



Coalition Against Hepatitis for People of African Origin (CHIPO) Call Minutes

March 23, 2026, 2:00 - 3:00pm ET

Announcements

- Vaccine Access Webinar: Upcoming webinar moderated by Senator Santarsiero and featuring public health experts on March 31st to discuss vaccine accessibility, safety and what Pennsylvania is doing to increase access to lifesaving vaccines
Register here: <https://www.senatorstevesantarsiero.com/event/vaccine-access/>
- B informed session: Understanding Clinical trials: A session that will discuss what clinical trials are, why they are important and how to find clinical trials
Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1nIDklHSTiGvgh-fB4ZIMg#/registration
- Virtual Advocacy Day (for Hepatitis Awareness Month): To participate in a virtual advocacy day and speak with members in Congressional offices about supporting communities impacted by hepatitis B
Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhgzN9NUxkZZQ-Xj80kwzGy8QVel9sWndn-6iWgoWeX97u2A/viewform?pli=1&authuser=0>

Presentation: Hepatitis B Prevention in Newcomer communities

Speaker: Erin Mann, MPH, Migration Health Initiative (MHI)

MHI presented research and resources for building capacity among providers and community leaders to address challenges with hepatitis B among newcomer communities. They shared their hepatitis B dialogue guide for providers which was developed after consultation with various healthcare providers, community workers and community members. The guide features strategies for starting a conversation with new patients, establishing facts, exploring the patients' mindset and perspectives on hepatitis B, as well as planning next steps for care.

Resources shared during the presentation:

[Hepatitis B Dialogue Guide](#)

[Hepatitis B in Immigrant Communities: What Primary Care Providers Need to Know](#)
[Vaccination Conversations with Adult Patients from Refugee, Immigrant & Migrant Communities](#)

[Protect Your Family](#) - a campaign featuring culturally-validated resources in 16 languages

Member Updates

New York City has released their 2024 Hepatitis A, B, and C Surveillance Annual Report which can be found here: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/cd/hepatitis-abc-annual-report-2024.pdf>

Next coalition call: May 18th, 2026