



**Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force**

**Linkage and Testing Committee**

**June 22, 2022**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3199735630>

**MINUTES**

***Mission: Eliminate HCV in San Diego County by 2030***

***Purpose:*** *To coordinate the implementation of the plan to eliminate HCV in San Diego County by 2030, with the overarching targets:*

- 80% decrease in the incidence of chronic HCV by 2030, and
- 65% reduction of HCV mortality by 2030.

**Participants: Letty Reyes, Andrea Tomada, Tara Stamos-Buesig, Samantha Tweeten, Carrie Farrell, Ryan Clary**

*May minutes:*

The minutes from the Committee's May meeting were approved unanimously.

*Linkage and Testing Objectives:*

Andrea reviewed recent activities. See the attached progress report for details and next steps.:

Andrea has reached out to the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program and Maternal Child Services Branch via Rhonda Freemanto to see if HCV testing can be incorporated into the routine prenatal panel. They are interested in meeting, but no date has been set yet.

Planned Parenthood does not currently provide routine HCV testing. They offer risk-based testing.

Andrea is getting a copy of the intake form in substance use centers from Dr. Dunford.

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Andrea will reach out to Dr. Ramers about the County's EHR system.

The County's "Take Me Home" testing kit allows people to test for HIV, STIs, and HCV. There is not a standalone kit for just HCV. People must sign up through a portal, receive a kit by mail, and receive results and follow up information through the portal. Those who are unhoused may use a PO box or an address at a service organization, such as syringe access. There is currently not a way for an organization to order a set of kits.

*Quality Management Tool:*

Ryan presented the Quality Management Tool, which will capture the Committee's activities, achievements, and lessons learned.

Adjournment:

The call was adjourned at 10:43 am.

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