



Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

February 11, 2022
12:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Via Zoom

Minutes

Attendance: Patrick Loose, County of San Diego (Co-Chair), Mark Beatty, MD, County of San Diego, Michelle Darnelle, Medical Center Pharmacy, Jim Dunford, MD, McAlister Institute, Carrie Farrell, County of San Diego, Michael Gonzales, California Department of Public Health, Ankita Kadakia, MD, County of San Diego, Claire Riley, County of San Diego, Tara Stamos-Buesig, San Diego Harm Reduction Coalition, Andrea Tomada, County of San Diego and S. Samantha Tweeten, PhD County of San Diego

Contract Support Staff: Scott Suckow, Liver Coalition of San Diego and Ryan Clary, Clary Strategies.

The meeting started at 12:03 PM. The purpose of the Task Force was reviewed.

Purpose: To coordinate the implementation of the plan to eliminate HCV in San Diego County by 2030. With the overarching targets: • 80% decrease of incidence of chronic HCV by 2030, and • 65% reduction of HCV mortality by 2030.

Scott provided an overview of key activities that were part of the County contract.

- **July 28th World Hepatitis Day – this would be our annual progress report to the County Board of Supervisors and the community at large.**
- **(4) trainings for providers and allied healthcare professionals would be organized between now and June 30, 2022. Different audiences would have different levels of instruction.**
- **Annual Regional/State training. It was shared that this may be trainings we have key volunteers attend and bring information back and share with the group.**

The Committees were reviewed, and each person attending was asked what committee they wanted to serve.

- (A) Awareness and Prevention Committee
- (L) Linkage and Testing Committee
- (T) Treatment Committee
- (S) Surveillance Committee

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Plan of Work for Committees Treatment & Surveillance, it was suggested to review for CalAim connections.

It was suggested to reach out to Dr. Laura Bamford, Director of the Owen Clinic to join the Treatment Committee.

Ryan shared that the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable was holding a 2022 Policy Summit during March and April. He also provided an update on State of California budget requests that the End the Epidemics Coalition would be making.

The meeting ended at 12:59 PM

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