



# Colorado's Corrections/Public Health Collaboration for 340B

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# Hepatitis C in Colorado Prisons



- 2017-2021, State and Federal Prisons accounted for 22% of all HCV diagnoses in CO
  - And 11% of acute HCV cases <sup>(1)</sup>
- 2,686 chronic HCV cases from prisons, 2017-2021 <sup>(1)</sup>
- In 2018, estimated 2,200 individuals with HCV in CDOC <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) CDPHE, *Viral Hepatitis Surveillance in Colorado: 2021 Annual Report*, Mar 2023.

(2) Alan Pendergrast, *State Settles Prison Hep C Lawsuit With \$41 Million Treatment Plan*, Westword, Sep 12, 2018.

# Hepatitis C Care in Colorado Prisons



- CDOC provides at intake:
  - Opt-out testing for HCV, HBV
  - HAV and HBV vaccination
- HCV treatment for all chronic HCV cases
  - 2018 settlement with ACLU
  - \$41 million legislative allocation for HCV treatment
  - 1,226 patients achieved SVR as of June 2022

# 340B Collaboration Timeline



Summer 2022

**CDOC reached out to CDPHE for support**

Fall 2022

**NASTAD provided technical assistance around 340B eligibility and enrollment**

October 2022

**CDOC registered as 340B STI entity**

Spring/Summer 2023

**CDPHE drafted Interagency Agreement to execute with CDOC around 340B activities**

# In-Kind Support for CDOC



- A formal agreement is not required
- CDPHE already provided:
  - Case Ascertainment
  - Technical Assistance
- CDPHE in the process of providing:
  - Outbreak Investigations & Case Ascertainment
  - Technical Assistance & Recommendations
  - Peer Education Program
  - Rapid HCV Test Kits

# In-Kind Support



- CDOC actions with CDPHE help:
  - Expedited treatment of acute cases
  - Publicized availability of HCV testing at facility
- Department-wide changes
  - HCV Peer Education Program
  - Expanded HCV screening and testing
  - Pursuing expansion of MAT
  - Treatment of acute HCV

# InterAgency Agreement



- Still not finalized
- Hawai'i DOC/DOH MOU inspired but changed significantly
- Focus is ongoing collaboration
- Hope to expand scope to HBV, HIV, STI and continue to improve HCV care in CDOC

# InterAgency Agreement



- CDOC's obligations:
  - Create/update protocols that include HCV testing, treatment and post-incarceration LTC
  - Provide testing, treatment and post-incarceration LTC
  - Share a viral hepatitis report with CDPHE
- CDPHE's obligations:
  - Provide in-kind support (via 318 grant)
  - Attest to CDOC's 340B eligibility (when asked by HRSA)





## Who needs to be at the table?

- CDPHE and CDOC
- NASTAD has been a huge help!
  - Thank you Erin, Zakiya and Isabel

## Who is responsible for ensuring compliance?

- CDOC
- CDPHE needs to attest to CDOC's eligibility, and will oversee our Inter-Agency Agreement



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