

# Update on Comprehensive Planning for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and Hepatitis C Coalition

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## New Mexico Hepatitis C Coalition

- Formed in August 2013.
- First invitational meeting for the community on May 14, 2014.
- Partnership of New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) and community organizations.
- Follows prior planning groups, including the New Mexico Hepatitis C Alliance.



## New Mexico Hepatitis C Coalition

- Meets monthly (first Thursday of the month) via the "ZOOM" telehealth system.
- Co-chairs from three organizations:
  - 1) NMDOH: Laine Snow
  - 2) UNM ECHO Institute: Miranda Sedillo
  - 3) Southwest CARE Center: Rosie Brandenberger
- Will create the state's first comprehensive plan for HCV since 2004's "Vision and Strategy."



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## Coalition - Expansion

- After passage of House Memorial 26 (HM26): Hepatitis Task Force (Trujillo), the Coalition was expanded to invite perspectives noted in the bill.
- Invitations from Public Health Division Director Mark Williams sent in first week of June 2015.
- Greater participation from:
  - Human Services Department (HSD)
  - Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
  - Corrections Department
  - Community health councils from some areas.



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## Comprehensive Planning – Basis for Work

Uses established hepatitis C plans.

- Framework for the 2016-2020 DVH Strategic Plan - from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH)
- Health and Human Services (HHS) Action Plan for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Viral Hepatitis

Also modeled on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS).



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## Comprehensive Planning

Group established a process with four phases to develop a comprehensive plan.

- 1) Develop vision/mission and goals. complete
- 2) Assess available resources for HCV. complete
- 3) Identify unmet needs and gaps across New Mexico. In process - prioritizing gaps
- 4) Create specific objectives for each goal.



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## Mission/Vision

- New Mexico will prioritize the prevention, testing and treatment of infection with hepatitis C virus (HCV) in order to reduce the number of new infections as well as cure the infection in those currently living with HCV, thereby reducing the negative health impacts of this disease.



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## Goals

1. **Prevention:** Reduce the transmission of HCV by providing harm reduction education and interventions.
2. **Access to Testing and Care:** Cure HCV and reduce negative health impacts by improving access to testing, counseling, support, treatment and comprehensive medical care.
3. **Education and Training:** Reduce stigma, increase awareness and expand resources by providing education and training to at-risk populations, persons with HCV, providers and policy makers.
4. **Health Disparities:** Reduce health disparities related to HCV by advocating for increased resources and appropriate policies for surveillance, prevention and medical services.



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**Thank you.**

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# Vaccine Purchase Act

Department of Health (DOH) presentation to LHHS

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