

Interview Guide – Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinators (In-person informed consent will be obtained)

Interview Questions

1. Can you talk a bit about what you know about the Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis (Action Plan)?
2. Can you talk about what viral hepatitis activities are being conducted across your state? Please include activities that the state/federal government funds and those funded/supported by private organizations/groups.
 - How does the State Department of Health work with local health departments or community organizations to help build viral hepatitis capacity? What activities are conducted?
 - What resources are provided to local health departments or community organizations?
 - o Funding? Tests/Test kits? Hepatitis B? Hepatitis C? Vaccines?
3. Can you talk about the viral hepatitis surveillance activities that are being conducted across the state?
 - What are some challenges related to these surveillance activities?
 - Is viral hepatitis surveillance able to dovetail with HIV or other existing surveillance systems?
 - What future plans exist for surveillance across the state?
4. Can you talk about how health departments are equipped to investigate possible outbreaks of health care associated viral hepatitis?
 - How are outbreaks investigated?
 - Has an outbreak investigation best practice been developed?
 - Is there a system that tracks health-care associated hepatitis infections? If so, how does it work?
5. How are viral hepatitis preventive services being monitored across the state?
6. What is being done or has been done to increase availability of and access to hepatitis B and C screening and testing?

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7. What is being done or has been done to increase availability and utilization of hepatitis A and B vaccines?

- Are vaccines available for low or no cost to local health departments or community organizations? How are they distributed?
- What challenges exist to widespread vaccination?

8. What services are in place for pregnant women?

- How do programs ensure that women are tested for HBV when pregnant?
- How do health departments and or CBOs ensure women testing positive for HBV are linked to care and treatment?

9. How are viral hepatitis prevention and care services integrated with substance abuse treatment programs across the state?

- What specific services are in place to provide care or services for IDUs?
- What needle exchange programs exist, if any?
- What about other substance abuse programs?

10. Can you describe how viral hepatitis activities are being integrated with HIV prevention services in your jurisdiction?

11. Can you talk about how you work with partners across the state?

- Who are these partners?
- What do these partnerships involve?
- How do you work with them?
- How are activities across different groups coordinated?

12. Is there a statewide viral hepatitis task force or planning committee?

- Who are the members?
- How often do they meet?
- What kinds of activities do they work on?

13. Can you describe any viral hepatitis educational campaigns been conducted at the state-level?

- Have any events or activities been conducted for hepatitis awareness month? World hepatitis day? Hepatitis testing day?
- What groups were targeted for these campaigns?
- What did the campaigns involve?