



# Hep Free NNE Project Timeline

## Runway to Hep Free NNE

- Secure State Departments of Health (ME/NH/VT) & CDC approvals for a regional approach to viral hepatitis B and C elimination planning.
- Develop infrastructure and resources for a regional planning process.
- Establish a start-up steering committee.
- Establish each states' roles & responsibilities.

2022

## Gather Community Data & Initiate Discovery Committees

- Gather and analyze qualitative data across ME/NH/VT via the "three lanes" of listening sessions involving:
  - Harm reduction programs and recovery org. staff, & the people who use their services via an IRB-approved methodology,
  - Healthcare providers via key informant interviews, and
  - Broad groups, coalitions, and associations via forums embedded in existing routine meetings.
- Initiate Discovery Committee (DC) roundtables on Medicaid Partnerships, HCV Care in Correctional Settings, and Perinatal HCV.
- Develop the first iteration of regional priority areas and goals based on the qualitative data and DC findings.

Summer 2023

Winter 2023

## Launch Hep Free NNE

- Expand steering committee membership.
- Develop guiding documents.
- Conceptualize approach.
- Develop a regional viral hepatitis B and C epidemiological profile & situational analysis.

Fall 2023

## Engage Broader Planning Group Members

- Beginning with a kickoff summit in October 2023, a broad base of stakeholders across Northern New England ("Planning Group Members") meet bi-monthly throughout 2023 & 2024 to develop Hep Free NNE goals and objectives.
- In between bi-monthly Planning Group (PG) meetings, Hep Free NNE Steering Committee members develop subsequent iterations of the goals and emerging objectives based on PG member feedback and insight into regional viral hepatitis elimination priorities, opportunities, barriers, and challenges.

## Iterative, Community-Driven Process for Developing Goals & Objectives

- Via bi-monthly meetings and ongoing listening sessions, continue engaging PG members. Ensure people disproportionately affected by viral hepatitis have opportunities to engage as co-producers in planning.
- Establish workgroups to develop emerging objectives and evaluation metrics.
- Identify potential sources of funding & resources for implementation.
- Develop a regional Consensus Statement for viral hepatitis B and C elimination.
- Raise the visibility of viral hepatitis B and C as a solvable public health crisis in NNE.

Winter/Spring/Summer 2024

## Publish the Plan

- Publish & publicize the first five-year NNE Viral Hepatitis B and C Elimination Plan (2025-2030).
- Celebrate & kickoff implementation.

January 2025

Fall 2024

## Prepare the Plan

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