



**Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force
Surveillance Committee**

**January 25, 2023
11:00 am – 12:00 am
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: Andreas Tomada, Lori Jones, Stephanie Strathdee, Natasha Martin, Ryan Clary, Scott Suckow, Sue Olivier

Topic/Lead	Discussions/Reports	Follow-Up
Welcome/Introductions:	Meeting was called to order and self-introductions were made as noted above.	
Status of Hepatitis C in Tijuana, Mexico	After a question by Andrea Tomada, Stephanie Strathdee reported that on paper, Tijuana has an actual Elimination of Hep C program, but it is non-existent. All monies originally earmarked for Hepatitis C were, of necessity, moved over to Covid-19 treatment and education. Additionally, they have multiple barriers in their medical system including no approved treatment in Mexico for Hepatitis C. San Diego is linked to Tijuana due to our cross-border population of people who are U. S. citizens working in the U. S. but live in Tijuana. Also, drugs are	

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	<p>cheaper and easier to obtain there so we have a population who crosses the border to obtain drugs. We are not currently allowed to educate or treat in Tijuana as the funding received is from federal funds. This population also shows a 15% co-occurrence between HIV and Hepatitis C infections. It was suggested that life-style treatments would be possible but we should request a representative from San Ysidro Clinic who treats a lot of these individuals be invited to give their insight to the problems.</p>	
<p>Old business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data: CDPH input • Funding for testing • CMO Health Partners meeting • CDPH/AB 789 education • Upcoming AASLD conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea received an email from CDPH with a lot of data in it. She will forward the email to the committee for review. • Scott reported that he is working with AbbVie and has received verbal approval. Formal application should go in shortly. Dr. Martin suggested that we add the Tijuana client test to the request to give us the cross-border results also. • Andrea reported that Dr. Ramers' presentation stressed treatment, whereas Dr. Tweeten's presentation stressed the importance of surveillance to maintain funding. They have subsequently received a request to send a representative to future meetings to continue the discussions. See Attached. • No report • It looks like we will have a good representation from San Diego as several people have confirmed their attendance. • L A Times article was brought up as it reflects an Elimination date of 2050 instead of 2030 which we are currently working under. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea to forward email to committee. • Scott to submit request after Dr. Martin gives him the numbers for Tijuana. • Scott to reach out to Dr. Collins at

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		<p>the White House to ask for updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea to forward a copy of the article to committee
February meeting confirmed for Feb. 22, 2023 @ 11:00 am via Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting topics: Possible report card on achievements for this last year. Andreas suggested they are in the memo to the BOS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea to send copy of memo to committee
Close Adjourned at 11:42 a.m.		

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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