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MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through the provision of **public health leadership** and through **community-based public health efforts** in partnership with local health departments, providers, community-based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to **at-risk and vulnerable populations**.

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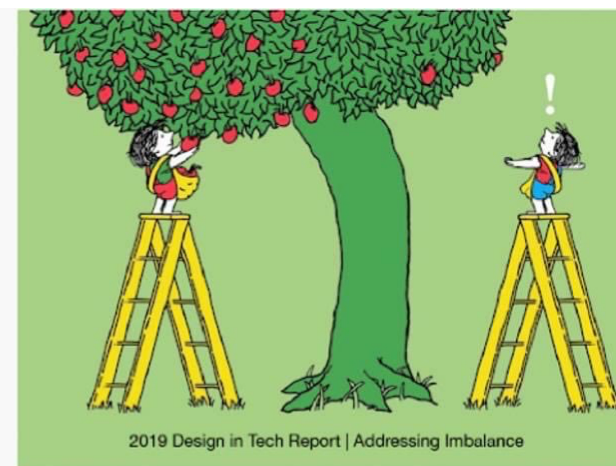
The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy **optimal health and well-being**.

IDPHSB Commitment Statement

*Our Commitment as a Bureau is to partner with communities to achieve **health equity** for all Marylanders. Our priority is to advance **social and racial justice**, and we are committed to undoing **racism** within our public health systems. It is our responsibility to serve Marylanders without any bias or discrimination and ensure **open access** to services and resources.*



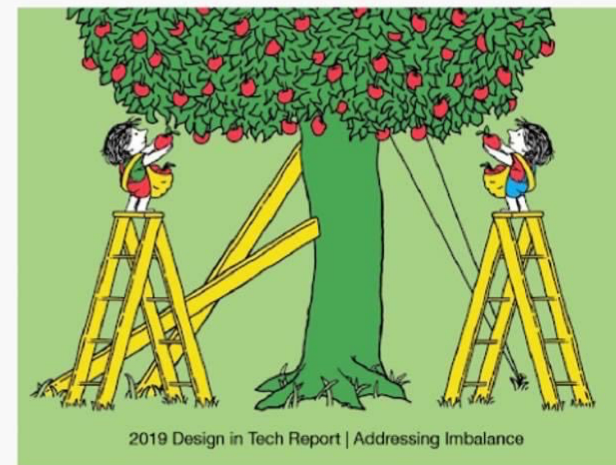
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Background

- CDC PS2103 short-term outcomes, jurisdictions are expected to complete a need assessment to improve hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing
- In 2021, MDH launched a hepatitis B provider survey
- The objective was to identify gaps in knowledge and infrastructure for HBV testing and management from the provider's perspective.
- The Hep C provider survey builds on this using similar framework

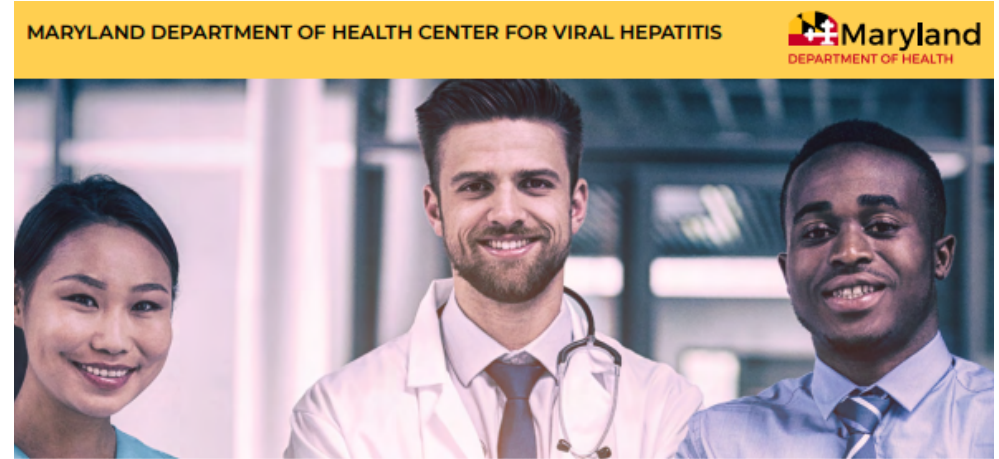
Outcome 2.1.3: Increased HCV and HBV testing in the healthcare system

Year 3 Activities	Process Measures	Responsible Party/Person
Conduct a needs assessment to identify gaps in access to routine HBV testing.	Report of needs assessment finalized	CVH Epidemiologist
Conduct a needs assessment to identify gaps in access to routine HCV screening and testing.	Report of needs assessment finalized	CVH Epidemiologist
Provide feedback to the health systems to improve routine HCV and HBV testing	Increase in the number of individuals aware of HCV status	VHPC
Include recommendations in the state hepatitis elimination plan to increase routine HBV & HCV testing		Program Manager (CVH)

- Developed a concept note to outline
 - Proposed objectives
 - Survey methodology
 - Survey tool
 - Proposed list of providers/health facilities
 - Survey dissemination
 - Analytical plan
 - Report dissemination
- Consultation with NASTAD, HBI, Maryland HCV Test & Cure Partners
- Pilot the survey tool
- Finalize the tool incorporating feedback

Survey Launch

- **Hep B Provider survey**
 - Survey Monkey
 - TA from *HealthHIV* and *Alive!Maryland* Partnership
- **Hep C Provider Survey**
 - Identified high-volume hep C testing reporting facilities from surveillance records
 - Google form platform, followed by Word document
 - Disseminated widely among LHD partners, HCV Test and Cure clinical Partners, community partnerships,



MARYLAND VIRAL HEPATITIS B PROVIDER SURVEY

Please complete this brief survey.

The Maryland Department of Health's Center for Viral Hepatitis (CVH) is conducting this survey to learn about hepatitis B services in Maryland and to better understand gaps in services throughout the state. With the outcomes of this survey, CVH will identify resources for hepatitis B services for Marylanders, address gaps in services, and identify areas of focus for targeted program implementation.

Who should complete the survey?

Hepatitis B providers in clinical settings, community-based organizations, and other non-profits and health care settings.

How long does the survey take?

The survey is approximately 15 minutes long.

About CVH

The Center for Viral Hepatitis (CVH) monitors and evaluates adult viral hepatitis prevention and health services in partnership with impacted communities and public and private sector partners.

Thank you for your participation!

SCAN TO ACCESS THE SURVEY



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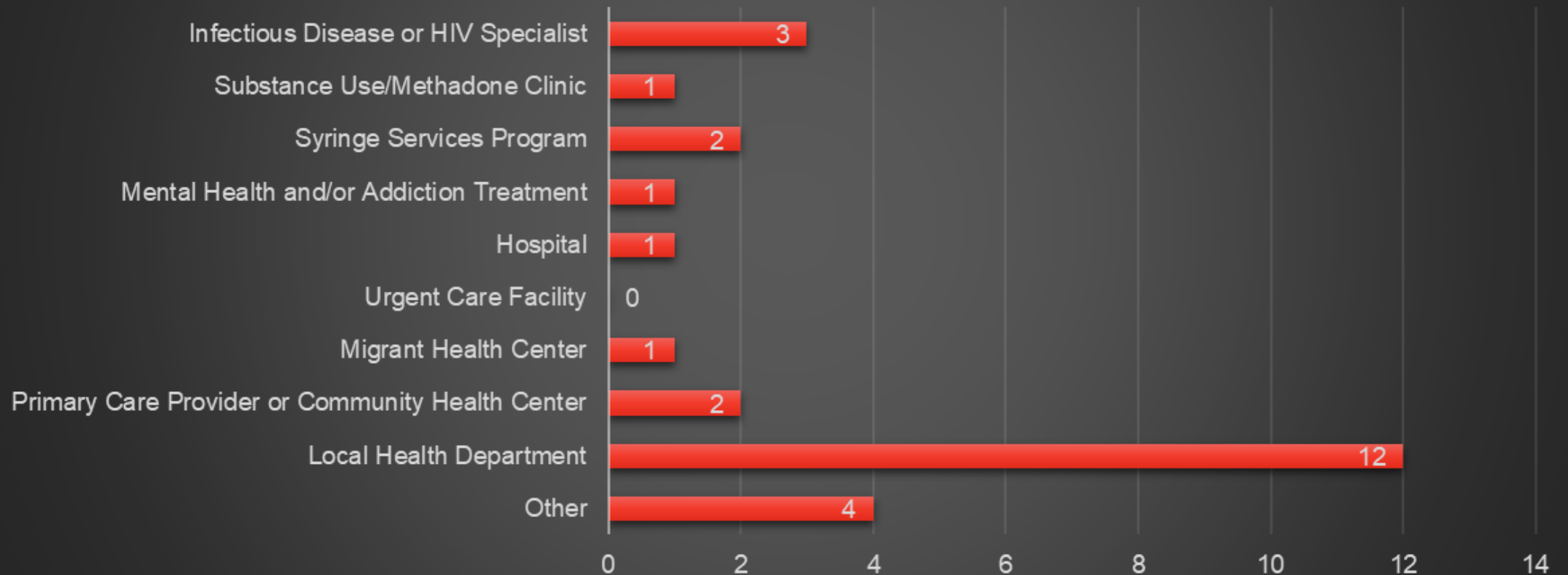
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THE SURVEY SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 15 MINUTES TO COMPLETE.



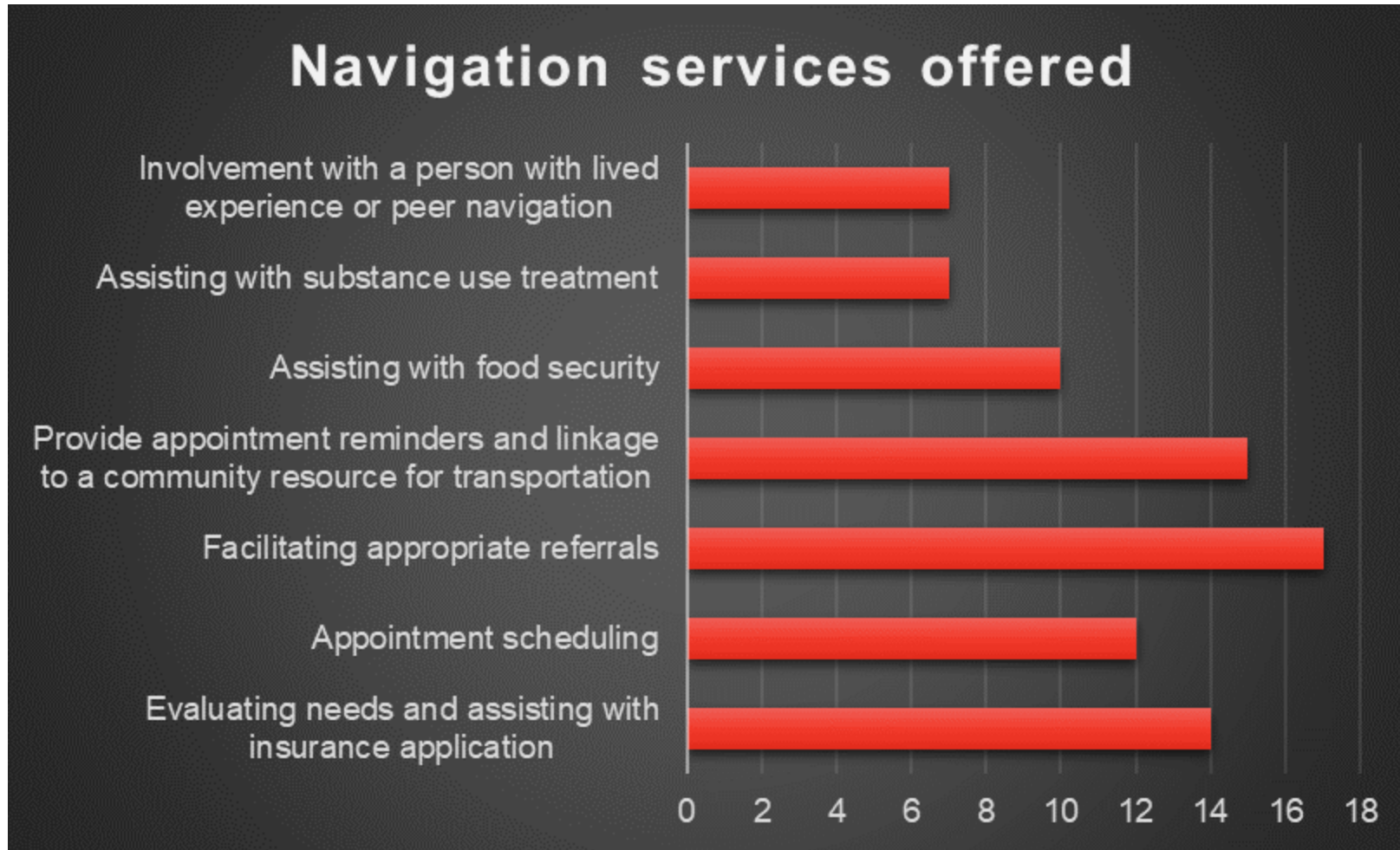
Summary of HCV Provider Survey Participants

Type of Organization - Select All that Apply (Total Unique Respondents = 20)

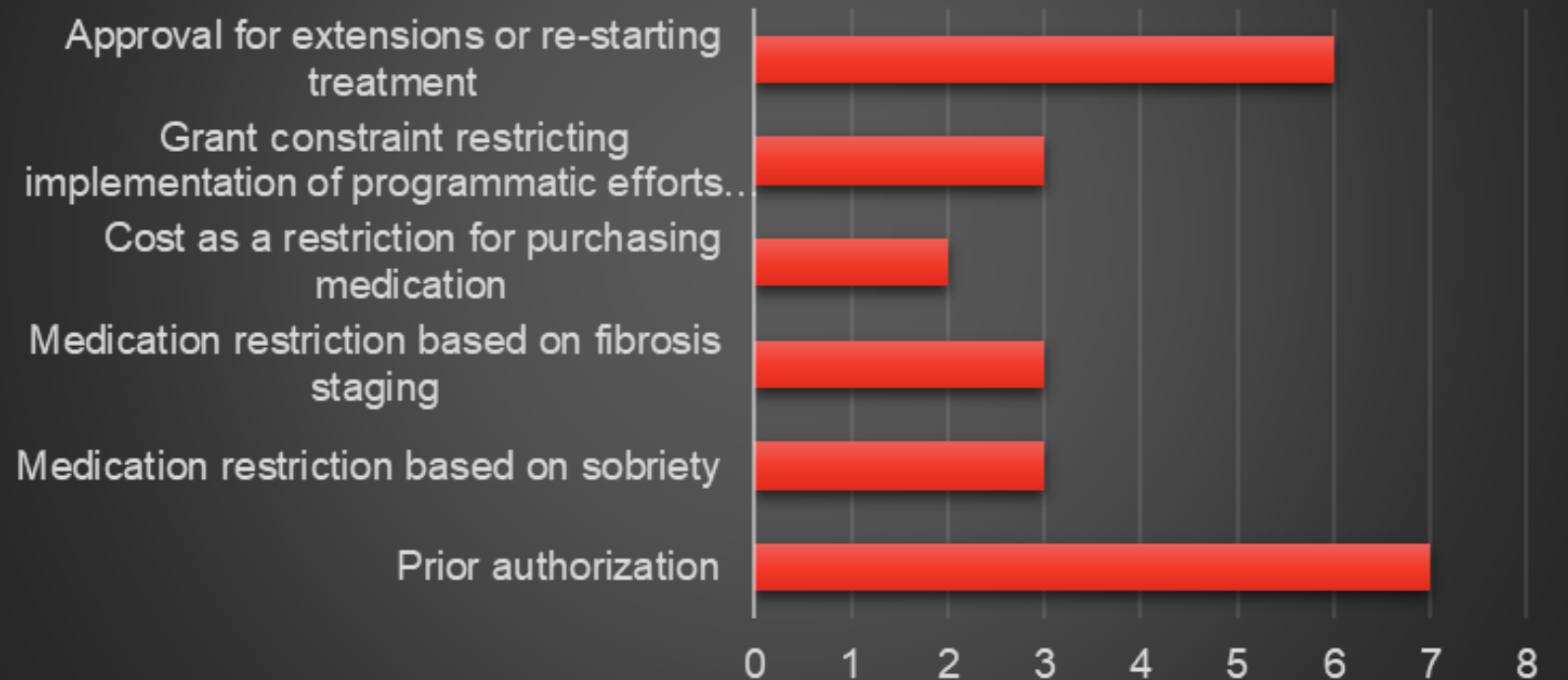


Findings

- All but one respondent reported awareness of current CDC HCV testing recommendations
- 15 respondents reported offering both HCV antibody and HCV RNA tests; 2 reported offering only antibody testing
- 15 respondents reported offering HCV testing at no cost to the patient
- Only 4 Respondents reported using electronic medical records prompts and reminders for HCV screening



Policies that serve as deterrents in HCV treatment



Challenges

- Staff changes- biggest challenge
- Survey platform
- Difficulty reaching providers practicing outside of local health department settings
- External TA has a limited relationship with partners- little commitment to taking the survey
- IT security issues- Google form link could not be shared with partners
- Providers not committed to taking the survey

Recommendations & Conclusion

- Utilize a mix of assessment methods to conduct the HFA
- Utilize simple means to disseminate the survey
- Follow up actively within 2 weeks of sending out the survey
- Develop an analytical plan ahead of time
- Consult NASTAD to explore other jurisdiction's templates
- Produce reports with infographic visuals
- Incorporate findings in jurisdiction's elimination plans
- Disseminate widely



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