

[FCPN] FW: New Viral Hepatitis and Outbreak Response Section in Bureau of Communicable Diseases

The Bureau of Communicable Diseases is pleased to announce the creation of the **new Viral Hepatitis and Outbreak Response Section (VHORS)** thus elevating viral hepatitis and outbreak response activities within the Bureau. Previously, viral hepatitis (Hep B and Hep C) prevention and surveillance were part of the Bureau's STD Section.

The VHORS will be responsible for the scientific, programmatic, and administrative management of viral hepatitis and outbreak response for the Bureau. Outbreak Response activities include HIV (e.g., molecular HIV surveillance), Viral Hepatitis (Hep B and C, working with Bureau of Epidemiology on any needs for Hep A), and other communicable diseases of interest.

This Section will provide leadership, technical assistance, develop policies, support the development and implementation of comprehensive planning for both viral hepatitis (Hep B and C primarily) and outbreak response activities, oversee outreach and community engagement activities, oversee prevention, screening, and linkage to care and vaccination efforts for viral hepatitis, and will conduct public health surveillance, data dissemination and evaluation activities.

I am also pleased to announce that **Dr. Neryda (Mimi) Greene has accepted the position of VHORS Administrator**. She began her career as a General Physician in Honduras and for the last ten years has worked at the Florida Department of Health in Lee County serving as the HIV Prevention Training Consultant then was promoted to Health Education Consultant and then to promoted as the Health Education Program Manager. Dr. Greene also has a master's degree in Public Health and a master's degree in Health Administration. Please welcome Dr. Greene to our program and new section, we look forward to working with her.

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