



Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force

January 13, 2023
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Via ZOOM

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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: Bob Lewis, Scott Suckow, Felipe Ruiz, Letty Reyes, Stephanie Lao, Andrea Tomada, Lori Jones, Ryan Clary, Michael Abassian, Clair Riley, Dr. James Dunford, Jamie Schroer Culbert, Alphabet Sangha, Rachael McLean, Patrick Loose, Winston Tilghman, Dr. Wilma Wooten, Rick Jaenisch

| Topic/Lead | | Follow-Up |
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| Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome & Introductions | The meeting was called to order by Bob Lewis at 12:05 pm and self-introductions were made. | |
| Community Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History and Planning Process – Scott Suckow | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott gave an overview of the history. It started in the beginning of 2018 when a group of stakeholders formed a pre-initiative work group. They presented their findings to the County Board of Supervisors who approved the initiative on November 13, 2018, telling the SD County HHSA to come back in a year with a plan. On March 10, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors approved the recommended report. This was followed by the approval of the Initiative working plan on July 13, 2021. On | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linkage and Testing - Letty & Awareness and Prevention -Tara ● Ways to Engage – Ryan Clary ● Questions & Answers | <p>cascade in coordination with the State of California Department of Public Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letty Reyes reported she is working with Tara Buesig to set up the schedule for a series of Listening Sessions to be held at 15-18 various sites around the county. These will be hosted by the facility where they occur along with the Committees and Liver Coalition of San Diego. ● Ryan Clary reviewed how to engage if you're interested and where the information and meeting notes can be found. Go to: www.livercoalition.org/Advocacy <p>Ryan reiterated that all meeting all our meetings are open and we invite you to let us know if you are interested in joining any committee.</p> | |
| <p><u>Standing Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policy/funding updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ End the Epidemics Coalition ○ Advocates Response to White House, National Plan to Eliminate Hepatitis C – Francis Collins, MD, Science Advisor to the President (Ryan) ○ State End the Epidemics Coalition/State Funding (Andrea and Ryan) ● Research Update / Conference Recaps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ryan reported we have started planning for National Hepatitis Day. They are also working on adding the requirement/recommendation to test all pregnant women. ● White House Initiative: They should release their strategy in 2 – 3 months. A Consensus Letter was sent to them signed by many organizations in San Diego including the County recommending some funds be earmarked for care of Hep C in the prison system. Doesn't look like the White House will go in that direction. ● This year's proposed state budget is very challenging due to the large shortfall. Advocates believe it is important for us to push for an increase in the Hep C budget request. | |

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| <p><u>Closing Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review items for follow-up• Confirm next meeting – February 10, 2023 @ 12pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Wooten took a moment to thank all the participants for all the hard work they have put in towards this Initiative.• Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm• | |
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Respectfully submitted: Sue Olivier, Liver Coalition of San Diego