



AGENDA

STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

NASTAD promotes and recognizes principles of fairness, health equity, and social justice related to and across intersections of race, age, color, disability, faith, religion, ancestry, national origin, citizenship, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and all other identities represented among our diverse membership. By appreciating the importance of inclusion, we acknowledge that the collective and individual talents, skills, and perspective of members and meeting attendees fosters a space of belonging, collaborative practice, innovation, and mutual respect.

DAY 1

Sunday, May 19

SESSIONS FOR NASTAD MEMBERS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF, & NASTAD STAFF ONLY

12:00 – 5:00 PM <i>Blue Room Pre-function</i>	Registration
1:00 – 2:45 PM <i>Capitol Room</i>	<p>Getting to Know NASTAD (Session for New NASTAD Members/Health Department Staff – By Invitation Only)</p> <p>"Getting to Know NASTAD" is for new NASTAD members or their staff and/or those who have not attended an Annual Meeting before. During this session, we will introduce you to our organization, current initiatives, provide an overview of our programmatic and operational teams, and information regarding NASTAD membership and benefits.</p>
3:00 – 4:00 PM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	<p>Opening Plenary and Business Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Minutes • Opening remarks from NASTAD's Board Chair • Agenda review and meeting purpose <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Lee, NASTAD • Dave Kern, Chicago
<p>4:00 – 5:15 PM <i>High: Governors Room</i></p> <p><i>Moderate: Capitol Room</i></p> <p><i>Low: Calvert Room</i></p>	<p>Concurrent Breakout Discussions</p> <p>This interactive, discussion-based session will be facilitated by a NASTAD member who will be accompanied by NASTAD staff to support the moderation of the conversation. Health department staff will have an opportunity to take part in a peer-driven conversation guided by the current challenges and priorities most impacting jurisdictions with similar prevalence of intersecting syndemic conditions (e.g., HIV, hepatitis, the opioid crisis, etc.).</p>



5:15 – 5:30 PM	Break
5:30 – 7:00 PM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	NASTAD Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance Update• State of NASTAD• Hill Visit Preparation and Policy Presentation <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virginie Carey, NASTAD• Jeremy Turner, Indiana• Stephen Lee, NASTAD• Emily McCloskey Schreiber, NASTAD
7:00 – 8:00 PM <i>Blue Terrace</i>	Member Reception



DAY 2

Monday, May 20

SESSIONS FOR NASTAD MEMBERS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF,
NASTAD STAFF, AND INVITED FEDERAL PARTNERS

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM <i>Blue Room Pre-function</i>	Registration
8:00 – 9:00 AM <i>Hampton Ballroom</i>	Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 AM <i>Governors Room</i>	Affinity Sessions Inflation Reduction Act Medicare Prescription Drug Reforms: Opportunities and Challenges for Syndemic Care Systems
<i>Calvert Room</i>	2024 Drug User Health Team Projects and Priorities
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Break and Transition to Plenary
9:15 – 10:30 AM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	Federal Partner's Plenary Part 1: Syndemic Response to Drug User Health This session will include key updates from federal partners on HIV, hepatitis, STD, and injury prevention programs with a focus on syndemic-wide approach for drug user health. Leadership from CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) and HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program will share their agency-specific priorities and activities on drug user health and addressing disparities. <i>Speakers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Lee, NASTAD (Moderator) • Laura Cheever, HRSA • Jonathan Mermin, CDC • Allison Arwady, CDC • Cara Alexander, SAMHSA
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	Federal Partner's Plenary Part 2: Syndemic Response to Address Disparities Among Key Populations This session will include key updates from federal partners on HIV and hepatitis prevention programs and Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program activities with a focus on syndemic-wide approach. Leadership from CDC's Divisions of HIV and Hepatitis Prevention and HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program will share their agency-specific priorities and activities addressing disparities with



	<p>gay and bisexual men; cisgender women of color; people of transgender experience; and people who are aging with HIV.</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Lee, NASTAD (Moderator) • Robyn Neblett Fanfair, CDC • Neil Gupta, CDC • Michael Kharfen, HRSA
12:00 PM <i>Blue Room Pre-function</i>	Break for Hill Visits (Box Lunches Provided)
12:00 – 5:00 PM	Hill Visits (As Assigned)
3:30 – 5:00 PM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	<p>Networking Activity</p> <p>We will host a special screening of the film <i>HIV and the Journey Towards Zero Part 2</i> for attendees not attending Hill Visits.</p>
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Break
5:30 – 6:30 PM <i>Hampton Ballroom</i>	<p>Reception and Hill Visits Debrief</p> <p>NASTAD Members, Health Department Staff, and NASTAD Staff only</p>
6:30 – 8:30 PM <i>Hampton Ballroom</i>	<p>NASTAD Awards Dinner</p> <p>NASTAD Members, Health Department Staff, and NASTAD Staff only</p>



DAY 3

Tuesday, May 21

OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED ATTENDEES

7:00 AM – 3:30 PM <i>Blue Room Pre-function</i>	Registration
8:00 – 9:00 AM <i>Hampton Ballroom</i>	Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 AM <i>Governors Room</i>	Affinity Sessions Strengthening the Public Health Infrastructure: Current Needs and Challenges
<i>Calvert Room</i>	CDC/HRSA Integrated Planning Discussion
<i>Capitol Room</i>	Hepatitis B Screening and Treatment Quality Measures
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15 – 10:30 AM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	Plenary: Centering Community Engagement in Syndemic Approaches A panel of health department presenters will share their jurisdiction's innovations across Syndemic Approaches through the lens of community engagement, followed by a moderated discussion. Topics to be discussed include the role syndemics play in population-centered approaches, engaging diverse community stakeholders, internal health department coordination, and using surveillance and other data to engage community around identified needs and next steps. <i>Speakers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boatemaa Ntiri-Reid, NASTAD (Moderator) • Amber Coyne, Tennessee • Leroy Blea, California • Dave Kern, Chicago
10:30 – 10:45 AM <i>Blue Room Pre-function</i>	Break
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	Plenary: Synergizing Leadership Development & Professional Accountability Among the Public Health Workforce As the HIV and hepatitis public health landscapes continue to grow and change, it is pivotal that the respective programming and advocacy explore



prospects to strengthen the skills and knowledge of its workforce, fostering future leaders. This session will delve into existing opportunities that promote workforce skill-building, leadership development, and furthering community advocacy expertise. The panel will speak about their experiences participating in and/or implementing leadership/workforce programs in their respective roles. Additionally, they will address how these programs can lead to improved programmatic success and enhanced engagement with impacted communities. Lastly, participants will walk away with clear ideas on where to get started in their process. This session will include a brief question-and-answer period.

Speakers

- Beatriz Acevedo, NASTAD (Moderator)
- Lorlette Moir, New Hampshire
- Thomas Knoble, San Francisco
- Matthew Rose, Human Rights Campaign
- Arlis Jenkins, Arizona

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Lunch (On your own)

1:30 – 2:45 PM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Capitol Room

[Syndemic Approaches Towards Care for Pregnant People Who Use Drugs](#)

Join us for a discussion exploring the interconnections between pregnancy care, infectious disease, behavioral health, and harm reduction. This session will explore the barriers that pregnant people who use drugs encounter across the syndemic continuum of care, including the increasing threat of pregnancy criminalization. Participants will learn about trauma-informed and whole-person models of patient navigation and service provision.

Speakers

- Libby Harrison, Washington
- Julie Karr, NACCHO
- Chelsea Frand, Houston

Governors Room

[Integrated Data to Support the Implementation of Syndemic Programming](#)

The intersecting of the HIV, hepatitis, STI and drug-use related epidemics require a modern change to the public health landscape. The integration of data systems expands the capacity of state and local health departments to adequately respond to syndemic challenges, by providing a robust understanding of the intricate connections between health conditions. Scaling data system integration efforts and cross-agency collaboration



support the implementation of comprehensive prevention and care activities. This session will highlight examples of how states have used integrated data from different databases and software systems to increase the capacity of health departments to improve how they monitor the epidemics and improve health outcomes through improved response to the needs of people with HIV, Hepatitis, and other STIs.

Speakers

- Linda Goldman, Massachusetts
- Robert Winstead, North Carolina
- Anthony Hannah, North Carolina
- Susan Major, Connecticut

Calvert Room

[What Happened to You? Trauma-Informed Approaches to Address the Syndemic](#)

Trauma-informed approaches (TIA) center a person's experiences and wellness. Applying a trauma-informed lens is a critical tool to address the syndemic. As such, TIA is an essential portion of NASTAD's Organizational Excellence priorities. This session will begin with an overview of NASTAD's TIA Toolkit, followed by a state example of the implementation of TIA. The brief overviews will be followed by a robust discussion around current TIA challenges and opportunities at the health department level, as well as technical and capacity building assistances needs to push this work forward.

Speakers

- Mahelet Kebede, NASTAD (moderator)
- Maria Jackson, Colorado

Hampton Ballroom

["It Takes All of Us": Embedding DEI Throughout Health Department Programs](#)

This session will highlight how the Cuyahoga County Board of Health has embedded DEI throughout the health department by developing and utilizing an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Strategic Plan. The session will highlight implementation successes and challenges and promising practices for other health departments interested in operationalizing DEI.

Speakers

- Andre Brown, Cuyahoga County



<p>2:45 – 3:00 PM <i>Blue Room Pre-function</i></p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:00 – 4:15 PM <i>Blue Ballroom</i></p>	<p>Plenary: Immunization Equity Vaccination is one of the most impactful interventions available to public health, yet vaccination hesitancy continues to be one of the greatest threats to its full potential. Considering slavery and colonialism are historical foundations for vaccination development, vaccine hesitancy is understandable among BIPOC communities in the U.S. and globally. Leveraging the recent response to COVID-19, this plenary will discuss how public health aims to empower communities by listening to their criticisms and developing strategies that allow for equitable responses to outbreaks.</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabel Lechuga, NASTAD (Moderator) • Sharday Lewis, NASTAD (Moderator) • Brandie Wilson, Transforming Reentry Services • Sean Cahill, The Fenway Institute • Chioma Nnaji, Multicultural AIDS Institute
<p>4:15 – 4:30 PM <i>Blue Room Pre-function</i></p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>4:30 – 5:45 PM <i>Capitol Room</i></p>	<p>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Toward a Syndemic Provider Network: Expanding Access, Fostering Collaboration, and Diversifying Funding Strategies Strategically managing provider networks can transform population-level health outcomes across infectious diseases, however, it is often a fraught process. This session discusses an array of mechanisms available to health departments to manage provider networks to improve the delivery of integrated HIV, STI, hepatitis, DUH, and primary care services using status-natural and syndemic frameworks. Speakers will discuss tools to pinpoint provider network gaps by health outcome, service, and population served. We will also cover funding, policy, TA, and other mechanisms that health departments can use to drive service alignment and integration within and across provider agencies. Speakers will discuss opportunities to engage primary care providers through billing-based contracts instead of grants, and strategies to integrate the jurisdiction-level system of care beyond contracted service delivery, including outbreak response engagement across provider networks.</p>



Speakers

- Edwin Corbin-Gutierrez, NASTAD (Moderator)
- Isabel Evans, Arizona
- Carri Comer, Washington
- Martha Grimm, Washington

Hampton Ballroom

Communities of Care for the Syndemics Workforce: Addressing Grief, Loss, and Turnover While Cultivating Mutually Supportive Responses

This session will explore multiple levels of loss that occur within both health departments and community-based organizations, the impacts of these losses, effectively crafting trauma informed responses, and exploring strategies to create systems of mutual care and support. This guided discussion facilitated by NASTAD's Drug User Health team will debrief several instances of recent losses—including programmatic loss, legislative setbacks, human loss, leadership transition, and organizational and workforce turnover—with a lens towards how we, as a community/communities can and do, build networks of care and support for each other. We will also highlight and explore ways that NASTAD has and can assist creating systems of support for our members, their staff, and the community-based organizations they support, especially drug user health and syndemic-based programming.

Speakers

- Laura Pegram, NASTAD (Facilitator)

Governors Room

Leveraging the HIV Response for Hepatitis C: Envisioning Rapid Start for Hepatitis C

The federal government continues to take tremendous steps towards the goal to eliminate hepatitis by 2030 through several efforts proposed under a national elimination effort including a wide scale procurement plan for treatment and point-of-care diagnostic testing. Advances in HIV diagnostic testing and guidance has led to rapid start for HIV which provides a foundation to jump start test and treat for hepatitis C. This session is discussion-based and will be led by health department staff responsible for overseeing both HIV and hepatitis implementation activities within their jurisdictions and will include what components of the current public health infrastructure can support rapid start for hepatitis C and what is needed to truly eliminate hepatitis C by 2030.



Calvert Room

Speakers

- Thaddeus Pham, Hawaii (Moderator)
- Andy Dillehay, Nebraska
- Biz McChesney, Iowa
- Jessica Forsyth, Colorado
- Tim Horn, NASTAD

Community First: Strategies to Utilize Health Equity Staff to Reach Tribal Communities

This session will explore how the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Community Engagement team has leveraged various funding streams across program areas to hire and retain staff who engage directly with Tribal communities. In addition, this session will highlight the successes, challenges, and tangible strategies for health departments to build strong relationships with Tribal communities.

Speakers

- Jordan Laducer-Dix, North Dakota
- Sonya Abe, North Dakota

6:00 – 7:30 PM
Empire Ballroom

NASTAD Partners Reception

**DAY 4****Wednesday, May 22**

OPEN TO REGISTERED ATTENDEES*

8:30 – 9:30 AM <i>Hampton Ballroom</i>	Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 AM <i>Hampton Ballroom</i> <i>Calvert Room</i>	Affinity Sessions Technical Assistance Model that Explores the Syndemic Needs of RWHP Systems of Care Increasing PrEP access through State PrEP Assistance Programs
9:30 – 9:45 AM <i>Blue Room Pre- function</i>	Break
9:45 – 11:00 AM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	NASTAD Elections (Session for NASTAD Members, Health Department Staff, and NASTAD Staff)
9:45 – 10:45 AM <i>Governors Room</i>	NASTAD Dialogue with Industry Partners (Session for Industry Partners and NASTAD Leadership Team)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM <i>Blue Ballroom</i>	Closing Plenary Session – A Call to Action: The Chair’s Challenge NASTAD’s Board Chair, David Kern (Chicago), will pass the gavel to NASTAD’s Board Chair-elect, Clover Barnes (DC), where she will discuss her 2024-2025 Chair’s Challenge.
12:00 PM	Meeting Adjourns

*9:45 – 11:00 AM timeslot contains closed sessions