



CHIPO: Coalition Against Hepatitis

for People of African Origin

Coalition Call Minutes

November 18th, 2024

2:00pm-3:00pm EST

[Zoom Link](#)

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

Beatrice Zovich (Hep B Foundation), Quinn Plunkett (Hep B Foundation), Assita Belemkoabga (Project HONE, Mount Sinai, NYC), Elizabeth Koch (Division of Population Health, Columbus, OH), Seun Aluko (Division of Population Health, Columbus, OH), Lutamaguzi Emma Bakojja (Hepatitis Aid Organization, Uganda), Emily Goldberg-Hall (African Services Committee, NYC), Syreeta Wilkins (National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants, Minnesota), Nicollate Okoko (Zidkijah Medical Center, Kenya), Linnea Schenck (Philadelphia, PA Department of Public Health), Janet Afoakwah (United States Coalition for African Immigrant Health), Ganiat Sarumi Disu (African Health Coalition, Chicago, IL), David Irinam (Bekwarra Hepatitis B Support Advocacy Initiative, Cross River State, Nigeria), John Sonnyinado

2:00 pm: Welcome and Updates:

- **Welcome to our four new members!** National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (Minneapolis, MN, USA), Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (Baton Rouge, LA, USA), Burundi Association for People Who Use Drugs (Bujumbura, Burundi), Gift of Life Hospice (Koboko, Uganda)
- **Webinar Recording Available:** [Addressing the Syndemic: Opportunities for Hepatitis B Integration – Insights from Nigeria and Uganda](#)
- **ECHO Session Recordings Available through 2024:** These are opportunities for FREE Continuing Medical Education for mainly primary care providers to gain a better understanding of effective diagnosis and management of hepatitis B and delta in community settings. [Check out the full list of recordings here.](#)
- **Two New #BtheVoice Storytellers for November:** [Father Benjamin](#) and [Philip](#) (both from Ghana)
- **New Blog Post** featuring CHIPO partner Africa Health Research Institute – [check it out here!](#)
- **New Podcast Episode** featuring Mohamed Ali of the Seattle Department of Public Health, who highlights the importance of the Learn the Link campaign about the connection between hepatitis B and liver cancer in the Somali community – [check it out here!](#)
- **New Publication**, related to the importance of hep B birth dose, published in the *Annals of African Medicine* – [read here!](#)

- **Upcoming B Informed Patient Conference:** On Thursday December 5th from 1-4pm Eastern Time, the Hepatitis B Foundation will be hosting a virtual patient conference, which will provide general information about hepatitis B, updates on a functional cure, and a storyteller panel, all geared toward people with lived experience of the virus. Please join us and disseminate to your networks! [The registration link is here.](#)

2:15 pm: Presentation

- Dr. Nicollate Okoko, Zidkijah Medical Center, presenting on organizational overview and addressing hepatitis B through the care cascade in rural Kenya

2:50pm: Q&A

2:55pm: Member Updates – please feel free to email any updates or events to the listserv!

3:00 pm: Conclusion

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on **Monday January 27th at 2pm EST.**

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!

