



Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

Surveillance Committee

July 27, 2022

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Via ZOOM

MINUTES

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.

Attendance: Samantha Tweeten, Chair; Lisa Asmus, SDSU; Carrie Farrell, County of SD; Stephanie Strathdee, UCSD; Megan Johnson, County of SD; Ryan Clary, Clary Strategies; Sue Olivier, Liver Coalition of San Diego

Topic/Lead		Follow-Up
Welcome, Introductions, Approve June 2022 Minutes	Meeting called to order at 11:01am, by Ryan Clary Minutes for June 2022 meeting were Adopted without comment.	
Annual Surveillance Report	Hep C Surveillance program of EISB – approved for publication. Dr. Tweeten reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The HCV Surveillance Program can report HCV prevalence from 2019• The HCV Surveillance Program needs negative viral loads and reflex testing (from AB+ to RNA viral load) to be ordered by providers to develop a	Over the next 6-9 months determine what else should be included in the 2023 reports, and what should be excluded

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	<p>meaningful care cascade; currently Kaiser is the only provider who has reflex testing ordered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB+ alone is not conducive to follow-up for care/treatment and may become a piece of provider education which Linkage and Testing or Awareness and Prevention Committees may pursue • Concerning data-matching, the HCV Surveillance Program is not receiving all that is needed and currently only receives the County mortality registry and the CDPH HIV registry. <p>Stephanie reported they are running into problems in tracking of homeless populations as homeless sites are being torn down throughout the area. This makes it hard to track the individual cases and may cause more problems spreading the diseases.</p>	
<p>Update/discussion re: recommendations/activities:</p> <p>1. HCV care cascade (7.1.1)</p>	<p>Working on it... Actively trying to figure out how to get needed info. Want to use actual data not estimates.</p> <p>Reflex testing: Dr. Tweeten reported they are running into a problem in that many of the providers are not doing antibody testing for RNA. If they do get an antibody testing result, they stop there and do not follow up with care and/or monitoring. We need this information to do the care cascade report. It seems we need an educational campaign to alert providers of this need. There are other committees working on this such as Awareness and Prevention, and the Linkage and Testing Committees. It may be appropriate for one of these committees to come out with some educational material.</p>	<p>Andrea: Next Meeting: Report to committee what other committees are doing in this area and give a recommendation as to where it would be most appropriate to prepare and</p>

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<p>2. Reporting of negative HCV RNA/Integrate into WebCMR (7.1.2)</p>	<p><i>Question for discussion: What would it take to get a Flag into commercial labs to prompt for more complete testing?</i></p> <p>CDPH also putting system together they have more pull. County following along with them. Concern what volume might be.</p>	<p>distribute this educational material.</p> <p>Put on next month's agenda</p>
<p>3. Mechanisms to send test results to CDPH (7.1.3)</p>	<p>Related to item 2 above, but largely on CDPH's end</p>	
<p>4. Elimination program evaluation (7.1.4)</p>	<p>Farrell reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An executive summary of the HCV Surveillance Program evaluation is being prepared and highlights will be shared at the next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The evaluation includes a comparative analysis of 4 local health jurisdictions (LHJs) 	<p>Carrie: By next meeting Prepare Executive Summary Report with recommendations for steps to be taken</p>
<p>5. Data matching between local and external data sources (7.2.1)</p>	<p>Dr. Tweeten reported that we thought we were getting complete reports but only currently receiving notice of deaths. Working with CDPH for when they will be ready to share more in-depth information.</p>	
<p>6. Modeling techniques to inform service</p>	<p>Info will need to come from Dr. Martin. Carry over to next meeting.</p>	<p>Dr. Martin: Next Meeting</p>

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coverage targets, prioritize resources, predict impact of interventions (7.3.1)		
Adjourn: 11:42 am	Next Meeting: August 24 th , 2022 @ 11:00 am	

Respectfully submitted: Sue Olivier, Liver Coalition of San Diego

Planning documents, rosters, meeting agendas and minutes can be found at
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