

## **Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force**

#### **Treatment Committee**

May 6 2022 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 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: Christian Ramers, James Dunford, Ryan Clary, Scott Suckow, Andrea Tomada, Patrick Loose

Treatment Objectives:

Dr. Ramers reviewed the Phase One objectives for the Treatment Committee (see attached objectives).

Prior Authorization is no longer a significant barrier in Medi-Cal and private insurance. However, there is concern that on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the state will implement Prior Authorization again for Medi-Cal patients. Ryan will speak with Anne Donnelly from SF AIDS Foundation to get clarification.

The Liver Coalition will work with Dr. Ramers on developing a survey for providers to establish a database of HCV treatment providers. This database can be made available to 211.

Work needs to be done to identify barriers with co-payments and other cost sharing.

Since Prior Authorization is not a major issue, the Committee's primary focus can be on HCV treatment and the criminal justice system. Patrick will speak with county jail and sheriff's detention unit medical providers to identify current system for providing HCV treatment to those in the criminal justice system and those leaving the system.

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**Progress Report:** 

Andrea and Ryan will update the Treatment Committee's progress report to share on Friday's Task Force call. See attached progress report.

Committee call schedule and frequency:

Fridays and mid-day are not ideal for medical providers. Dr. Ramers suggested we identify a Wednesday or Thursday at 4:30 pm that would work for Committee members. Ryan will poll the group.

Adjournment:

The call adjourned at 12:50 pm.

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