



CHIPO: Coalition Against Hepatitis for People of African Origin

Conference Call Agenda

Monday, May 18th 2020

3:00 - 4:00pm EDT

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Attendees: *If we missed or misspelled your name, please let us know!

Sydney Battle (Asian Health Coalition), Halimatou Konte (African Services Committee), Chari Cohen (Hepatitis B Foundation), Amadou Diagne (Gilead Sciences), Essi Havor (Houston Health Department), Sarah Lewis (Maine Access Immigrant Health Network), Nadine Kela-Murphy (NYC Department of Health), Elizabeth Koch (Columbus Public Health), Halimatou Konte (African Services Committee), Dr. Leso Munala (St. Catherine University), Hibo Noor (Columbus Department of Health), Kate Moraras (Hepatitis B Foundation), Monda Mwaya (University of Pennsylvania), Jane Pan (HBI-DC), Sierra Bodor (Hepatitis B Foundation), Farma Pene (NYC Department of Health), Dr. Lewis Roberts (Mayo Clinic), Alia Southworth (Asian Health Coalition), Amy Wishner (American Academy of Pediatrics/ Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition), Augustus Woyah (Maryland Department of Health), Danait Yemane (African Services Committee), Diana Zaato (Columbus Public Health)

3:00 pm **Welcome & Introductions**

3:05 pm **Hepatitis Awareness Month and COVID-19 Updates (Kate Moraras, Hep B United)**

- [CDC Information on Liver Disease and COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Hepatitis Awareness Month Webinar](#)
- [National Adult Hepatitis B Awareness Month Briefing](#)
- [AASLD The Liver and COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources in African Languages](#)

3:15 pm **Presentation: Cultural Considerations When Providing Health Education in African Communities (Monda Mwaya (mondamwa@yahoo.com), Health Educator/Language Instructor at the University of Pennsylvania)**

- For example; when educating among Muslim communities, you may consider that health education from the same sex may be important. *Group discussion and agreeance around same gender education, but emphasis on the importance of trust and understanding, similar ethnic backgrounds of educators to target community*
- How do we approach sensitive topics such as sexually transmitted diseases and hepatitis B? *Starting a conversation around promoting wellness of the whole person is a good way to start, emphasize testing as a part of staying*

healthy in general, it can be very powerful for imam/religious leaders to be tested publicly

- Some people may be worried that their test results may be made public, how can we overcome this fear? *Emphasize that HIPPA laws protect them from health information getting out to their communities. Group discussion around familiarity of health educators with community as an important part of comfort and willingness to test*
- *Group discussion around providing education in rural vs. urban communities (in Africa): there may be differences in education levels in rural vs. urban environments*

3:45 pm **Member Updates/Upcoming Events**

- Farma Pene (CHIPO NYC) has developed a new educational material
- Jane Pan (HBI-DC) doing social media, webinars, calling HBV +, offering HBV, HCV testing vouchers during pandemic for Labcorp screening, HBI-DC playing a role in providing employment information and support related to COVID-19
 - Helpful resource to share with communities looking for lower-cost resources: <https://www.auntbertha.com/>
- Sylvie Bello (Cameroonian Association), shoutout to Thaddeus Pham with Hawaii Health Department for assisting HBV+ woman who was in detention center

4:00 pm **Conclusion**

Next Coalition Call:

Monday, July 27th 2020 3:00 – 4:00 PM EDT

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