



Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

Surveillance Committee

August 24, 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), Andrea Tomada (Vice Chair), Megan Johnson, Steff Strathdee, Lisa Asmus, Carrie Farrell, Jaskaran Cheema, Tony Fristachi, Ryan Clary

Topic/Lead	Reports/Discussions	Follow-Up
Welcome, Introductions	Meeting called to order @ 11:05 am by Ryan Clary	
Approve July 2022 minutes	Minutes for July 2022 were Adopted without comment.	
Surveillance requests	Making request to other committees: Linkage and Testing Committee re reflex testing; Treatment Committee regarding education on testing and reporting.	

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<p>Report: Surveillance model</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaskaran Cheema- They are currently reviewing data on what changes might be necessary. • We might meet the testing and treatment goals but not the reduction in mortality as many of the older population Hepatitis C testing results indicates significant disease already present. Still possible to cure their Hep C but they then need to be referred to a liver specialist for future follow up. • Incident reduction goal is possible to meet. • Currently reviewing information and writing report • Added: based on how our model is set up, scaling up treatment among older individuals who have had chronic HCV infection for a while and may have progressed to later disease stages such as liver cirrhosis or carcinoma reduces their risk to HCV related death but does not completely eliminate it. However, treating infected individuals who are at an earlier disease stage of HCV can eliminate HCV related death completely if they are not re-infected. 	
<p>First half of HCV care cascade</p>	<p>Dr. Tweeten methodology – having some difficulty in determining how to do the calculations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinkering the methodology-component parts: total number of infected, those who have been antibody testing, those who have RNA confirmation etc. great deal of agreement on those. • 1st piece putting together data. Need an estimate of the incident, need an estimate of percent of people who are unaware-really runs the gamut. Seeking a number that is comfortable – in progress. In progress. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for report (medical records) prior to testing and then after testing would help with the care cascade. Possibly change way getting record-see if that gets additional information. <p>Continue updating care cascade. Ongoing on future agendas.</p>	
Executive summary report	Remove from agenda – when would be a better time to follow up?	Carrie: Let us know when a better time would be to follow up.
RJ Donavan prison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not currently receiving medical records. Issue: contact retired no new contact provided. re-establish CA Dept of Public Health – need their help in re-establishing. <p>Meghan: Currently not getting the cases. Working to get it back in line.</p>	
Shared information	Tony Fristachi of HCV program at CDPH/STDCB indicated he is working on modernizing the registry which has over 5 million records in it. This committee has progressed faster than other committees and is now in a monitoring position. Open for suggestions on how to move it forward. – Ongoing on future agendas.	
Next Meeting	September 28, 2022 @ 11:00 am	Ryan: Add committee members names to future agendas
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am	

Respectfully submitted: Susan Olivier, Liver Coalition of San Diego

Planning documents, rosters, meeting agendas and minutes can be found at
www.livercoalition.org/advocacy/hepatitis-c-initiative/

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