



CHIPO: Coalition Against Hepatitis for People of African Origin

Conference Call Minutes

Monday November 16th, 2020

2:30-3:30pm EST

Zoom: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/639281909>

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**Attendees: Please let me know if I missed anyone!**

Chari Cohen (Hepatitis B Foundation), Beatrice Zovich (Hepatitis B Foundation), Camila Picchio (Barcelona Institute for Global Health), Hikma Elmi (AFAHO), Farma Pene (New York City Department of Health and CHIPO NYC), Amy Wishner (PA Immunization Coalition and PA Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics), Bilan Hussein (Columbus Public Health), Keith Mauppa, Elizabeth Koch (Columbus Public Health), Naomi Louie (Asian Health Coalition), Aisha Hibbert (NYC Department of Health), Augustus Woyah (Maryland Department of Health), Leso Munala (St. Catherine University), Lewis Roberts (Mayo Clinic), Victoria Foster (New York City Department of Health)

**2:30pm: Welcome and Updates**

- Translated PowerPoint presentations for community health educators now available! [Click here](#) to access the presentations in Amharic, Arabic, French, and Swahili. English presentation with audio voiceover should also be available in the coming weeks.
- We are working on updating the CHIPO member list! Please keep an eye out in the next couple of weeks for a survey asking for details about your organization, so we can have everyone fully represented on the website.
- Please register for the upcoming Hep B United Summit! This will occur from 1-5PM EST each day on December 2-4, 2020 and will be a great opportunity to learn about work being done around the country in the Hep B community and to engage and interact with partners. [Register here](#) by November 30th!

**2:40 pm: Presentation:** Introduction to HBV-COMSAVA (Community Screening and Vaccination in Africans): Model of Care and Expected Objectives/Outcomes **Presenter:** Camila Picchio, MPH, Project Manager and Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Barcelona Institute for Global Health, Hospital Clinic, University of Barcelona, [camila.picchio@isglobal.org](mailto:camila.picchio@isglobal.org)

- 57% of Ghanaian migrants to Spain had never been tested for HBV before
- HBV-COMSAVA is a community-based testing and vaccination initiative to increase linkage to liver specialist care for West African migrants in greater Barcelona through simplified diagnostic methods, like a blood Plasma Separation Card, and peer navigators.
- The program includes a validated HBV digital education tool (app), co-created by West African migrant communities.
- Very little stigma around HBV has been found in the communities so far.
- Community members who are found to be negative are given the first dose of the vaccine and then peer navigators work to ensure that they receive the second and third doses.

- The primary objectives of the project are HBV screening and linkage to vaccination or treatment, determination of the epidemiology of HBV infection and sero-protection in the screened population, elevation of HBV knowledge in at-risk communities, and understanding of the feasibility of the Plasma Separation Card.
- Slides are attached and please feel free to reach out to Camila via email with questions!

**3:10pm: Questions**

**3:20pm: Member Updates**

- From Amy Wishner of PA Immunization Coalition and the PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics: An upcoming webinar, "Let's Talk about Disparities in Immunization," will discuss how to address this issue. Presenters are Kristen Feemster, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAP, and Johanna Vidal-Phelan, MD, MBA, FAAP. The webinar will take place on Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM. To register: <https://www.flipcause.com/secure/>
- Asian Health Coalition is expanding outreach to Nigerian communities in the Chicago metro area. If anyone has access to Hep B resources or tools in Igbo and can pass them along to the group at large, that would be much appreciated!

**3:30pm: Conclusion**

Thanks so much for joining! Please keep us updated about research and programmatic updates and let us know if you'd like to present at the next meeting!

Next Coalition Call:

Monday January 25th, 2020, 3:00-4:00pm EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82508066108?pwd=cTlZazJBOUdkQXUwU0J5U2pNZVpiZz09>