



Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

Treatment Committee

June 30, 2022
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Microsoft Teams
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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: James Dunford, Claire Riley, & Andrea Tomada

Treatment Objectives:

Andrea reviewed the follow-up on objectives for the Treatment Committee (see attached progress report).
Follow-up:

1. Prior Authorization is no longer a significant barrier in Medi-Cal and private insurance. However, there is concern that on July 1st, the state will implement Prior Authorization again for Medi-Cal patients. Ryan will speak with Anne Donnelly from SF AIDS Foundation to get clarification.
 - a. *Medi-Cal is reinstating Priority Authorization (PA) on some drugs for a variety of health conditions, including a couple of HCV drugs.*
 - b. *There will be no PA for Mavyret and Epclusa, which are used in 95% of Medi-Cal cases.*
 - c. *Harvoni, Zepatier, and Sovaldi will have a short PA asking for 1-3 sentences around clinical needs, but it will be much more simplistic than in the past.*
2. 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.
 - a. Liver Coalition noted that a survey would not begin development/dissemination for providers to self-report until the demographic information template is obtained from 211 San Diego. 5/27/2022 – Liver Coalition
 - b. HSHB is taking steps to gather more information regarding the 211 San Diego demographic

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template needed to capture provider list information, services, and implementation costs. Follow-up will be provided as information develops - Andrea

3. Work must be done to identify barriers with co-payments and other cost-sharing.
 - a. Pending, nothing to report

4. Since Prior Authorization is not a significant issue, the Committee's primary focus can be on HCV treatment and the criminal justice system.
 - a. A new project has been formed -Correctional Health Report for STIs, HCV, and TB hosted by Dr. Wooten on 6/24/2022
 - i. Implementing CDC Recommendations for Correctional and Detention Settings
 - ii. Serves to develop a roadmap for Correctional Health via monthly correctional health discussions

New Items discussed:

1. Getting the word out to providers:
 - a. Approved Article in San Diego Physician: September Issue to move forward with an Aug. 3rd deadline.
 - b. Reaching out to the current medical society President of the Medical Society, Dr. Toluwalase 'Lase' Ajayi, as a possible forum for HCV discussion. – Dr. Dunford
 - c. Get a list of all medical groups (possibly to include bigger hospital medical groups). – Dr. Dunford
 - d. Quarterly meetings of looking at behavioral health physicians (connected through Medi-Cal) – Claire Riley
 - e. Items that could be tackled within the medical groups could be:
 - i. Coordination of care from the behavioral health side as well as the substance use side
 - ii. Improve case management to facilitate coordination efforts to get HCV Testing and Treatment
 - iii. Improve opportunities for testing and treatment
 - f. Invitation to Jim Schultz and pharmacist to help share best practices when it comes to HCV treatment
 - i. Potentially describe to medical groups in an open forum
 - ii. A once-a-month "all-hands on deck" sharing approach of the newest insights on HCV -Conference/Lunch

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Committee call schedule and frequency:

2. Committee Chair Dr. Ramers is out on PTO and will not be returning until 1 August 2022.
 - a. Dr. Dunford (Co-Chair) has called the meeting to resume on the 4th Thursday of each month at 4 pm.
 - b. Next meeting will be held on 28 July 2022 at 4 pm; it will include a discussion on the best day/time on the next agenda.

Adjournment:

The call adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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