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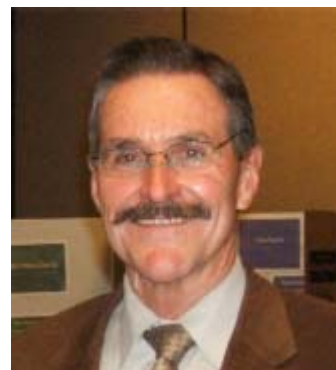
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### **HCV Policy Roundtable Focuses on Stealth Virus**

Local policy makers and members of the nine-county Hepatitis C Improvement Collaborative met in May 2005 to address surveillance of Hepatitis C (HCV) cases and legal syringe access. Dr. Jack Lewin (right), CEO of the California Medical



Association, addressed the Roundtable. Coordinated by the Center for Health improvement and funded by The California Endowment, the Roundtable was the culmination of a year-long effort to improve local efforts to identify, educate and care for people with Hepatitis C.

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### **School-Linked Health Care Study Released**

Since 1902, Americans have invested in programs that

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bring children's health services to public schools. What programs are working after over 100 years of experience? At the request of the [Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York](#) (CHFWCNY), the Center for Health Improvement (CHI) took an in-depth look at evidence-based model programs aimed at improving children's health that link school, community, families and primary healthcare resources. The CHI report presents a review of 70 school-linked programs covering 27 states and focuses on 12 promising program models. Highlights include strengths and challenges of the school-linked models, a digest of exemplary programs, and actionable recommendations.

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### **Consumer HMO Needs Assessment Launched**

California has 53% of the population--the largest number of people in the country--enrolled in health maintenance organizations (HMOs) (National Center for Health Statistics, 2002). Understanding what HMO enrollees want and need to know about their health plans is the focus of a Center for Health Improvement needs assessment for the Department of Managed Health Care, Office of Patient Advocate. The three-phase survey will also identify what sources consumers trust most when seeking information.

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