



CHIPO: Coalition Against Hepatitis for People of African Origin
Conference Call Agenda
Monday, January 27th, 2019
3:00 - 4:00pm ET

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

Sarah Ahmed (NYC Department of Health), Oluseun Aluko (Columbus Public Health), Tolu Arowolo (Maryland Department of Health), Dr. Seleshi Asfaw (Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services), Sydney Battle (Asian Health Coalition), Halimatou Konte (African Services Committee), Emmanuel Emeasoba (Monte Fiore), Aaron Harris (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), Essi Havor (Houston Health Department), Bilan Hussein (Columbus Public Health), Sarah Lewis (Maine Access Immigrant Health Network), Nadine Kela-Murphy (NYC Department of Health), Elizabeth Koch (Columbus Public Health), Halimatou Konte (African Services Committee), Jane Pan (HBI-DC), Sierra Pellechio (Hepatitis B Foundation), Farma Pene (NYC Department of Health), Dan-Tam Phan (Minnesota Department of Health), Ibrahima Sankare (African Services Committee), Beth Smith (Pennsylvania Department of Health), Lula Sweet (Columbus Department of Health), Amy Wishner (American Academy of Pediatrics/ Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition), Danait Yemane (African Services Committee), Diana Zaato (Columbus Public Health)

3:00 pm Welcome & Introductions

3:05 pm CDC Know Hepatitis B African Resources Update

- Resources will be online by end of February 2020!

3:15 pm Presentation: Comprehensive Community Outreach: Holistic and Culturally Responsive Services to New Americans in Ohio (Dr. Seleshi Ayalew Asfaw, President & CEO Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS)) seleshi.asfaw@ethiotss.org

- ETSS helps new immigrants in Central Ohio establish roots and gain self-sufficiency
 - ETSS operates 13 locations, services clients from over 57 countries, staff speak over 25 languages
 - Focus on providing a comprehensive, holistic approach to immigrant health and well-being - run youth, workforce, healthy living, family care, community engagement programs
 - Emphasize celebrating culture and gaining trust in the community by hiring culturally diverse staff and running cultural events
 - Partnerships with funders, community, organizations are key to ETSS success and impact
- Tips for community outreach and connecting with new immigrants:

- Have a clear direction and knowledge of community needs when designing programs and funding, partnerships, community will come
- Being visible and networking (through events, presentations etc.) in the community is key to establishing trust and credibility
- Build coalitions – increase community capacity by working with grassroots organizations
- Develop bilingual brochures, flyers
- Refer to partner organizations
- Utilize social media
- Utilize news and articles to gain visibility
- Future program expansion
 - Hoping to do HIV/hepatitis B education, other programs

Discussion: How does ETSS collaborate with state/local health departments?

- *ETSS has been very active with county health departments and health commissioners, collaborating with health fairs. Also works with Central Ohio Health Collaborative, Ohio State University*

Do you track how long immigrants have been in the country, and consider this when providing services?

- *2 major resettlement agencies track this, ETSS receives referrals and works with them*

3:45 pm Member Updates/Upcoming Events

- CHIPO NYC meeting Wed, January 29th, 2020

4:00 pm Conclusion

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