



NACCHO's HIV, STI, & Viral Hepatitis Sentinel Network

The purpose of the Sentinel Network is to provide situational awareness of local health department activities, needs, challenges, and successes. This information allows NACCHO to formulate programmatic activities strategically and effectively to support local health departments and guides NACCHO's efforts with federal partners and national stakeholders to advocate on behalf of local health departments for adequate resources and appropriate public health legislation. The Sentinel Network is a critical mechanism for gathering the local health department perspective so that NACCHO can fulfill its mission to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments.

The Sentinel Network also supports learning and peer engagement opportunities for its members. NACCHO will conduct quarterly webinars and conference calls with Sentinel Network members to share findings from its activities and discuss topics of interest. These events will also connect Sentinel Network members to federal and national partners and experts in the field of HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis.

Membership Details and Benefits

- NACCHO will distribute brief (5-10 minute) online queries no more than quarterly. Query topics will address timely issues across key areas related to the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis.
- The primary contact for the Sentinel Network does not need to be the respondent for all queries. The query can be forwarded to the person in the health department most appropriate to respond based on the topic.
- Following each query, NACCHO will host a webinar for Sentinel Network members to share and discuss the findings. Key partners and experts in the field may be invited to participate in these discussions to share their experiences, provide technical assistance, and help strategize for the use of query findings to support and advance local health department practice and policy.
- NACCHO will share pertinent and timely information with Sentinel Network members, such as information about upcoming conferences, funding opportunities, and positions on federal and national advisory committees.
- NACCHO will offer opportunities for Sentinel Network members to attend and present at national conferences and meetings, as funding allows.
- NACCHO will serve as a resource for Sentinel Network members and support connection to peers and partners in the field.

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