

Developing HCV Infrastructure with Limited Resources

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- ❑ Originally sponsored by House, final draft by Senate-Approved May 2003
- ❑ Mandated DOH to create HCV Strategic Plan by 1/1/2004
- ❑ Included caveat prohibiting the use of state funds for plan development or implementation until 2007

Getting Started

- Step 1: Form Advisory Committee
- Step 2: Break out the boxing gloves
- Step 3: Overcome barriers to create Strategic Plan in 4 months
- Step 4: Implementation

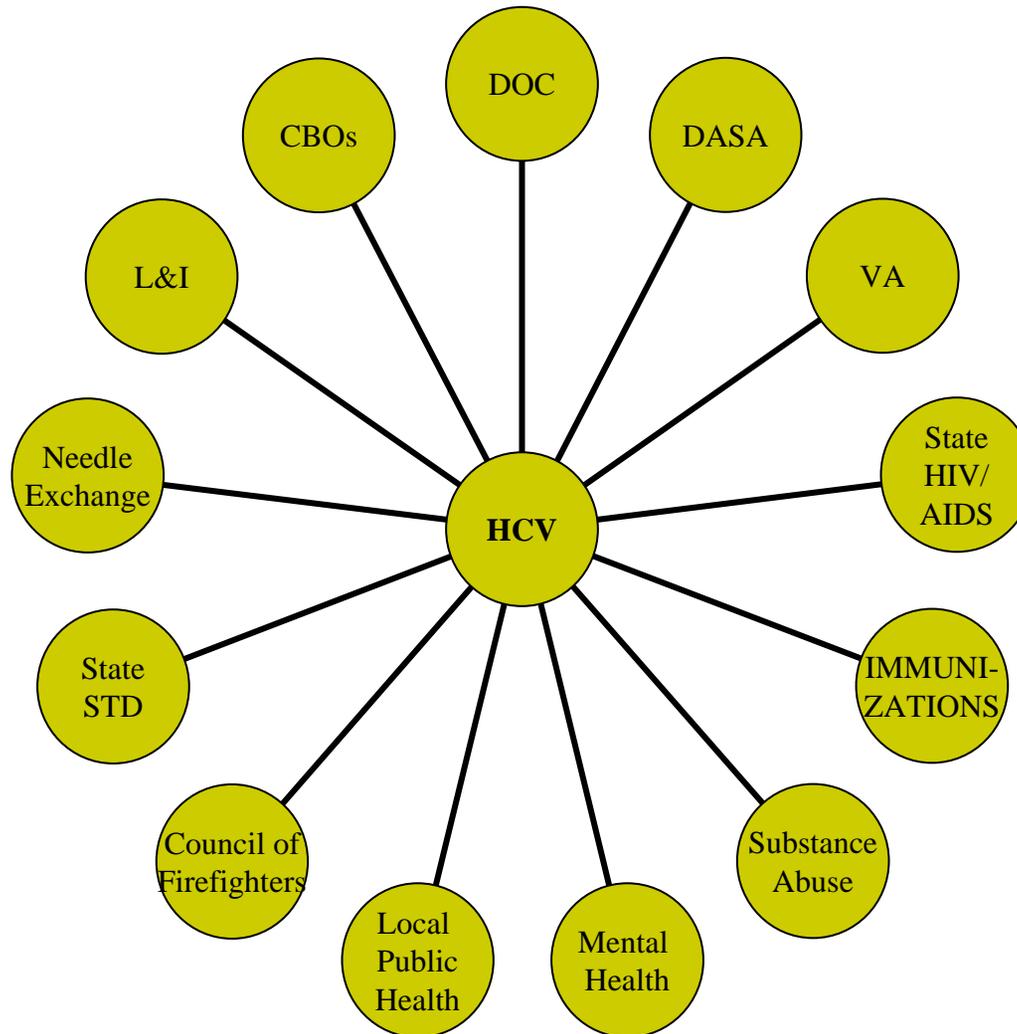
Now What???

- ❑ Completed plan delivered to legislature in January 2004--but still no money
- ❑ Develop cost estimates for full implementation of the plan-\$11 million biennially
- ❑ Focus on implementing elements of the plan with little or no cost associated
- ❑ Focus on building program infrastructure for when the \$\$\$ comes

Focus on the Future

- Transition HCV Advisory Committee to HCV Task Force
 - Assist with implementation activities
- Concentrate Efforts on Building Community Partnerships

Building Relationships



Doing Something with Nothing...

□ Education

- May 2003-Statewide HCV Conference
- November 2005-Statewide HIV/HCV Conference
- TOT Curriculum partnerships
 - Adoption of HCV Support Project's Training
 - Integration of NCSD's Training
 - Development of addition modules adaptable to specific populations
- Integration of HCV education into HIV KNOW curriculum for grades 7 & 8

Education Cont....

- HCV Education Program in Substance Abuse Programs
- Partnership with local psychiatric hospitals-training for staff and patients
- HCV Education in Corrections & Jails

Understanding Capacity

- Conducted a Needs Assessment of LHJs to:
 - Determine current HCV activities
 - Define Capacity
 - Identify Program Strengths
 - Identify Program Challenges
 - What do they need from DOH????
 - What did we learn? The capacity is there!

WA State HCV Support Group Network

- Partnership between DOH and Hepatitis Education Project
- Identify existing support groups around WA
- Train and certify support group leaders
- Recruit and provide TA for new support groups
- Develop a speaker's bureau

Partnering with Harm Reduction Programs

- Working with needle exchange programs
 - TA
 - Training and certification for staff and volunteers
 - Increasing community partnerships
 - Law enforcement
 - Pharmacies
 - Treatment Programs
 - Local Crisis Clinic
 - Methadone Programs-Increasing Access to Care!!!!

Integration Efforts

- Educating partners-What does integration mean?
- Encouraging local health and CBOs to add viral hepatitis
- Focus on integration with DOH!!!!

The Future of HCV in WA

- Integrated HCV & Harm Reduction Program
- Accept Baby Steps!
- Be Ready for Full Plan Implementation when the \$\$\$ show up!!

Any Questions???
