Addressing Hepatitis Through Corrections-Public Health Partnerships
TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Quickly summarize basic hepatitis C epidemiology with a focus on correctional environments
- Identify public health opportunities for HCV in corrections
- Present 3 specific examples of corrections-public health partnerships with a focus on implementation strategies, successes, and lessons learned in the field
AND IN OTHER WORDS…

We hope to show today how an established and ongoing relationship between a correctional system and a local health department can increase the capacity for both entities to address viral hepatitis and we hope to provide practical information for agencies seeking to collaborate in the future.
HEPATITIS IN CORRECTIONS

- CDC estimates 3.2 million* living with hepatitis C (HCV) - Most common blood borne infection in US

- $9 billion in HC costs for HCV and rising\(^1,2\)

- Estimated 17.4% of state prison inmates living with HCV (CDC range is 12-36% chronically infected)

- 1 in 3 individuals with HCV will pass through a prison or jail each year

- Disproportionate number of inmates with HBV and HIV

3. A Varan et al, Public Health Reports, 2014
Public Health Opportunities

- Screening and testing
- HAV/HBV Vaccination
- Educational interventions – patient and providers
- Institutional capacity building
- Treatment, and treatment as prevention
- Linkage to care and services
- Patient monitoring
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