



Strategic Planning Meeting for Civil Society Response on Hepatitis C Epidemic
May 20, 2010
Hotel Express, Kyiv, Ukraine

Agenda:

- 08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**
- 09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome remarks and objectives of the meeting**
Els Torreele, Open Society Institute
Viktoria Tymoshevska, International Renaissance Foundation
Pavlo Smyrnov, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine
- 09:15-10:00 **Participant introductions with brief presentations of activity / potential interest in Hepatitis C**
- 10:00 – 11:15 **Current situation on Hepatitis C prevention, diagnostics and treatment in Ukraine**
Facilitator – Raminta Stuikyte
 - Current epidemic situation in Ukraine. Availability of prevention, diagnostics and treatment of Hepatitis C. Pricing, patents, registration updates for hepatitis C medicines (*Konstantin Lezhentsev, 25 min*)
 - Priorities identified at May 19 meeting (*Tetiana Deshko, 10 min*)
 - Opportunities of raising hepatitis C issues. Short interventions on possible national targeted program (*Anna Bobrova, WHO, 5 min*) and within the Global Fund (*Shannon Kowalski, 10 min*).
 - Others, comments (*15 min*)
- 11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45 – 1:00 **Group work: Strategy identification and efforts coordination:**
what strategies should be used to address the issues/problems identified?
Group work – each group should have a moderator/leader; resource person/health providers are recommended to be in each group.
Issue mapping and specification of existing practices and perspectives for new services and practices. Suggested groups:
 - National commitment, national program and funding (*facilitating - Kon Lezhentsev/Anna Bobrova*)
 - Mobilizing and developing activist community (*facilitating - Viktoria Tymoshevska/Yaroslav Gordievich*)
 - Improving prevention, diagnostics and treatment – quality and outreach (*facilitating – Tatiana Deshko/Sergiy Kostin*)
Issues to be considered (not all issues applicable for all groups):
 - What services are available and how to improve them: to increase reach out, incorporate of Hep C services in available and funded programs

- What are the key missing elements for addressing HCV epidemics today in Ukraine and what should be civil society priorities in the field?
- If funding for services is not available– what strategies apply to ensure that funded programs are in place?
- What could be the rationale for and content of specific national program? Who could initiate it and who could develop? What would be civil society role in it?
- How to increase awareness and mobilize community and partners?
- Which of the identified actions are for next three years (long-term) and which are for 2010?
- What capacities of civil society groups are needed for better engagement in hepatitis C work and advocacy?
- Who from the participants could continue to be engaged and who could be other potential allies?

1:00 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00-3:00	Reports back from the groups. Feedback <i>(Raminta Stuikyte)</i>
3:00-4:00	Crystalizing strategies and priorities for actions in 2010-11 in Ukraine <i>(Victoria Tymoshevska / Raminta Stuikyte)</i>
4:00-4:30	Coffee-break
4:30-5:00	Next steps and civil society advocacy coordination <i>(Tatiana Deshko and Victoria Tymoshevska)</i>
5:00 – 5:20	Information about IRF/OSI mini-grants for advocacy. Closing of the meeting <i>(Els Torreele and Victoria Tymoshevska)</i>
5:30 – 6:30	Snack and drinks