media without getting talking points cleared first by office of public affairs

# What community-based organizations & individuals CAN do



**CALL TO ACTION**

- Ask for what you want (see handout)
- Hold government agencies accountable
- Participate in community planning groups
- Educate the press and policymakers
- (Take public positions on legislation, etc.)

# Ways health departments and CBOs can work TOGETHER

Health department leads

Health department supports community

Community supports health department

Community leads

# California Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Strategic Plan, 2010-2014

## Health department leads

- Inviting government reps. (mental health, drug and alcohol, corrections, etc.)
- Finalizing plan, coordinating implementation

## Health department supports community

- Drafting the plan
- Convening meetings
- Paying for space, facilitator, travel

## Community supports health department

- Approval for the plan
- Media coverage for plan

## Community leads

- Sharing plan with media, legislature, policymakers



# Plan Implementation: Programs (HCV testing, referral guide)

## Health department leads

- Provider education w/ medical associations
- HCV testing guidelines for non-healthcare settings

## Health department supports community

- Funding for HCV testing
- Admin support for hep services referral guide

## Community supports health department

- Advisory group
- Hosting referral guide on CalHEP website

## Community leads

- Service delivery
- Fundraising from industry
- Adding information to referral guide

# Plan Implementation: Policies (ACA, legislation)

## Health department leads

- Analysis of health reform
- Comments to state/federal agencies on draft policies

## Health department supports community

- Health reform newsletter
- Testimony for legislature

## Community supports health department

- Budget requests 2015: \$2.2M/yr for 3 yr HCV linkages demo projects

## Community leads

- Legislative briefings
- Syringe access, HCV testing legislation



# Questions for Discussion

- What has worked well in health department/community collaborations that you have been a part of?
- What surprised you?
- What challenged you?
- What did you learn?
- How will you work differently/ more effectively with your health department partners differently after this presentation?

# Resources

- California Institute for Local Government: Working Effectively with Local Officials (Fact Sheet)

[http://www.ca-ilg.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/resources\\_Working\\_With\\_Local\\_Officials\\_Final\\_5-10.pdf](http://www.ca-ilg.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/resources_Working_With_Local_Officials_Final_5-10.pdf)

- CDPH Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention

[www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/pages/ovhp.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/pages/ovhp.aspx)

- Viral Hepatitis Action Plan Stakeholders' Workbook

<http://blog.aids.gov/2014/05/introducing-a-viral-hepatitis-action-plan-stakeholders-workbook.html>

- NASTAD Viral Hepatitis Advocacy Toolkit

[http://nastad.org/Files/051139\\_NastadToolkit\\_web.pdf](http://nastad.org/Files/051139_NastadToolkit_web.pdf)

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