



National Task Force on Hepatitis B

Focus on Asian and Pacific Islander Americans

Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 (every 4th Tuesday of the month)

Time: 3PM ET / 2PM CT / 1PM MT / 12PM PT / 10AM Hawaii

Email: administrator@hepbtaskforce.org

Join Zoom Meeting link:

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Attendance (at or after 3:05PM) are as follows:

Executive Board Members (Officers):

- Co-Chair: Danh Truong, MD, MPH**, Chair, Asian Pacific Health Foundation (San Diego, CA)
- Co-Chair: Richard So, MPH**, Executive Director, SF Hep B Free – Bay Area (San Francisco, CA)
- Secretary: Catherine Freeland, MPH**, Public Health Program Manager, Hepatitis B Foundation (Doylestown, PA)
- Administrator (and notetaker): Amy Trang, PhD, MEd**, Founder and CEO, Social Capital Solutions (Chantilly, VA)

Regional Directors:

- Northeast Regional Director: Ruth Brogden, MPH**, Grants Manager, Center for Asian Health at Saint Barnabas Medical Center (Livingston, NJ)
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Director: Kate Lu, MSW, LCSW-C**, Clinic Director, CCACC-Pan Asian Volunteer Health Clinic (Gaithersburg, MD)
- Southeast Regional Director: Christina Meyers, MPH**, ORISE Fellow, CDC Division of Overdose Prevention (Atlanta, GA)
- Midwest Regional Director: Oyu Tumurtuya, PharmD**, Founder & President, Mongolian Community Health Network (Chicago, IL)
- South Midwest Regional Director: Stephen Fakoyejo, MD, MPH** Medical Resident, HCA Houston Healthcare West (Houston, TX)
- Northwest Regional Director: Vacant**
- Southwest Regional Director: Thaddeus Pham**, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Hawaii State Department of Health (Honolulu, HI)

Student Representation

- Sandra Kong**, Stanford Team HBV (Stanford, California)

Board Advisors:

- Richard Andrews, MD, MPH, Board Advisor (HOPE Clinic; Houston, TX)
- Moon Chen, PHD, MPH, Board Advisor (UCDavis; Sacramento, CA)
- Chari Cohen, DrPH, MPH, Board Advisor (Hep B Foundation; Doylestown, PA)
- Robert Gish, MD, Board Advisor (Robert G. Gish Consultants; San Diego, CA)
- Lu-yu Hwang, MD, Board Advisory (Department of Epidemiology, University of Texas HSC; Houston, TX)
- Karen Jiobu, Board Advisor (Asian American Community Services; Columbus, OH)
- Amy Tang, MD, Board Advisor (North East Medical Services; San Francisco, CA)

General Members (open to all on listserv; please excuse any typos):

Total Number of attendees: 22

- ☑ Jacki Chen, PhD (NJ)
- ☑ Binh Tran, PharmD, Hep B Free LA (Los Angeles, CA)
- ☑ Becky Nguyen, Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation (Fountain Valley, CA)
- ☑ Vivian Cheng, Hep B United Philadelphia (PA)
- ☑ Heather Kawpunna, CPACS (Atlanta, GA)
- ☑ Soo Yee, Korean American Outreach Group (VA)
- ☑ Hashem El-Serag, MD, Baylor University (Houston, TX)
- ☑ John Youhanna, PharmD, Rph, Dynavax (Emeryville, CA)
- ☑ Umaima Khatun, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NY)
- ☑ Rachel McLean, California State Department of Health (San Francisco, CA)

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome Task Force members (Amy Trang on behalf of Dr. Danh Truong and Richard So, Co-Chairs)
- 2) Note any changes to previous meeting's notes
- 3) Updates on hepatitis B ECHO program (Richard So & Catherine Freeland)
- 4) Updates on operational changes (Amy Trang)
- 5) Discussion on Vision and Mission statement (all members)
- 6) Discussion on Goals and assignments (Regional Directors)
- 7) Other open items

Notes:

- 1) Welcome: Introduction / Roll Call of Officers and Regional Directors (Amy Trang)
 - a. Recognize general members in attendance
 - b. As we welcome our new leadership team this year, our focus will be on strategic planning; each monthly meeting will be dedicated to strategic planning and discussion.
 - c. The National Task Force on Hepatitis B Focus on Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, most commonly called the Hep B Task Force or "the Task Force," was established in 1997 as a volunteer-based national coalition. It is still a volunteer-based national coalition. Hepatitis B Foundation serves as the Task Force's fiscal agent, but the two entities are independent from each other.
 - d. In an effort to not be duplicate of the work of Hep B United, the Task Force focuses on expanding resources for providers, including education opportunities.
- 2) Note any changes to previous meeting's notes: none.
- 3) Updates on hepatitis B ECHO program
 - a. Dr. Richard Andrews requested a brief overview of the ECHO program before providing updates (for those who may be new to the Task Force call).
 - i. Richard So shared an overview of the ECHO model.
 - ii. Details of the ECHO model can be found at: <https://hsc.unm.edu/echo/get-involved>
 - b. West coast hub (Richard So)
 - i. Since October, SF Hep B Free – Bay Area has been hosting monthly hepatitis B ECHO sessions every 3rd Tuesday of the month.
 - ii. The last session had about 40 attendees.

- iii. Although the sessions are geared towards primary care providers and mid-level practitioner, pharmacists, nurses, med students, and public health workers are also welcome to join.
 - iv. The sessions include case studies and discussions as well as didactics.
 - v. Free CME credits are available for each session. We are still working on securing continuing education credits for pharmacists and nurses for these sessions.
- c. East coast hub (Catherine Freeland)
- i. Beginning this Thursday, January 27th, Hep B United Philadelphia will be launching its first hepatitis B ECHO session.
 - ii. Over 60 individuals have already registered from across the country with a few from outside of the US as well.
 - iii. Like the West coast hub sessions, there will be free CME credits provided through AAFP. We are also working on securing continuing education credits for pharmacists and nurses; it appears that the cost to register for CE/CNE is higher than CME. We welcome anyone's input on potential collaboration for discounts for these sessions.
- d. Central time zone hub (Amy Trang)
- i. Dr. Richard Andrews and Dr. Stephen Fakoyejo have reached out to Dr. Hashem El-Serag at Baylor University for discussion. We experienced some IT technical difficulties with Zoom last Friday when our initial meeting was scheduled, but are happy that Dr. El-Serag could join today.
 - ii. Dr. Andrews will take the lead to continue the discussion with Dr. El-Serag.
 - iii. The next working meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd.
- 4) Updates on operational changes (Amy Trang)
- a. Last month, we made some changes to our IT infrastructure:
 - i. We started to transition into setting up G Suite and an official email account associated with our website domain (www.hepbtaskforce.org), i.e. administrator@hepbtaskforce.org. Our backup email will still be hepbtf@gmail.com. Both email accounts will be monitored.
 - ii. We made updates the website: Our Team, Resources, and Events Pages.
 - 1. Thaddeus added that he will also continue to promote on the Hep B Free Hawaii website any virtual events and training that Task Force members have to share. Individuals in Hawaii appreciate the resources that are being offered.
www.hepbfreehawaii.org/events
 - iii. We updated our Google groups listserv; the old ones are inactive.
 - 1. Please email administrator@hepbtaskforce.org to update your preference for receiving communication. We want to be respectful to how you receive information.
 - b. No regional updates at monthly meetings, but we will continue to share information via email as members forward information. We'll do our best to promote by email and post on our website (when appropriate).
 - c. We'll continue to work with Hep B United for joint info presentation sessions on relevant topics and leave our monthly standing meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for working strategic planning.
 - d. We'll also continue to promote participation in the hepatitis B ECHO program as well as other CME education opportunities.
 - i. Note that Empire Liver Foundation is offering CME training series. See more information at the end of notes.

- 5) Discussion on Vision and Mission statement (all members)
 - a. Refer to worksheet that was emailed to everyone prior to the Zoom call.
 - b. As this was an open discussion, there was a lot of collaboration among members. See summary of notes attached. All Officers, Regional Directors, and Advisors provided input; members expressed the need for more time to carefully think about suggested revisions to the vision and mission.
 - c. A Survey Monkey link will also be sent out for members to continue providing input, especially those who have historically been active on engaged and supportive of the Task Force.
 - i. Survey Monkey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBTFsession1>
- 6) Discussion on Goals and assignments (Regional Directors)
 - a. Refer to worksheet that was emailed to everyone prior to the Zoom call. Note: We did not have time to dive deep into this part of the discussion and will pose some of the discussion items in the Survey Monkey link.
 - b. In Summary, the focus of the Hep B Task Force's work will be to provide support to Regional Directors to develop, promote, and/or sustain regional resources as it pertains to education, training, screening, and vaccination opportunities.
- 7) Other open items:
 - a. Next Zoom meeting date: **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 3PM Eastern Time / 2PM Central / 1PM Mountain / 12PM Pacific / 10AM Hawaii** (4th Tuesday of each month)
 - b. Next hepatitis B ECHO sessions:
 - i. West Coast hub: **February 16, 2021 at 12:30PM – 1:30PM Pacific Time** (every 3rd Tuesday of the month). Email: echo@sfhepbfree-bayarea.org
 - ii. East Coast hub: starting **Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 12PM – 1PM Eastern Time** (and every last Thursday of each month thereafter)
 - c. Please continue to share resources, especially Hep B training opportunities, by emailing administrator@hepbtaskforce.org.
 - d. Happy Lunar New Year (February 12, 2021 starts the year of the Ox), everyone!

Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM Eastern Time.

Suggestions for the next agenda:

- Continue discussion and work of 3-year strategic plan
 - Identify Regional sites' resource needs
 - Discuss funding opportunities and/or mini-grants for regional sites

Items shared via email:

Event: Hepatitis B Clinical Training Series

Event Date(s): January 14, 21 & 28, 2021 (4:30PM-5:30PM ET)

Host Organization: Empire Liver Foundation

Location: via virtual webinar

To Register: Click on the following link: <http://s.alchemer.com/s3/HBVRegistration-Jan2021?eventID=a1Q4V00002Vs66LUAR>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Three sessions are being offered:

Session 1: Hepatitis B: An Overview (January 14, 2021)

Session 2: Treatment of Hepatitis B (January 21, 2021)

Session 3: Monitoring of Hepatitis B (January 28, 2021)

Additional Information: This event is open to all regions. Free CME/CNE/CEU credit is available for qualified attendees.



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Strategic Planning working meeting #1 (1/26/2021):

- 1) Review vision and mission statements (currently posted on the website: <http://hepbtaskforce.org/about-us>). Do they need to be revised? Suggestions?

Our Vision

We envision a United States free of hepatitis B.

Discussion Notes:

- Since we are the National Task Force on Hepatitis B Focus on Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, should we include a focus in this vision, i.e. “We envision a United States free of hepatitis B among Asian Pacific Islander Americans?”
- On the other hand, the vision that we currently have aligns with other hepatitis-focused organizations and keeps the focus inclusive. As it is right now, it’s very succinct.
- We can survey our members to get further input and perspective.

Our Mission

Eliminate hepatitis B, hepatitis B related liver disease, and liver cancer in the United States by empowering and mobilizing communities; enabling national networking and policy development; and advocating for education, access to comprehensive care, and affordable treatment for all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

Discussion Notes:

- We should highlight medical provider community somewhere in our mission; strengthen the language that brings out the existing & future medical professionals that we want to represent.
 - Add something about “existing and future workforce development” since this disease burden may affect members of the workforce if not addressed properly. Build in workforce development as a goal (esp. considering rural areas)
- Can we add in “accessibility and the importance of screening?” This is an important step in what we do.
- Are we actively supporting legislative policy initiatives? What is our internal process to review and support policy initiatives?
 - In some cases, there has been concerns about policy dictating the treatment of patients. Therefore, we may need to spend some time to discuss this more on where the Task Force would stand moving forward.
 - We need to hear more physicians’ voices for this. Seek their input via a Survey Monkey.



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- Name change consideration: The current official name has 12 words. Should we shorten it to “National Task Force on Hepatitis B” to be more inclusive? We can even consider “National Hepatitis B Task Force.”
 - Highlight “leveraging partnerships / expertise with current and future healthcare providers.”
 - “...treatment for all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans” should we revise this to say “... treatment for all affected Americans” to be broader and more inclusive of all the high-risk populations?
 - When the Task Force first started in 1997, there were very limited resources and support for the Asian and Pacific Islander American population, so the mission was very specific to this population.
 - We are now also seeing that the African community is affected; many of our Task Force members are already also integrating approaches to service other ethnic communities.
 - Remember to allow for “linguistically and culturally appropriate education.”
 - We should consider how to be more inclusive, starting with our mission.
- 2) Review Goals below; these were agreed upon during the September 2020 meeting. Are there any other goals to tackle? Set-up working groups to address each goal.

Discussion Notes:

- Add affordable care and treatment for patients since it’s mentioned in the mission, but not addressed in the goals.
- Two big advocacy points to add: universal testing and universal vaccination for adults above 18
- Also, among medical school students how can we work with med students and student groups like APAMSA or Team HBV to raise hepatitis awareness and reduce any discrimination among students who may be living with hepatitis B; this links to workforce development as well
 - Look into small policy changes in school before advocating at the federal level
 - Look into alert system in EMR
- Do we need to redistribute the states for each region? Refer to map at the end.

Overview of Goals for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023

- 1) Facilitate Provider Education Resources
- 2) Strengthen Hepatitis B Care Management in Primary Care Setting
- 3) Sustain a systematic structure for Task Force Administration



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Strategic Plan

Goal #1: Facilitate Provider Education Resources		
Objectives	Strategies	Activities
Collect and disseminate hepatitis B education opportunities, including CME/CE trainings		
Share Task Force members' resources among network		

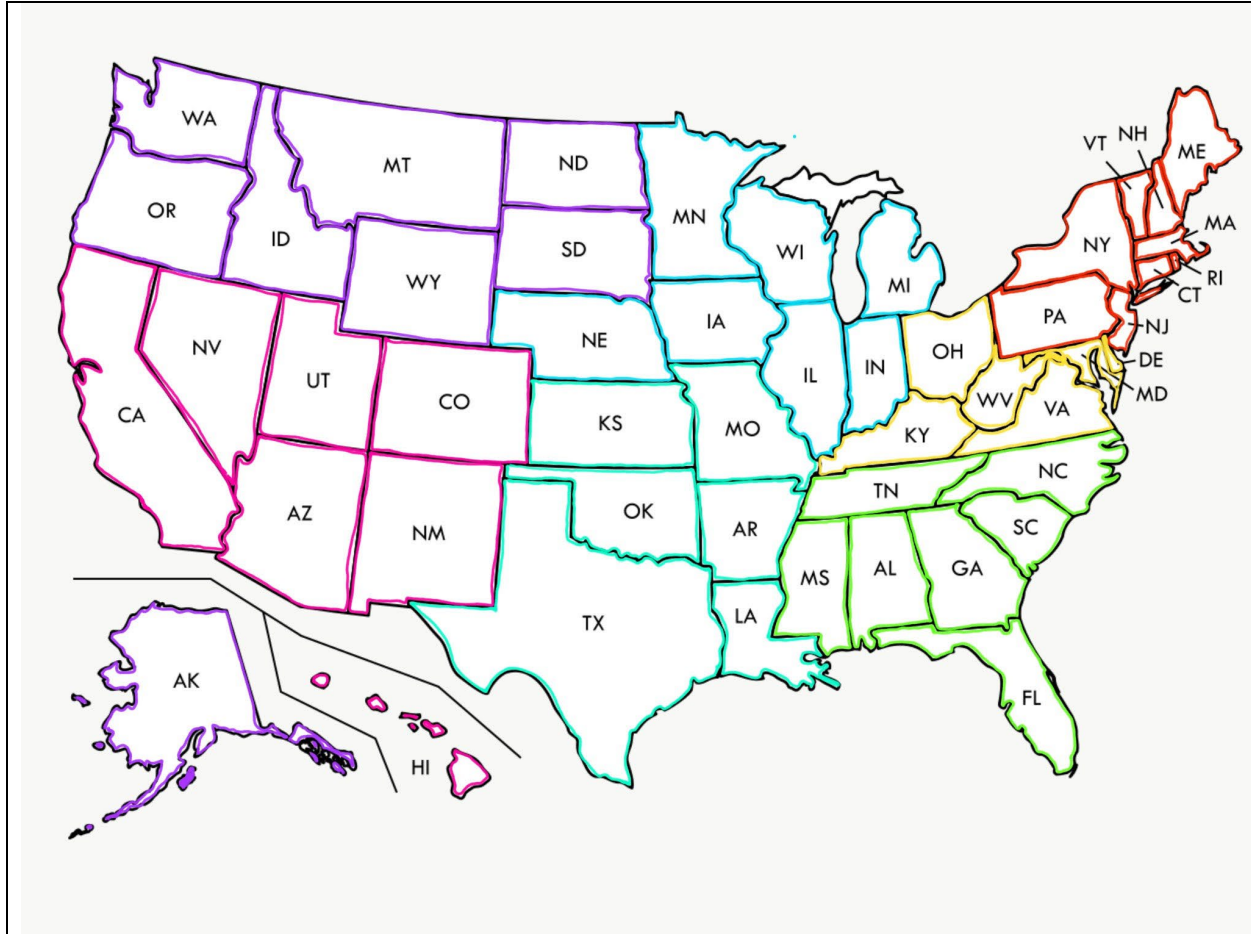
Goal #2: Strengthen Hepatitis B Care Management in Primary Care Setting		
Objectives	Strategies	Activities
Promote the “Simplified Algorithm” for hepatitis B screening and care management		
Coordinate provider and mid-level practitioner attendance to HBV ECHO hubs		
Look at impact of COVID-19 pandemic and how it has affected treating hepatitis B patients		

Goal #3: Sustain a systematic structure for Task Force Administration		
Objectives	Strategies	Activities
Coordinate monthly internal and external communication for the Task Force Executive Team and General members		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean the membership list every 3 years and make updates by individual members' request on an on-going basis
Participate in federal advocacy initiatives and support regional partners in state and local initiatives (may intersect with COVID-19 effects)		
Develop annual operating budget for the Task Force and seek funding to support it		



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Map of Hepatitis B Task Force Regions



Hepatitis B Task Force Regions:

Northeast: ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, PA, NJ

Mid-Atlantic: DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, KY, OH

Southeast: TN, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, FL

North Mid-West: MI, IN, IL, WI, MN, IA, NE

South Mid-West: KS, MO, OK, AR, TX, LA

Northwest: WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, ND, SD, AK

Southwest: CA, NV, UT, AZ, CO, NM, HI