



## Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

**August 12, 2022**  
**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**  
**Via Zoom**

### 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: Robert Lewis, Patrick Loose, Tara Stamos-Buesig, Michelle Darnell, James Dunford, Carrie Farrell, Letty Reyes, Jaskaran Cheema, Rich Jaenisch, Ryan Clary, Lori Jones, Jim Dunford, Carolina Carrillo, Claire Riley, Natasha Martin, Scott Suckow, Sue Olivier

Topic/Lead	Follow-Up	Action items: Who/When
<b>Opening – Bob and Patrick</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> </ul>	CTO 12:05 pm	
<b>Updates: Scott</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Report</li> </ul>	Report posted on website available to review by all	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Hepatitis Day</li> </ul>	Social media campaign was successful. Many organizations posted their own stories. Rolf Benirschke and Rick Jaenisch both shared their powerful personal stories.	Staff to monitor – See Annual Calendar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• San Diego Medical Society Article</li> </ul>	Article written by Dr’s Gish, Tessier, Martin, Dunford, Wooten, Ramer, and Schwarz. Photographer sent to La Maestra outreach teams. May be cover story	
<b>Plan of Work Process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality Management Workbook</li> </ul>	Send with Minutes	Workplan to be posted on website by committee: <b>Sue Olivier by next week.</b>

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<p><b>Modeling Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation</li> <li>• Q &amp; A's</li> </ul>	<p>Jaskaran Cheema gave slide presentation. Dr. Martin handled Q &amp; A period. Modeling presentation reflected that we will be unlikely to meet our goals with the current assumptions and procedures. Several questions were raised on the assumptions made. Most notably was regarding the term of injecting drugs for 20 years. Per Dr. Martin, if we adjusted the period longer to capture more older PWIDs, likelihood of meeting our goals diminishes further. Members requested the opportunity to review data and comment.</p> <p>Once we review information, where do we go from there?</p>	<p><b>Natasha Martin</b> to send slides: <b>By next week.</b></p> <p><b>Natasha</b> to send draft of written summary to Committee for review and Comments.</p> <p><b>Before next meeting.</b></p> <p>Future Agenda Item. Staff to monitor.</p>
<p><b>Calendar for the Year – Key Dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis Awareness Month May 2023 Elements:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Press Conference to kick off month with BOS member</li> <li>○ Testing sites throughout month</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trainings scheduled quarterly (TBD): South Bay, Hillcrest-Central, North County, and Rural-East</li> <li>• Learning exchange in June 2023 (Start planning Nov/Dec)</li> <li>• World Hepatitis Day July 28th (Friday) Social Medi campaign (promoting awareness and testing)</li> <li>• World Hepatitis Day July 28th (Friday) Social Medi campaign (promoting awareness and testing)</li> </ul>		<p>Staff - Ongoing</p>

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<p><b>Committee Participation: - All</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumers and Stakeholders</li> <li>• Individuals with lived experience</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing in All Committees – Need more participation. Need lived experience. Think about that patient who wants to get more involved. Talk to them and if interested refer to website so they can investigate</p>	<p><b>Claire Riley</b> to follow-up with Program Manager at McAlister Institute re membership. <b>Before next meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge HCV Trainings – (Tara) Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phase 2 requires implementations with the usage of dedicated current, existing resources.</li> <li>○ Phase 3 requires that new resources be secured for implementation of recommended tasks and activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Ramers and Tara have completed 2 trainings looking for more places to train. They have a plan for rolling out more trainings</p>	<p><b>Dr. Ramers</b> to give update at next meeting</p> <p><b>Agenda item.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance - (Dr. Tweeten/Andrea)</li> </ul>	<p>Per Dr. Tweeten, will have more to report next meeting.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linkage and Testing - (Letty/Andrea)</li> </ul>	<p>Letty: Biggest concern getting community involved – reached out to several groups but no responses. Patrick requested cc'ds on emails so he can assist.</p>	<p><b>Letty</b> to send email cc's to Patrick. <b>By next week.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment - (Dr. Ramers/Dr. Dunford) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Field based Services” currently being provided by Family Health Centers through a research grant from Gilead, and Father Joe’s Villages. (Contact Jess Norris @ Father joe’s)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Dunford reported they are doing “Train the Trainers” for all the program managers. Dr. Ramers doing training.</p> <p>Connected with Kitty Bailey, CEO of Be There. – bringing forward the HCV info so they can review and possibly participate.</p> <p>Help Verity: Paid organization who was able to f/u with 2mil people. This is where the state got their data. Do we have money available to do this?</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness and Prevention (Tara/Andrea)</li> </ul>	<p>Tara &amp; Andrea met with Ca Dept. of Health. They just got funded to start HCV testing. Asked them to share their data.</p>	<p><b>Tara/Andrea to follow-up Before next meeting</b></p>
<p><b><u>Sanding Agenda Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy/funding updates – (Ryan)</li> </ul>	<p>Ryan – policy issue: field-based medicine – not reimbursed for testing. This is an advocacy issues Will be a part of conversation for next years budget on End the Epidemics. Linkage piece would be great.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Ryan: Monitor for possible advocacy opportunities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Hepatitis activities update (Andrea)</li> </ul>	<p>Some items skipped due to time constraints.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Update (Scott)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opioid Settlement Dollars (Scott)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Planning Sessions Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 7<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b><u>Closing Remarks:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review items for follow-up</li> <li>Confirm next meeting – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 12pm</li> </ul>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm</p>	

Respectfully submitted: Sue Olivier, Liver Coalition of San Diego