



May 2024 OVHC Meeting

Thursday 5:00 - 6:05 pm

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/822177325>

Attending: Lorren, Julie, Dane, Jude, Ann, Andy, Joanna Cooper, Dayna, Emily, Teresa & Jess, Megan Murphy SLO,

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10 mins	Welcome, Introductions	As needed
10 mins	Program Updates	Skipped to jump right into meeting with Dr. Hathi
35 mins	Plan for Meeting with OHA Director Dr. Sejal Hathi	<p>Meeting with Dr. Sejal Hathi, OHA Director, virtual via Zoom Wed 5/22/245; 1:35 pm 25 minutes</p> <p>What does the group want Dr. Hathi to know about viral hepatitis in Oregon and what she can do to support OVHC and elimination work</p> <p>The 4 pillars of the elimination plan will guide the subject matter expert (SME) comments</p> <p>It was suggested that SME's have bullet points that will be refined from these notes and sent to folks to help guide dialogue; bullet points could highlight successes and barriers to the work under each of the 4 pillars</p> <p>It was agreed that we wish to be mindful to keep the dialogue on forward-looking topics that the Director can follow-up with OVHC on, not just telling her how bad things are</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Andy, Joanna, Lorren, Dane, Jess and Teresa, and Andy were asked to be speakers at the meeting with Dr. Hathi</p> <p>It was suggested that speakers do a dry run prior to the meeting with Dr. Hathi, Lorren and Ann will set that up</p> <p>Lorren – wants to ensure we provide information on where OR ranks in the nation re VH morbidity and mortality; Why viral hep work in OR needs to be a priority compared to other states; she also provided insight on Dr. Hathi, and sees this is a great opportunity to advance Hep dialogue; she suggested all watch a video on her on the OHA director's page, she's from</p>

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	<p>public health which is a good thing for us</p> <p>Jude – suggested asking Dr. Hathi if there is a Policy Option Package for HEP;</p> <p>Dane – started by stating that we need more \$ for testing; support collaboration within OHA, HST just sent out a flyer about HIV and Syphilis testing, need more help to ensure HIV, VH, and Syphilis are done together, not just HIV/Syphilis</p> <p>Joanna –suggested ensuring PATHS and their work in communities across OR is highlighted as a success; she also suggested that data on medical and hospital costs of not curing patients be shared;</p> <p>Ann - reminded folks that we have 2.0 FTE and any hospital data we have is old(er)</p> <p>Emily – wished to ensure that Dr. Hathi knows there is a paucity of LTC at the LPHA level due to lack of funding; lots of 50 year old + HCV confirmed cases, no resources to follow-up and provide LTC</p> <p>Andy – wanted to ensure that harm reduction and the need for LTC directly from harm reduction services to providers for test-to-cure were available; lack of culturally supportive services for people who use drugs is an unnecessary barrier to this work</p> <p>It was suggested that we ask Dr. Hathi to consider funding streams that fund syndemic work and for someone to track that funding allocation</p> <p>It was suggested that the group ask Dr. Hathi how she can envision the OR Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan (OVHEP) factoring into OHA's strategic plan</p> <p>It is important for Dr. Hathi to know that CDC does not fund viral hepatitis work and that SLO in Behavioral Health at OHA have been funding HCV work in communities</p> <p>Ensure Dr. Hathi knows the Equity issues associated with over-representation of American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black and African American community member morbidity and mortality re HCV</p> <p>Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island community members disproportionately impacted by morbidity and mortality for HBV</p> <p>Jude or Lorren was going to reach out to Dr. Randy Blome from Grand Ronde to discuss American Indian and Alaskan Native health disparities</p> <p>It was suggested that someone contact NWPAlHB to</p>

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		<p>have them discuss their Hep elimination work Jude will ask Jessica from Native American ECHO to discuss their work Other topics to bring to Dr. Hathi's attention included: access to hep A and B vaccine; field-based testing and new testing technologies; lack of funding for case investigation and LTC; better communication around syndemic work across OHA; regional inequities</p>
5 mins	Hot topic: <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee Action	<p>Ann will connect with folks week of 5/13/24 with a poll on meeting times to get things rolling: Goals 2 and 3 were discussed in the context of an Jail LTC (with FQHC's?) pilot proposed by Dane and Dayna. 2 Ad Hoc Workgroups will be formed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HCV medication pharmacy access ad hoc will look at options to diminish the use of specialty pharmacies which cause barriers to treatment access. People: Teresa, Lorren, Ann? and 2. Develop Pilot Program - Jail in-reach for testing and linkage to care (LTC) ad hoc will convene to discuss how, where, who, etc. People: Dayna, Dane, Jeanine, Lorren, Ann? <p>NOTE: No one else wrote and volunteered during the past month</p>