The National Movement to Eliminate Hepatitis

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National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable

- Founded in 2003
- Coalition of 450+ organizations
  - Hepatitis B & C
  - Harm reduction
  - Public health
  - Government/health departments
  - HIV and other
  - Industry/Corporate
- Guided by 11 person Steering Committee
- Advocacy, education, coalition building
- Newsletter, updates, HEP blog, calls, webinars, social media
NVHR’s Mission and Vision
The first national organization to adopt elimination focused mission

The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable is a broad coalition working to fight, and ultimately end, the hepatitis B and hepatitis C epidemics. We seek an aggressive response from policymakers, public health officials, medical and health care providers, the media, and the general public through our advocacy, education, and technical assistance.

NVHR believes an end to the hepatitis B and C epidemics is within our reach and can be achieved through addressing stigma and health disparities, removing barriers to prevention, care and treatment, and ensuring respect and compassion for all affected communities.
NVHR’s Focus on Elimination

- Major cosponsor of National Academy of Sciences’ hepatitis B & C elimination report
  - Presented to NAS in June, 2016
  - Participates in monthly calls with NAS staff and other cosponsors
  - Provided a webinar for NVHR members/partners to learn from NAS about the Phase One report
  - Encouraged members/partners to submit input to NAS

- Incorporated elimination messaging in public communications, including media

- Unwavering advocacy to secure HCV treatment access for all

- Allocates staff resources equally to addressing “older” and “newer” HCV epidemics
2017 National Elimination Efforts

• Develop coordinated federal advocacy strategy based on NAS recommendations

• Protect the health care safety net
  – Defend the Affordable Care Act
  – Oppose Medicaid block grants and per capita cap structure
  – Protect immigrant health care/social services/civil rights
  – Advocate for adequate funding for CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis, community health centers

• Secure HCV treatment access for all/eliminate discriminatory restrictions
  – Payers/industry/government must work together for short and long term solutions

• Expand prevention/screening/linkage to care services
  – We can’t cure our way to elimination
  – The cure means nothing to people who don’t know their status
New York Leads the Way

- Elimination in the U.S. will most likely be the result of combination of state/local/regional/system projects
- New York elimination advocacy campaign is leading the nation
- Coalition model: all the right stakeholders with stated goal of ensuring meaningful decision making by people living with/cured from/affected by HCV
- Successes/lessons learned/best practices can be shared with other state/local/regional advocates
- Victories in New York will encourage/motivate advocates around the country
NVHR Pledges Our Support

• We will connect New York advocates, providers, community members who contact us to your campaign
• We will provide mechanisms for you to share your strategies/successes/lessons learned to advocates around the country
• We will ensure that federal policymakers and administrative officials are aware of the New York elimination call to action
• We will provide letters of support and assist with mobilizing
• What else can we do?
Thank You

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