Minutes – San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force
August 8, 2016

In Attendance:  Absent Members:  Guests:
Mercedes Azcarate  Jay Fournier  Katie Burk
Jim Banta  Shirley Barger  Brian Gonzalez
Shirley Barger  Dan Berrner
Misha Cohen  Peter Dale
Ray Goldstein  Pauli Gray
Robin Roth  Janice Strassheim

Light dinner

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

• Robin Roth will be teaching course at City College of San Francisco
  o Hepatitis ABC’s
  o Overview of viral hepatitis with a focus on hepatitis C as an emerging public health issue. Emphasis on harm reduction, prevention, and advocacy related to the relationships among HIV, substance use, and Hepatitis C
• TF members still needing to submit Bio’s for website: Ray Goldstein, Janice Strassheim and Peter Dale
• Potential future speaker from Hepatitis Surveillance Team (Melissa Sanchez) to give an update on SF stats and hepatitis surveillance
• Epclusa is now SFHP’s preferred DAA

Approve minutes of 7/11/16

Reports

• Brief introduction about PCORI HERO Study
  o Target population: active IVDU who dose at methadone clinic
  o Future presentation by Paula Lum and/or Ellen Stein
• Mission Wellness Pharmacy (2424 Mission Street) still offering free antibody testing for hepatitis C. 20 minutes rabid test.
  o We will add a Mission Wellness “link” to our website’s first page.
• SF HepC Elimination Initiative – Katie Burke update
  o SFHCTF now a member of the Steering Committee
  o All TF members and regular attendees are invited to participate in any Working Group (please notify Katie if planning on attending)
  o Goal, by Fall 2016 to have working plan to present

Upcoming Events
• CalHEP Day in Sacramento – August 9, 2016
  o 10:00am-12:00pm
    Informational Hearing: Hepatitis B & C in California
    Chaired by Assembly Member Mike Gipson (D-Carson)
    Speakers TBD
    State Capitol, Room 127
  o 12:30pm-4:30pm
    CalHEP Luncheon, Awards Ceremony & Meeting
    Sherri Ziegler Community Service Award – Shirley Barger
    Honorable Mention – Pauli Gray

• American Liver Foundation – Liver Life Walk – Sunday, September 18, 2016
  o Check-in: 9:00am  Opening Ceremony: 10:00am  Walk Begins: 10:20am
  o Location: Golden Gate Park Music Concourse  Route Length: 3k (2 Miles)
  o As in past years, TF will be hosting an informational table
  o Participants: Jim Banta, Shirley Barger, Dan Bermer, Peter Dale, Ray Goldstein and Brian Gonzalez, Janice Strassheim

• Folsom Street Fair – Sunday, September 25, 2016
  o 11am to 6pm
  o As in past years, TF will hosting an information table, as well as supporting GLIDE’s testing tent
  o Misha Cohen to also offer acupuncture, and possibly acupressure/massage
  o Participants (confirmed): Jim Banta and Dan Berrmer (AM set-up only), Mercedes Azcarate, Shirley Barger, Misha Cohen, Brian Gonzalez, Janice Strassheim
  o Participants (TBD): Jay Fournier

Discussions

• SF HepC Elimination Initiative – Katie Burke update
  o Requested that SFHCTF be a member of the Steering Committee
  o To date, 59 people involved in both Steering Committee and Working Groups
  o All TF members and regular attendees are invited to participate in any Working Group (please notify Katie if planning on attending)
  o Goal, by Fall 2016 to have working plan to present
  o Katie will give update reports

• Fundraising discussion ideas
  o “Donate button” on TF website
  o Castro Lion’s Club – Misha will reach out
  o Walgreens Pharmacy – speak with Jay Fournier
  o Quest Diagnostics – Dan Bermer will follow-up
  o Tony Guzman from Sisters of Perpetual Indulgences

• Speaker’s Bureau ideas
  o Developing something for TF website
  o Emphasis on Baby Boomers, reinfecation
  o Supervisor Community Meetings/Town Halls
  o End HepC SF
  o Pauli will keep a list of speaking requests he receives through SFAF
  o UCSF School of Nursing (possible speaking opportunities)
Speaker’s Bureau Planning Committee: Shirley Barger, Robin Roth, Peter Dale, Pauli Gray, Jim Banta
Speaker’s Bureau participants to include: Jim Banta, Shirley Barger, Dan Berrner, Misha Cohen, Peter Dale, Ray Goldstein, Pauli Gray, Robin Roth, Janice Strassheim, Brian Gonzalez

Adjourn

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UPCOMING TASK FORCE MEETINGS

October 17, 2016
November 14, 2016
December 12, 2016

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