What about Hep C? It's time to dispel myths, misperceptions

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Looking back over our history as we celebrate our 45th anniversary in 2017, Pathways for Change has experienced significant accomplishments and a commitment to reaching the diverse communities within Central Massachusetts. Our mission is to address the impact of sexual assault and abuse by providing quality counseling and advocacy services to individuals who have been impacted by sexual violence and education geared toward the prevention of violence. We believe that music together and supporting communal music experiences. By making music together and supporting communal music experiences. By making

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Talking about the virus and the treatment landscape becomes more pronounced, more than ever community education is necessary to dispel the myths and misperceptions. This is where our community health workers play the most significant role. With restrictive insurance policies behind us, the most effective way to get people tested and cured through education and building self-efficacy.

So how can you do? Join the advocacy effort toward the elimination of Hepatitis C in Massachusetts. In 2016, Video VINCE, a regional capacity of the EndHepC-MA Coalition, a multi-stakeholder collaborative of advocates, consumers and providers build capacity, expand treatment and change policy. Thus far the Coalition has been successful in obtaining insurance changes, trained community health workers and is currently working to expand screening requirements and better incorp- orate Hepatitis C care in the clinical guidelines of addiction medicine. While we’ve made progress in the elimination of treatment restrictions, there are still significant barriers preventing Massa- chusetts residents from reaching its goal of elimi- nation. As providers we play a key role in seeing this goal realized, and it’s our responsibility to get there.

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