



**Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force
Linkage and Testing Committee**

**November 28, 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: Rick Jaenisch, Andrea Tomada, Carolina Carrillo, Letty Reyes, Lori Jones, Dr. Tom Coleman, Tara Stamos-Buesig, Scott Suckow, Ryan Clary

Topic/Lead		Follow-Up
Welcome/Introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by Ryan Clary. Introductions and attendance noted above.	
Old business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on ACOG testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Coleman reported he had successfully contacted the state ACOG Committee and received contacts for our local committee. Hopefully will be able to meet with them before the next meeting. There is still a lot of confusion between the many different agencies as to how and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Coleman to report at December meeting.

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	<p>when a woman should be tested. Also, many questions about what is recommended and whether it is covered under current private and/or public policies. Those are two very separate subjects, and we need to work on clarifying both.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was concluded that Heather Summer’s would be a good contact point as she works with all the various insurance companies. It was also recommended that both Dr. Ramers and the head of OB/GYN at FHCSO be asked to attend the next meeting. • Extensive discussions followed regarding United States Preventable Services Task Force (USPSTF) and their recommendations. • Dr. Coleman also reported that some information is being reported to DHCS but that Heather would also be a good source to know what is actually getting reported. • Andrea reported she has had contact with Planned Parenthood state offices. They are currently working on a statewide program for testing/treatment on all STD’s. Main barrier is how to pay for them. Andrea received names of local contacts. Ongoing. • Scott reported that he, Ryan and the IT person for LCSO met regarding the physician’s referral list for our website and possibly 211. We are moving forward and a do-it-yourself form is being developed for doctors/facilities to give us the information to input onto the website. We are anticipating approximately 30-50 local referral sources to become available to the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea to contact Heather, and Dr. Ramers along with head of OB/GYN at FHCSO to attend Dec meeting. • Question: Does this committee want to add language to clarify recommendations on testing and treatment of pregnant women or those of child bearing age? • Review Bill 789 to see what coverage it specifies if any.
<p>New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Jaenisch reported he will be working on a new article to be published in HEP magazine. It was discussed in depth and the committee recommended it be from the patient’s perspective but 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick to write with possible quotes from

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	contain several doctors' quotes to provide support. Tara said she is still in contact with many consumers and would be happy to provide contacts for Rick to add to his article.	Tara, Andrea, and/or Dr. Coleman
Listening Tours Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott reported that Dr. Dunford of McAllister Institute has provided a lead for East-County area and Scott asked Tara if she could provide a lead for the central area. Tara suggested that she and Scott get "in the trenches" and go to the 15th and Imperial location with food and talk to people directly. During the discussion it was suggested that 3 to 4 people could go at one time but there needed to be not just listening, but availability of testing and referrals to treatment available at the same time. Should notify and include Felipe Ruiz and Lori Jones of schedule. • Tara also reported that the Hep C rate in the Eldorado area are very high and should be scheduled for the same in depth event very soon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get one scheduled for possibly the 2nd week of January. Have mobile-unit available at same time. • Tara and Letty to meet offline and include Scott, Andrea, Carolina to plan event. • Possibly schedule 2nd event in the Eldorado area.
Activities/Strategies to Implement screenings recommendations (Universal Screening)	Deferred to next meeting	
2023 National Viral Hepatitis Testing Day	Deferred to next meeting	
December meeting	Meeting moved to December 19 th at 10:00 am.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am	

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