



# National Task Force on Hepatitis B

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## Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 (generally, every other 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

Time: 3PM ET / 2PM CT / 1PM MT / 12PM PT / 9 AM Hawaii

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Zoom Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093917018?pwd=VUVlVlV1JCcVlDaW1lVWV3ejl6T0dxUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 9391 7018; Passcode: 508912

### **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 (Northern VA)

#### **Regional Directors:**

- Northeast Regional Director: Dr. Ponni Perumalswami, MD**, Associate Professor, University of Michigan and Director of the Liver Clinic VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (Ann Arbor, MI)
- Southeast Regional Director: Vacant**
- North Central Regional Director: Vacant**
- South Central Regional Director: Tzu-Hao “Howard” Lee, MD**, Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, TX)
- Western Regional Director: Thaddeus Pham**, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Hawaii State Department of Health (Honolulu, HI)

#### **Student Representation**

- APAMSA students**

#### **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 Jobu, 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: 14**

- ✓ Binh Tran, PharmD, APHF and Hep B Free LA (Los Angeles, CA)
- ✓ Angeline Nguyen, RN, HBI (DC, MD, VA)
- ✓ Heather Richmond, Dynavax
- ✓ Christopher Doan, APAMSA (Houston, TX)
- ✓ Becky Nguyen, VACF (Fountain Valley, CA)
- ✓ Julie Yoshimachi, Charles B. Wang Health Center (New York, NY)
- ✓ Reed Vreeland, NYC DOHMH, Viral Hepatitis Elimination (New York, NY)
- ✓ Alma Chaves, NYC DOHMH, Viral Hepatitis Elimination (New York, NY)
- ✓ Ben Juul, Department of Health in Philadelphia (PA)

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) Program / Project updates from Hep B Task Force members across the country
- 4) Discussion:
  - a. Hep B Task Force meetings in 2025 will be quarterly: January 8, April 9, July 9, October 8
  - b. News / Resources to Share
  - c. Upcoming Events

# Meeting format:

- strategic discussions and resource sharing to assist members with their local work
- Note: majority of those on the call for this meeting was engaged in the collaborative discussions, so not everyone's name was specifically mentioned in the notes.

# Notes:

- 1) Welcome: Introductions / Roll Call of Officers and Regional Directors (Amy Trang)

Re-introductions were made for new members or members who have not been on the call for a while

- 2) Note any changes to previous meeting's notes:

a) None.

- 3) Program / Project updates from Hep B Task Force members across the country (notes taken by FATHOM, an AI technology; hyperlinks removed to respect members' privacy. Email Amy Trang directly for details.):

## **National Task Force on Hepatitis B: Bi-monthly meeting - September 11**

The meeting began with some discussion around the timing and logistics of the virtual meeting, including clarifying the correct start time and addressing any confusion around the calendar invite. Amy Trang confirmed this is the last virtual meeting of the year, with the group transitioning to **quarterly in-person meetings starting next year**. Meetings will be focused on relevant news and/or training to share with members. No new Task Force elections will be held. Current officers and directors will be asked if they want to serve as advisors moving forward.

Amy Trang provided updates on the **upcoming AASLD** Liver Meeting in November, including her roles on the virtual education committee and the patient advocacy team. Amy's term serving on the Online Learning Committee as a Patient Representative has ended and she will be starting her term as a Patient Representative on the Communications and Technology Committee starting January 1, 2025. Angeline Nguyen, RN, Program Manager at HBI in Washington, DC, will begin her term as Patient Representative on the Online Learning Committee starting January 1, 2025. Amy encouraged everyone to look into the education opportunities offered through AASLD's Liver Talk provider education portal (if not already done); the Liver Talk portal has been going over some process improvements.

The group discussed the integration of universal hepatitis B screening into **electronic health records (EHRs)**, including the benefits, challenges, and best practices. Several attendees shared their experiences with EHR integration, and there was interest in potentially hosting a Task Force meeting / session with an EPIC representative in 2025 to learn more.

**Updates from Task Force members:** Attendees from various partner organizations provided updates on their recent activities, including screening events, provider education, policy advocacy, and community engagement initiatives. Key updates came from organizations in Hawai'i, San Francisco, New York City, Virginia, Orange County, and San Diego.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of additional resources and opportunities, including the Hep B Foundation's storytelling project, liver cancer screening coverage, and exploring state-level hepatitis B impact reports. Amy Trang thanked everyone for their participation and looked forward to connecting at the upcoming AASLD conference.

4) Meeting adjourned at 3:50PM Eastern Time.

#### **Upcoming international conferences relating to HBV and other liver diseases:**

- EASL SLD Summit 2024
  - Geneva, Switzerland
  - September 19 – 21, 2024
  - No registration link yet.

#### **Resources to Share (sent via email):**

##### **From Hep B United:**

**B Informed Session on Tuesday, September 17 at 3PM Eastern Time** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Empowering Voices: Real Stories and Advocacy for Hepatitis B Awareness.

Join us for an inspiring session featuring #justB storytelling videos, where real people living with hepatitis B share their personal journeys. These stories are a powerful tool to encourage those working in hepatitis B space to become advocates, spread awareness, and educate the communities they serve. Learn how to use these stories to raise awareness and promote better understanding and care for those affected by hepatitis B. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and be inspired to make a difference.

##### **From University of Washington:**

Hepatitis B Online posted two new mini-lectures:

##### [Hepatitis B \(HBV\) Reactivation](#)

Dr. Nina Kim quickly reviews HBV virology and pathogenesis before she discusses how the reactivation unfolds, who's at risk, and the clinical scenarios where HBV reactivation can occur. She then presents a case to tie the concepts together. Dr. Kim is a University of Washington Professor of Medicine and a Hepatitis B Online Associate Editor.

##### [Top 5 Questions: Hepatitis B Vaccination of Adults](#)

Dr. Kelly Moore, President & CEO of Immunize.org, answers healthcare professionals' top 5 questions about implementing these recommendations. She also shares a link to a more in-depth 3-page [clinical resource](#) and a [1-pager](#) for patients on how they can prevent HBV infection and protect liver health through vaccination and screening.

**From Dynavax:**

In support of Liver Cancer Awareness Month in October, and the goal of viral hepatitis elimination, please join Dynavax Technologies for a live educational webinar titled **Liver Cancer Prevention: The Role of Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination in Disease Elimination.**

Live webinars presented by Arun Jesudian, MD, FACG, AGAF, FAASLD from Weill Cornell Medicine and Charles Gomes, PhD from Dynavax Technologies.

Secure your spot by clicking the link and registering to attend the live educational webinars shown below.

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 9am-10am PST – [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 12pm-1pm PST – [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 from 10am-11am PST – [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)