



**Eliminate Hepatitis C Task Force  
Treatment Committee**

**January 11, 2023  
5:00 pm – 6:00 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: Andrea Tomada, Melanie Swan, PA; Winston Tilghman, MD; Christian Ramers, MD; Ryan Clary, Scott Suckow

<b>Topic/Lead</b>	<b>Reports/Discussions</b>	<b>Follow-Up</b>
<b>Welcome/Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting Called to Order at 5:03 pm by Ryan Clary. Introductions were made per attendance listed above.</li></ul>	
<b>Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>HCV Provider Database</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The database is in the final stages of development and can be viewed at <a href="http://liverresources.org">liverresources.org</a>.</li><li>• Research/outreach will need to be done to ensure as many providers as possible are included.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andrea is working on securing an intern for research/outreach.</li></ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HCV BRIDGE Participant Lists</b></li> <li>• <b>Inventory of treatment capacity in San Diego</b></li> <li>• <b>Case navigation resource</b></li> </ul> <p><b>To do list:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>211 contract for HCV navigation</b></li> <li>• <b>Presenting at Health Center Partners meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>Finding and securing more resources for HCV testing</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training complete but no further updates.</li> <li>• Dr. Ramers would like to determine the overall capacity in San Diego to provide HCV treatment. The results of outreach for the HCV provider directory will provide much of this information. Other mechanisms to determine capacity need to be identified.</li> <li>• The provider directory will allow for a lot of case navigation in San Diego County.</li> <li>• Dr. Dunford continues to outreach to 211 to determine its role in providing navigation for HCV patients.</li> <li>• Samantha Tweeten and Andrea Tomada are scheduled to present via virtual meeting.</li> <li>• Andrea reported that current state funding for HCV testing and linkage has been distributed, with Family Health Centers being one recipient. This funding is expected to be renewed by the state in July 2023. However, it is expected that the state will not increase HCV funding this year due to the projected fiscal deficit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will need to develop an assessment of treatment capacity in San Diego County after provider database is completed.</li> <li>• Dr. Dunford to report in February.</li> <li>• Report at February meeting.</li> <li>• Andrea to continue monitoring and following up.</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Insight into HCV treatment in San Diego County correction facilities</b></li> <li>• <b>Case management of above patients upon discharge from prison/jail and linking to care</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data and information around HCV treatment in San Diego prisons and jails are scarce. Andrea has been reaching out to Dr. Sayone to schedule a meeting to discuss these items. The Committee will discuss further in February's call.</li> <li>• The meeting with Dr. Sayone will include discussion of case management and linkage for patients upon discharge. There is also a new Medi-Cal policy on care for those in prisons/jails when they are discharged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea to follow up and report next meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AASLD HCV elimination meeting/border health</b></p>	<p>Dr. Ramers will be presenting on HCV and border health at the AASLD Viral Hepatitis Elimination Summit, March 23-24. He is seeking recommendations for other providers who work in border health. San Ysidro Health is one recommendation.</p>	<p>The Committee will discuss further in next month's meeting.</p>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next Treatment Committee meeting was confirmed for February 1, 2023.</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.</li> </ul>	

Respectfully submitted: Sue Olivier, Liver Coalition of San Diego

Planning documents, rosters, meeting agendas, and minutes can be found at [www.livercoalition.org/advocacy/hepatitis-c-initiative/](http://www.livercoalition.org/advocacy/hepatitis-c-initiative/)

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