



**Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force**

**Linkage and Testing Committee**

**July 25, 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.

**Attendance:** Ryan Clary, Clary Strategies; Andrea Tomada, County of San Diego; Letty Reyes (Chair) FHCS; Felipe Ruiz, County of San Diego; Lori Jones, County of San Diego; Carolina Del Aguilar, FHCS; Sue Olivier, Liver Coalition of San Diego

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<b><u>Opening</u></b>	Meeting called to order by Ryan Clary at 10:02 am. Reported he will be working with each Committee chair(s) on the agendas in the future and will be the Lead. Introductions were made.	
<b><u>Minutes for June Meeting</u></b>	Minutes were received late, so the committee agreed to review them after the meeting and approve/amend/disapprove electronically.	<b>Committee: By 7/29/2022</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ryan Clary noted that this Initiative has wrapped up Fiscal Year 21/22 and will be including progress into Quality Management Tool</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Events:</b> World Hepatitis Day Testing Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letty Reyes with Family Health Centers of San Diego (FHCS D) reported that FHCS D has three testing sites set up for this week in celebration of World Hep Day. They are in East County (1111 w. Chase Ave. E.C.) today 7/25/2022 from 9 – 11 am; City Heights (5454 El Cajon Blvd, SD) Tuesday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm; and North Park (Community Park at Howard) Thursday 7/28 from 12:30 – 4:00 pm.</li> <li>• Letty suggested each member post testing sites on their social media post to further get the word out.</li> <li>• Ryan reported Scott Suckow is working on a social media campaign and has requested all participants in the program to send photos so a collage can be made and sent out to everyone’s social media outlets.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Committee: By 7/26 if you have not already submitted your photos</b></p>
<p><b>Updates/Discussion/Next Steps:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promotion of USPSTF screening recommendations               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Testing at services for people who use drugs</li> <li>b. Testing at STI clinics; opportunity with state’s emergency syphilis funding. Educating primary care providers about AB 789</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letty reported that FHCS D has a program called Chameleon that is a National Behavior program for them which is a research program on injected drug use (IDU). They are awaiting final approval from the CDC.</li> <li>• Lori provided background information about is the National HIV Behavior research program that has been going on for several years. Historically San Diego has not done well in this area.</li> <li>• FHCS D program will take place soon at their three sites in East County, Central San Diego and South Bay scheduled to go until the end of November but that may change. More details will be available once final approval is received from CDC.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Letty to update when CDC approval is received.</b></p>

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<p>c. Other activities?</p> <p>2. Ensure testing of children born to people who are HCV positive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Follow up: Dr. Coleman</li> <li>b. Follow up: FQHCs, Planned Parenthood</li> <li>c. Other activities?</li> </ol> <p>3. Client intake questionnaire</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Follow up: intake form/conversation with Dr. Dunford</li> <li>b. Activities?</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea reported she has emailed Regional Maternal, Child &amp; Family Health and UCSD but had received no response. She wondered if the committee agreed that she should go back to the program coordinator to find another way or person to them. Letty suggested a couple of other names for follow-up including UCSD's Mother to Child Program, Christy's Place, REA and Shannon. Lori suggested they are all on the HIV Planning Group and would be a great place to reach out to them.</li> <li>• Heidi Aiem contacted to get more information about Planned Parenthoods HCV testing process. Planned Parenthood is not routinely testing for Hep C. It is performed based on a health risk assessment.</li> <li>• Felipe reported that yes, both RFP's that are currently out include wrap-around services for testing and treatment of Hep C.</li> <li>• Ryan reported that the state budget just passed which includes an emergency one-time funding for syphilis testing and should consider the possibility of integrating funding with Hep C testing.</li> <li>• The consensus of the intake form is that the form does not ask questions that are specific to Hep C and needs to be updated to include prompting. Request for committee to review Intake Forms and give recommendations for improvements. Send to Sue @ <a href="mailto:sue@livercoalition.org">sue@livercoalition.org</a> and she will consolidate and send out recommendations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Andrea to follow-up with phone calls: By 7/29/2022</b></p> <p><b>Follow-up will be during next month's meeting</b></p> <p><b>Committee to Sue: By 8/1/2022</b> <b>Sue By: 8/5/2022</b></p>

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<p>4. Electronic Health Records</p> <p>a. Follow up: Discussions with Dr. Ramers and Dr. Dunford</p> <p>b. Other activities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea reported the conversation with Dr. Dunsford and the CEO of 211 has taken place and we are now working on a scope of work for HCV Care information to 211. Andrea is working with Liver Coalition to generate a list of local Hep C testing and treatment providers.</li> <li>• The intake form is used for electronic record input, but after the form is returned to the caregiver, there is also a lack of Quality Assurance procedures for following up for additional testing such as for Hep C. Letty reported that Dr. Ramers is the lead on this for FHCS, but he is off until the end of August. She will follow-up with him when he returns.</li> <li>• Additionally, Andrea will refer the EHR over to the Treatment Committee at their next meeting since there is a crossover between the two committees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Andrea/LCSB By: Awaiting further direction from 211 SD CEO</b></p> <p><b>Letty with Dr. Ramers by end of August.</b></p> <p><b>Andrea: By 7/28/2022</b></p>
	Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 am	
	Next Meeting: August 22, 2022 @ 10:00 am	

Respectfully submitted: Sue Olivier

Planning documents, rosters, meeting agendas, and minutes can be found at  
[www.livercoalition.org/advocacy/hepatitis-c-initiative/](http://www.livercoalition.org/advocacy/hepatitis-c-initiative/)

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