Caring Ambassadors
2nd Syndemic Roundtable

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Overview

About NACCHO and Local Health Departments

What LHDs are doing to address the opioid epidemic

NACCHO engagement with LHDs on HCV

NACCHOs work to address the syndemics

Working with LHDs

Federal advocacy for funding and authorizing legislation
Our Mission

NACCHO is comprised of nearly 3,000 local health departments across the United States. Our mission is to improve the health of communities by strengthening and advocating for local health departments.
Professional Home for Local Health Officials and Staff
Local health departments promote and protect the health of people and the communities where they live and work.
NACCHO Serves All Sizes of LHDs

Percent of LHDs

- Small (<50,000)
  - Percent of all LHDs: 62%
  - Percent of population served by LHDs: 10%

- Medium (50,000–499,999)
  - Percent of all LHDs: 33%
  - Percent of population served by LHDs: 39%

- Large (500,000+)
  - Percent of all LHDs: 6%
  - Percent of population served by LHDs: 51%

n=2,533
Governance of LHDs Varies

- Local (all LHDs in state are units of local government)
- State (all LHDs in state are units of state government)
- Shared (all LHDs in state governed by both state and local authorities)
- Mixed (LHDs in state have more than one governance type)

RI and HI non-participants.
N=2,533
Big Cities Health Coalition

30 Member Cities

- Austin
- Baltimore
- Boston
- Charlotte (Mecklenburg)
- Chicago
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Dallas
- Denver
- Detroit
- Fort Worth (Tarrant County)
- Houston
- Indianapolis
- Kansas City
- Las Vegas (Southern NV Hlth District)
- Los Angeles (County)
- Long Beach
- Miami (Miami-Dade County)
- Minneapolis
- Multnomah County (Portland)
- New York City
- Oakland (Alameda County)
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix (Maricopa County)
- San Antonio
- San Diego (County)
- San Francisco
- San Jose (Santa Clara County)
- Seattle (Seattle-King County)
- Washington, D.C.

55 million – or 1 in 6 – Americans covered by BCHC-member LHDs

www.bigcitieshealth.org
NACCHO’s Rural Health Section

• Community of Practice for Learning and Sharing Best Practices in Rural Public Health
• Eligibility Criteria is <70,000 but flexible
• Led by LHD leaders
• Comprised of members and external partner experts

Original Artwork of the Public Health Logo by EH staff member from Delaware County, IN
Local Health Department Activities to Address Opioid Epidemic

• **Prevention**
  • Public education
  • Surveillance
  • Training providers on safe prescribing practices
  • Prescription drug takeback programs
  • PDMPs

• **Harm Reduction**
  • Training EMS, law enforcement and lay people on Naloxone
  • Standing orders for Naloxone
  • Good Samaritan laws
  • Syringe Service Programs
  • Exploring safe consumption sites

• **Medication Assisted Treatment**

• **Emergency declarations**

• **Lawsuits against opioid manufacturers**
NACCHO Engagement of LHDs on HCV

- **2013:** Conducted a *needs assessment* to better understand what LHDs were doing to address HCV and what they needed to improve prevention, testing, linkage to care, and surveillance.

- **2015:** Convened a *consultation with 22 LHDs and their community partners* to discuss the role of LHDs across the HCV care continuum.

- **2015:** Established an *ad hoc workgroup* to provide guidance and expertise for the development of tools and resources for LHDs.

- **2017:** Formally *added viral hepatitis* to the scope of NACCHO’s existing HIV and STI Prevention Workgroup.
NACCHO’s Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases: Overview

• As the first line of defense, LHDs, in collaboration with their community and state partners, are leading the charge to curb the opioid epidemic in their communities

• NACCHO supports LHDs and their communities to find, develop, and scale-up comprehensive solutions to the opioid crisis and its hidden casualties
NACCHO’s Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases: Highlights

- Established an *internal* Opioid Abuse *working group*

- *Provide leadership, guidance, and support* for the role of LHDs in addressing the syndemics of the opioid epidemic, HIV, HBV, and HCV

- *Increased awareness* of the CDC vulnerability assessment, federal SSP guidance, interventions to prevent HIV and HCV among persons who inject drugs (PWID), and best practices in testing and linkage to care

- Produced an opioid-themed edition of *NACCHO Exchange*

- Hosted an *educational dinner and discussion* at NACCHO Annual about HCV elimination and how LHDs are increasing access to care and treatment
NACCHO’s Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases: Highlights

• Supported the LENOWISCO Health District (VA) to develop a comprehensive community response plan for the rapid increase of HIV or HCV among PWID.*

• Working with LENOWISCO to support the start-up of a syringe service program (SSP) in Wise County; activities focus on community engagement and education and building LHD capacity for SSP implementation.*

• Supporting the scale-up of SSPs in the Kentucky River Health District; this work compliments an NIH-funded HCV elimination pilot project in Hazard, KY.*

• Working with LHDs and partners in West Virginia to develop communication tools and educational materials to support the scale-up of harm reduction efforts.*

* Activities supported by a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
NACCHO’s Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases: Highlights

• Supporting health departments in Bell County (KY), Boone County (WV), Dayton & Montgomery County (OH), and Manchester County (NH) to implement innovative and collaborative strategies to combat the opioid epidemic, with a focus on reducing fatal and non-fatal overdoses.*

• Convening a community of practice to engage LHDs in collaborative learning and knowledge sharing about comprehensive harm reduction strategies.*

• BCHC Safe Consumption/Injection Site Working Group to provide a safe, not-for-attribution space for member discussion of this harm reduction strategy, as well as access to leading experts on the topic.

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Working with Local Health Departments

- Community Advisory Committees
- Community Health Assessments & Community Health Improvement Plans
- Data on syndemics
- Support scale up and maintenance of SSPs
- Reduce stigma and discrimination
- Advocate at the local, state, and federal level
Federal Advocacy to Address Syndemics
Local Public Health Budget Cuts Underscore Need for Greater Federal Support

- From 2008 to 2011, many LHDs reported budget cuts and few reported budget increases.
- In recent years, the number of agencies reporting budget cuts has tapered, though most LHD budgets have not increased.
- Nearly one-third of LHDs reported anticipating cuts for the next fiscal year.

NACCHO Congressional Briefings

• 2014: The Opioid Epidemic: Reporting from the Front Lines of America's Big Cities (Boston, NYC, Chicago)

• 2016: Opioid Overdose and Naloxone: Lessons Learned in Saving Lives (Baltimore, Lake County, IL, Project Lazarus)

• 2017: Tackling the Opioid Epidemic and its Hidden Casualties: Local Health Departments on the Frontlines." (Huntington, WV, Findlay, OH, Fairfax County, VA)
# Federal Funding for Opioids

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Authorizing Legislation: 2016

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) (PL 114-198)

- Authorizes grants to expand access to Naloxone
- Authorizes grants to expand access to medication-assisted treatment
- Authorizes grants to strengthen state prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs)
- Expands prescribing privileges to nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) for five years (until October 1, 2021)

21\textsuperscript{st} Century Cures (PL 114-255)

- State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants ($1 billion over 2 years)
- Provided funding not just authorizing provisions
Authorizing Legislation: 2018

Opioid-Related Infectious Diseases Act (H.R. 5353/ S.2579)

• Reps. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) and Joseph Kennedy (D-MA)
• Sens. Tammy Baldwin (R-WI), Todd Young (R-IN) and Edward Markey (D-MA)
• Authorizes $40 million for CDC to provide grants to improve public and provider education, surveillance and referral into treatment to reduce HIV and hepatitis C incidence and other infectious diseases spread via intravenous drug use
Tools and Resources

- HCV Online educational series
- HCV Public health detailing kit
- HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Digest (e-newsletter)
- Policy statements (viral hepatitis, SSPs, opioids)
- NACCHO Exchange: Opioids
- Recording of NACCHO’s November 2017 Hidden Casualties Congressional Briefing
For more information...

- [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org)
- Opioid epidemic and [Infectious Diseases & the Opioid Epidemic](http://www.naccho.org)
- [The Essential Elements of Local Public Health](http://www.naccho.org)
- [NACCHO Voice](http://www.naccho.org) (NACCHO blogs)
- [Big Cities Health Coalition](http://www.naccho.org)
- [News from Washington e-news](http://www.naccho.org)
- [NACCHO Podcasts](http://www.naccho.org)