



Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

October 14, 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: Patrick Loose, Andrea Tomada, James Dunford, Carrie Farrell, Christian Ramers, Kristen Angle, Mara Simpson, Rick Jaenisch, Winston Tilghman, Scott Suckow, Sue Olivier

Topic/Lead		Follow-Up
Opening – Patrick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Introductions 	Meeting CTO Patrick @ 12:05 pm	
Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memo to BOS – Update on status • UCSD Benchmark Modeling Project / Process for Reporting Back to Task Force-Dr. Tweeten Surveillance Committee recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for final approval. Sent to Behavioral Health & Human Services then to the BOS • Draft report mentions two goals. Reduction of incidence can be reached but mortality target is unlikely. Possible recommendation to remove or adjust mortality goal. First area in country that may be challenging WHO goal. Not due to any lack on our part but due to long-term infections causing long-term damage. Surveillance Committee to review and make recommendation to Task Force. 	Surveillance Committee to make recommendation regarding mortality goal for adoption by Task Force.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCV Bridge Trainings: Update – Andrea – When is contract over? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mara: Bridge trainings: Thanked committee for connections. • Served 492 - has room for one more facility training. Stepping 	Scott will connect Mara

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	<p>Stone was recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treators or Providers: Truecare, Neighborhood Health. Need to identify three organizations, possibly La Maestra, and Imperial Beach Clinic. • Closing date January 15, 2023. • Note from Carrie: Title 17 section 2500 of the California Code of Regulations specifies that healthcare providers must report all acute, chronic, and perinatal HCV cases to the local health department. 	<p>with Stepping Stone. Scott connect Mara with La Maestra and Imperial Beach Clinic.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Medicine (Street): Ryan: Set-up zoom meeting with national partners. Publish and invite participants. Before October meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Hep C Elimination Learning Exchange scheduled for November 1, 2022 @ 1:00 pm. Have 55 participants registered so far, anticipating approximately 100. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Lived Experience – Engaging via Listening Tours- Scott • HIV Health Services Advisory Council (2 seats) • Andrea: One-page flyer and send to Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where geographically to be located. Scott now starting to schedule. • McAllister Institute has people with lived experience. Would be happy to connect with them to improve presentation. Per Dr. Ramers San Francisco did as really good job on this. It's one of the more important areas in the initiative. Great opportunity to have public announcements. • HIV seats for HCV – looking for recommendations of persons to fill these positions. • Flyer: Completed and sent to Scott for further development for different venues and translation. Posted on shared drive. 	<p>Scott: Draft agenda and setup locations for Listening Tours. Dates set by next meeting.</p> <p>Committee: Contact either Patrick or Andrea with your suggestions</p>
<p>Committee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment - (Dr. Ramers/Dr. Dunford) 	<p>Treatment Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much bigger attendance at committee meeting. Ryan creating list of providers to serve as a linkage to care. • 211 Contract: Same information to be provided to 211 • Reflex test: Field testing more complex due to rapid testing then follow up with blood draw and reflex testing. 	<p>Mara: Provide a list of providers who went through the Bridge training. ASAP</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance - (Dr. Tweeten/Andrea)- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduce Surveillance Committee request to CMO's and what are HCV next steps for CMO's • Linkage and Testing - (Letty/Andrea) • Awareness and Prevention (Tara/Andrea) • Updates: End the Epidemics Coalition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cascade of Care: Many addiction centers just don't have the capability to do this testing • Rick Jaenisch: it might be helpful to reach out to Denny Simon of Help4hep for the 211 resources. • Are we considering communicating with blood bank/red cross? (for testing) • Correction Release Programs and connecting to services. Tie in with mental health reentry programs. • Rick possible multiple tests awaiting FDA approval. <p>Surveillance Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for data support still ongoing • Others reported above. <p>Linkage and Testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation with Planned Parenthood. Gutierrez in discussion to include HCV testing along with all their other test. <p>Awareness and Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick helped with one pager. Want to develop other versions for different events and translations. <p>End the Epidemics Coalition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott attending their planning conference in LA on Nov. 2nd. • We need to have funds for navigation and special linkages • We need someone there for budget committee 	<p>Scott to reach out with Help Centers Partners to get a presentation to them.</p> <p>Scott will look for contact from estimate.</p> <p>Scott to look at reentry programs for contacts.</p> <p>Scott will attend and share our priorities.</p>
<p><u>Standing Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy/funding updates – (Scott) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ White House, National Plan to Eliminate Hepatitis C – Francis Collins, MD, Science Advisor to the President 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Steps: State End the Epidemics Coalition/State Funding (Scott) ● Research Update (Scott) ● Opioid Settlement Dollars: (Ryan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Townhalls - BOS results of townhall meeting to be presented at their Oct. 25th, 2022, meeting ● More diversity and persons with lived experience – All Committees 	<p>BOS to make recommendation at their Oct. 25th meeting. Posted in advance. Public testimony very helpful along with posting support. Recommendations based on their townhall presentations.</p>	<p>Patrick: Send out link for BOS meeting. The recommendations are posted in advance for review.</p>
<p><u>Closing Remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review items for follow-up ● Confirm next meeting – November 11, 2022 @ 12pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agenda Item: Any feedback on the article in Physicians Magazine. 	