



CHIPO: Coalition Against Hepatitis

for People of African Origin

Conference Call Minutes

Monday May 9th, 2022

3:00-4:00 pm EDT

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87242051322?pwd=MndBS2o0NktGTjJRbnFkL0hhU01ZUT09>

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Attendees: Please let me know if I missed you or got only your partial information!

Beatrice Zovich (Hepatitis B Foundation), Shreya Koirala (Hepatitis B Foundation), Chari Cohen (Hepatitis B Foundation), Oni Adesuwa (Rise Against Hepatitis Global Initiative), Leso Munala (St. Catherine University), Kendra Pelz (VBI Vaccines), Ganiat Sarumi Disu (African Health Coalition Chicago), Halimatou Konte (African Services Committee), Nonso Meduka, Bilan Hussein (Columbus Public Health), Jeneba Swaray (Columbus Public Health), Hibo Noor (Columbus Public Health), Seun Aluko (Columbus Public Health), Arafat Bwambale (Great Lakes Peace Centre, Uganda), Rhea Racho (Hepatitis B Foundation)

3:00pm: Welcome and Updates:

- CDC is accepting comments on the draft for updated Hepatitis B Screening Guidelines until June 3, 2022. Hepatitis B Foundation will be submitting comments on the guidelines, so CHIPO members are welcome to include their comments with HBF – please be on the lookout for an email about this. In the coming week, we will be sending out two documents to all members. One document will allow you to submit comments on the CDC guidelines on behalf of your organization (or individually) and the other one will allow you to endorse the comments of the Hepatitis B Foundation and Hep B United.
- Membership expansion and development: We are working to expand CHIPO's reach and better engage our current membership. Please consider these three questions and feel free to reach out to Beatrice (beatrice.zovich@hepb.org) to share your thoughts!
 - What resources or actions would you like to see or hear more of from CHIPO?
 - What topics would you like to be addressed at upcoming meetings?
 - How could CHIPO better support you as a member?
- Join Hep B United's first Community Health Center Learning Collaborative information session on May 19th at 3pm EDT. We will be sharing goals, learning objectives, potential dates, speakers, curriculum and more! [Register here!](#)
- Hep B United has been hosting monthly state advocacy calls on the second Tuesday of every month at 3pm Eastern Time. Topics of these calls will include state budget/appropriations advocacy, state implementation of new ACIP recommendations for universal adult hepatitis B vaccination, requesting state and local proclamations for Hepatitis Awareness Month, and updates and additions to state advocacy resource pages, among other topics. These calls are a great resource, and we hope you can join! [Register here!](#)
- We are updating the "Members" section on [our website](#) and would love to have more complete information for our different member organizations! If you would like to have your organization's description, website, and/or contact information listed on our website, please complete this [SurveyMonkey form](#), so we can list you!

- We have printed out many of the [resources](#) that were created for community health educators and community members, as part of the CDC's Know Hepatitis B campaign. If you would like any materials printed and mailed to you, please let us know using [this form](#).
- CHIPO now has now expanded to other social media channels! Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and @CHIPO_HBV on Twitter and Instagram.

3:10 pm: Presentation: Grant Writing 101

Presentation slides and recording are attached.

- Finding Funding
- Choosing a grant
- Planning
- Components of the Proposal
- SMART objectives
- Applying
- Budget: We did not get to cover the entire section on budget due to lack of time, but we can potentially have a more in-depth session on this (or evaluation, renewal, logic models, or any of the other above topics) at a later time!
- Resources for finding funding:
 - www.grants.gov
 - The Foundation Center: https://nonprofitquarterly.org/study-of-us-foundation-giving-abroad-raises-key-questions-for-the-field/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwma6TBhDIARIsAOKuANyBwM8AtR9MsadbEtfqOz0IAkuMeNTCcVhVgPwVFPs6WuUctnBFXuEaAk_nEALw_wcB
 - Office of Minority Health Resource Center: <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=1&lvlid=>
- These resources are largely US-focused – if you would like assistance in seeking funding in Africa, please reach out and we can try to help!
- If you consider or begin applying for a grant and find that you need assistance in any step of the process, don't hesitate to reach out!

3:40pm: Questions

3:55pm: Member Updates

- Arafat from Great Lakes Peace Centre in Uganda reported that they are making progress with the government in terms of getting recognition for hepatitis B and resources to help end viral hepatitis in rural communities. They will soon begin focus groups with some of the communities in Kasese to help to bring more awareness about hepatitis B among women and youth, to provide education and to dispel myths and misconceptions.
- Video is attached.

4:00pm: Conclusion

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

Next Coalition Call:
July 18th, 2022, 3pm ET/2pm CT