



Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

Steering Committee

April 1, 2022
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Via Teams

Minutes

Attendance: Andrea Tomada (Vice Chair), County of San Diego. Ryan Clary and Scott Suckow, Liver Coalition of San Diego (Contracted Staff Support)

The meeting started at 11:2 AM.

Task Force Administration Items

- The scope of work for the modeling project with Dr. Martin was discussed. Scott will share the document with the Steering Committee.
- It was agreed that minutes should be distributed within (1) week of each committee meeting.
- Social Media (Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. We have Facebook, add LinkedIn and Twitter. If possible, using EndHepCsd.
- Update Website Meeting information.
 - o Add a description for each committee in the meeting information section.
 - o Add minutes to the website for each meeting.

Annual Progress Report

- Andrea will lead the project with each committee providing a progress report for their section.

Committee Meeting and Formation Update

- Tara Stamos-Buesig, San Diego Harm Reduction Coalition, was discussed and will be approached to chair the Awareness and Prevention Committee.
- Clair Riley, County of San Diego Behavioral Health Division, has agreed to chair the Linkage and Testing Committee.
- Dr. Ramers has agreed to chair the Treatment Committee.
- Health Center Partners CMO Committee Meeting on 5/17/22. These key points will be forwarded to guide the discussion.
 - o Testing and Linkage – Brief overview of the findings for this area. Followed by a conversation: the report looks at providing Hep C testing in non-traditional settings. Mobile clinics are the best tool. We want to learn who has mobile clinics. Do

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they currently test for HIV and/or HCV? If not, do they plan on adding that testing? Who should be talk to about their mobile clinics. (10 mins)

- Treatment – Brief overview of the findings for this area. Followed by a conversation: we are wondering if each clinic’s EHR can run a report of who has been tested for HCV, then follow up on those. There is a large number of folks who tested positive, but did not seek treatment for whatever reasons. Now, with a cure, it’s good to follow-up with those patients. La Maestra has done this and Dr. Rodriguez and the head of their liver clinic Dr. Gish can speak to this. (10 mins)
- Surveillance - Brief overview of the findings for this area. Followed by a conversation: review the process for reporting cases to the County. Explaining the difference between acute vs. chronic. (10 mins)

The agenda for the April 8, 2022 Task Force meeting was set.

- Opening & Welcome
- Purpose of the Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force
- Updates: Plan of Work
 - Annual Progress Report
 - Conduct 4 Physicians/groups trainings/outreach
 - Liver Wellness Conference
 - Annual Regional/State meeting/Exchange Meeting
 - Presentation to Hep Free AZ
 - Committee Updates
 - General Updates
- Standing Agenda Items (Recommendations 8 & 9)

The meeting ended at 11:30 AM

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