



# National Task Force on Hepatitis B

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## Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2022 (every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)

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

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Zoom Meeting registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcumtrTwqE9RkoJ1dyu9n7DUuTWD6mSvf>

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

#### **Executive Board Members (Officers):**

- Co-Chair: Carol Brosgart, MD** (San Francisco, CA)
- Co-Chair: Richard So, MPH**, Executive Director, SF Hep B Free – Bay Area (San Francisco, CA)
- Secretary: Catherine Freeland, MPH**, Public Health Program Director, 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)
- Western Regional Director: Thaddeus Pham**, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Hawaii State Department of Health (Honolulu, HI)

#### **Student Representation**

- Sandra Kong**, Medical Student at Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD)

#### **Board Advisors:**

- Richard Andrews, MD, MPH, Board Advisor (Houston, TX)
- Moon Chen, PHD, MPH, Board Advisor; one of the original founders of the Task Force in 1997 (UC Davis; 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: 21**

- ✓ Saira Khaderi, MD, M.PH., Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, TX)
- ✓ Howard Lee, MD, Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, TX)
- ✓ Kendra Pelz, PharmD, Syneos Health/VBI Vaccines (Kansas City, MO)
- ✓ Andrew Piotrowski, MAHA (Chicago, IL)
- ✓ Maggi Li, Hepatitis B Program Coordinator, MAHA (Chicago, IL)
- ✓ Stephanie Campbell, Dynavax
- ✓ Umaima Khatun, Program Manager, NYC Health Department (New York, NY)
- ✓ Y-Uyen Nguyen, MD, Charles B. Wang (New York, NY)
- ✓ Justin Chen, Charles B. Wang (New York, NY)
- ✓ Binh Tran, PharmD, APHF and Hep B Free LA (Los Angeles, CA)
- ✓ Cora Hoover, Medical Director, California Department of Health (CA)
- ✓ Dung Hua, Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation (Fountain View, CA)
- ✓ Chris Bositis, MD, University of California San Francisco (CA)

- ✓ Carolyn Chu, MD, MSc, University of California San Francisco (CA)
- ✓ Nina Kim, MD, University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

Note: There may be some members missing from this list of attendees; please excuse any omission.

## Agenda:

- 1) Welcome Task Force members
- 2) Note any changes to previous meeting's notes
- 3) Project updates:
  - a. HBV universal vaccination guidance promotion among providers
  - b. HBV ECHO program expansion
  - c. HBV workforce development projects
  - d. HBV elimination plan best practices among state Viral Hepatitis Coordinators
  - e. HBV work group on updating screening guidance
  - f. Upcoming trainings or resources
- 4) Action Plan discussion: Next steps?
- 5) Regional Updates (all Regional Directors)
  - a. Nominations for Officers, Regional Directors, and Student Representative
- 6) Other items (all members)

## Meeting format:

- strategic discussions and resource sharing to assist members with their local work

## Notes:

- 1) Welcome: Introduction / Roll Call of Officers and Regional Directors (Amy Trang)
  - a) Opening remarks made by Richard So and Dr. Carol Brosgart
  - b) Members were asked to introduce themselves in the chat box
  - c) Recognize any new members on the call: see list of attendees above
- 2) Note any changes to previous meeting's notes: none
- 3) Project Updates
  - a) HBV universal vaccination guidance promotion among providers
    - i) No new updates
  - b) HBV ECHO program expansion
    - i) Per Dr. Richard Andrew's suggestion in the last meeting, we're going to approach existing HCV ECHO programs and ask them to also include HBV and call it Viral Hepatitis ECHO so that we could leverage and maximize existing resources.
      - (1) Dr. Saira Khaderi and Dr. Howard Lee with the Texas (Gulf Coast) HBV ECHO Program agrees. The Gulf Coast HBV ECHO program has been going on for a year now and attendance and cases each month have fluctuated. Dr. Khaderi discussed with Dr. Gish, Dr. Andrews, and Dr. Chari Cohen on combining HBV/HCV efforts. That new effort will take place in the next few months.

- ii) Thaddeus shared that Hawaii’s weekly HBV ECHO program has been working well. They’ve been getting weekly engagements and at least 1 case study each session. Hep B Free Hawaii also tracks and share viral hepatitis ECHO programs on their website: <https://www.hepfreehawaii.org/news/hep-b-mortality-in-hi-data>
- iii) Dr. Carol Brosgart commented that we will need more than ECHO to help with addressing universal screening and vaccination guidelines.
  - (1) We need to bring together all the relevant primary care organizations to help us send out the guidelines.
  - (2) We can also start with talking with our primary care providers at our annual check-ups.
  - (3) We can do “Grand rounds” at the hospitals.
  - (4) Amy agreed and commented that this would be a great time and opportunity to nominate and encourage new Task Force members from these organizations because we will have a lot of seats vacant with the upcoming term limits.
    - (a) We can also leverage existing resources from HCV and HIV programs to present HBV screening more comprehensively.
    - (b) Once the universal screening guidelines are finalized, Amy will create basic info PowerPoint slides and upload it to our website so anyone could use it for Grand Rounds; this would be similar to the H.E.L.P. training materials that we did in 2017 and 2018.
- c) HBV workforce development projects (Amy Trang)
  - i) No new updates
- d) HBV elimination plan best practices among state Viral Hepatitis Coordinators: no new updates
  - i) Review the Hep ElimINATION website for a National Evaluation of State’s Capacity for Viral Hepatitis Elimination: [Together We Can Eliminate Hepatitis by 2030 | Eliminate Hep](#). See how your state compares with others.
- e) HBV work group on updating screening guidance (Amy Trang)
  - i) Still waiting for the HBV universal screening guidelines from CDC are anticipated to be published; it’s supposed to be this month.
  - ii) September 15, 2022: The Task Force in collaboration with Hepatitis B Foundation had the second “treatment expansion” workgroup meeting last Thursday; it’s the second part of the 2-day (3 hour) meeting. There are about 40 individuals involved in this workgroup, including: Dr. Carol Brosgart, Dr. Robert Gish, Dr. Richard Andrews, Dr. Amy Tang, Dr. Jacki Chen, and Dr. Amy Trang.
    - (1) We anticipate having a White Paper published to share findings from our very engaging and productive meetings.
  - iii) Other support service explored:
    - (1) Warmline: Dr. Chris Bositis and Carolyn Chu joined the Hep B Task Force call for the first time.
      - (a) Members discussed different funding resources and opportunities (non-pharma)
      - (b) Richard So offered to look into some resources to share, such as Foundation grants, e.g., SF Can from UCSF.
      - (c) Dr. Carol Brosgart inquired if funding could come from commercial laboratory like Labcorp or Quest; Carolyn thinks that this could be explored as well as EHR companies
        - (i) Dr. Howard Lee sits on EPIC’s advisory committee and could inquire with them; he’s looking into the clinical pathway
          - 1. Amy asked about whether Dr. Lee had any updates on the automated reminders for HBV screening with EPIC; Dr. Lee shared that many primary care providers have provided feedback regarding the “fatigue” of getting so many different auto reminders so there’s still ongoing discussion on how to best approach it.
    - (2) Action Group for HBV rapid testing: No new updates yet

- f) Upcoming trainings or resources (Amy Trang)
  - i) October 5 and 12, 2022: Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Reverse Site Visit organized by CDC. Invitation only.
    - (1) Attendees are mostly Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Coordinators from Departments of Health or local Health Departments from across the country.
    - (2) The National Task Force on Hepatitis B is part of the presenting panel for the October 12<sup>th</sup> session.
  - ii) October 11, 2022: The Task Force for Global Health – Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination webinar “Developing national testing strategies to reach the elimination goals: Findings from the HEAT Project and plans for future studies”
    - (1) Registration link: [Developing national testing strategies to reach the elimination goals: Findings from the HEAT Project and plans for future studies | Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination](#)
  - iii) October 11, 2022: Monthly Hep B State Advocacy Call
    - (1) Registration link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
  - iv) October 25-27, 2022: Virtual HBU/TEA Mini-Summit at 10:30AM – 2PM PST / 1:30PM – 5PM EST
    - (1) Registration link: [2022 Hep B United / TB Elimination Alliance Summit \(zoom.us\)](#)
  - v) November 4 – 8, 2022: AASLD “The Liver Meeting” in Washington, DC.
    - (1) Registration link: [The Liver Meeting | AASLD](#)
  - vi) November 5, 2022: APAMSA “16<sup>th</sup> Annual National APAMSA Hepatitis Conference” in Washington, DC.
    - (1) Registration link: [2022 Hepatitis Conference – APAMSA](#)
  - vii) November 6 – 9, 2022: American Public Health Association “APHA 2022 Annual Meeting & Expo” in Boston, MA
    - (1) Registration link: [Annual \(apha.org\)](#)
  - viii) Dr. Nina Kim also shared updates from the University of Washington’s Hepatitis B online training’s “Clinical Challenge” feature: [Expert Opinions - Challenges and Controversies - Hepatitis B Online \(uw.edu\)](#)
    - (1) Dr. Nina confirmed that the training resources are open to everyone, but CME/CNE and pharmacy continuing education credits are only offered to clinicians.
  - ix) Thaddeus shared the Hep B Vaccine talk story: <https://www.hepfreehawaii.org/news/hep-b-vaccine-talk-story-october-2022>
  - x) Kendra suggested sharing any presentations that members may be giving at any of those conferences, such as AASLD or APHA.
    - (1) National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR) is presenting at APHA, i.e., the State of Hep C.
    - (2) Dr. Howard Lee will be presenting at AASLD on research related to LGBTQ community (not directly related to HBV) and 2 posters related to HBV.

4) Action Plan discussion: Next steps?

- i) Task Force members voted to cancel the November 2, 2022 meeting because of all the in-person activities in October and November. We’ll reconvene on December 7, 2022.

5) Positions available for nominations:

- a) Secretary / Treasurer
- b) Student Representative
- c) Regional Directors:
  - i) Midwest Region
  - ii) South Midwest Region
  - iii) Northeast Region
  - iv) Mid-Atlantic Region + Southeast Region (combined position)
- d) Please begin to nominate and self-nominate to fill these positions.
  - i) Submit a short bio and headshot photo to share
  - ii) Email: [administrator@hepbtaskforce.org](mailto:administrator@hepbtaskforce.org)
  - iii) More information about the roles and responsibilities of these volunteer positions can be found: <https://hepbtaskforce.org/our-coalition/governing-structure>

## 6) Regional Updates

- a) Student Representative (Sandra Kong): See the link to the upcoming APAMSA Hepatitis Conference
- b) Western Region (Thaddeus Pham):
  - i) Richard So acknowledged Cora Hoover's participation and collaboration with the California Department of Health to promote HBV vaccination. SF Hep B Free has been able to increase their screening and education events, including a large one in Chinatown recently. In addition, SF Hep B Free is looking forward to their annual gala: [15th Annual 'B a Hero' Celebration and Fundraiser: "It's Time for Action" Tickets, Thu, Oct 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)
  - ii) Dr. Binh Tran shared that APHF recently got an official "desk space" at UCSD School of Pharmacy.
  - iii) Thaddeus will share with Task Force members at the next meeting how to use available CDC data to create a Hep B Mortality chart/graph: <https://www.hepfreehawaii.org/news/hep-b-mortality-in-hi-data>
- c) Midwest Region (Oyu Tumurtuya): no new updates
- d) South Midwest Region (Stephen Fakoyejo): no new updates
- e) Northeast Region (Ruth Brogden):
  - i) Dr. Y-Uyen Nguyen shared the updates for the Hep B comic books; now available in English, French, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean: [Protect Your Family: Get Tested for Hepatitis B \(cbwchc.org\)](#)
- f) Mid-Atlantic Region (Kate Lu):
  - i) CCACC Health Center will be having their annual free health screening on Saturday, October 8, 2022: [Medical Services | CCACC 健康部 CCACC Health | Serving the Greater Washington Area](#)
- g) Southeast Region (Christina Meyers): no new updates

## 7) Other items: (not discussed in the meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM Eastern Time.

- Next Hep B Task Force Zoom meeting date: **Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 3PM Eastern Time /2PM Central/ 1PM Mountain/ 12PM Pacific / 9 AM Hawaii (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month).**
  - Other dates in 2022: Dec 7
- Suggestions for the next agenda:
  - i) Review nominations for Regional Directors and Student Representative for the next 2-years.
  - ii) Thaddeus' presentation on how to create a Hep B Mortality chart / graph using existing CDC data.
- The National Task Force on Hepatitis B a volunteer-based national coalition and is independent from the state and local Task Forces or coalitions. Everyone is welcome to join the National Task Force on Hepatitis B by registering through our website. [Newsletter - The National Task Force on Hepatitis B \(hepbtaskforce.org\)](#)
  - iii) Register for meetings in 2022:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkumtrTwqE9RkoJ1dyu9n7DUuTWD6mSvf>
  - iv) Promotion of the National Task Force on Hepatitis B is primarily through "word-of-mouth."

## Upcoming HBV ECHO sessions: Free CME

West Coast (SF Hep B Free Bay Area): [Hepatitis B ECHO Program \(sfhepbfree.org\)](#)

- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month
  - 2022: Oct 18, Nov 15 (last session)
- 12:30PM – 1:30PM PDT / 3:30PM – 4:30PM EDT / 9:30AM – 10:30AM HST
- To register, email: [ECHO@sfhepbfree-bayarea.org](mailto:ECHO@sfhepbfree-bayarea.org)

Gulf Coast (Texas Heart Institute with Baylor St. Luke Medical Center): [Project ECHO Interest Form \(bcm.edu\)](#)

- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
  - 2022: Oct 19, Nov 16

- 12:00PM to 1:00PM Central Time
- To register: [Project ECHO Interest Form \(bcm.edu\)](#)

East Coast (Hep B United Philadelphia): Hepatitis B ECHO [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

- Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month
  - 2022: Oct 27
- 12:00PM – 1:00PM Eastern Time
- To register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Other ECHO programs with HBV:

- The University of Washington Project ECHO Viral Hepatitis meets every Tuesday, 12 – 1:30 PM Pacific Time.
- To discuss if this ECHO program would be a good fit or if other training or consult options would better suit your interests/schedules, please email Pam Landinez, [landinez@uw.edu](mailto:landinez@uw.edu).
- The sessions are geared towards individuals in the state of Washington and focus on hepatitis B or C is driven by the program participants.

**Items shared via email:**

- See attachment(s)

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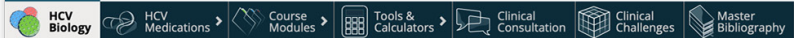
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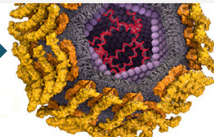
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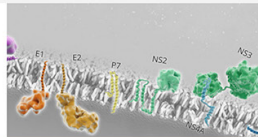
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