

## **Regional Board Member (Region: Americas)**



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### **Experience and suitability for the role, including viral hepatitis status**

#### **(By board member):**

Michael has held leadership positions on the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable, the National Hepatitis C Advocacy Council and the Washington State Viral Hepatitis Task Force.

Michael is the Executive Director of the Hepatitis Education Project (HEP), a nonprofit organization based in Seattle, Washington dedicated to supporting hepatitis patients. At HEP, he works with local, state and federal legislators and agencies to advocate on behalf of hepatitis patients; manages the only walk-in resource centers for hepatitis patients in the Pacific Northwest; offers free hepatitis C testing and vaccination for hepatitis A and B; maintains a national support hotline; works with support group

leaders; and conducts educational programs for numerous groups, including medical providers, public health workers, and corrections.

Michael studied Philosophy at UCLA and then received his Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington. He lived overseas for many years and is conversant in Spanish, German and Mandarin Chinese.

Michael was diagnosed with hepatitis C C in 1990 and last year he enrolled in a clinical trial for telaprevir. In May of 2010, he learned that he had cleared the virus!