

# Minutes – San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

## August 8, 2016

### **In Attendance:**

Mercedes Azcarate  
Jim Banta  
Shirley Barger  
Dan Berner  
Misha Cohen  
Peter Dale  
Ray Goldstein  
Pauli Gray  
Robin Roth  
Janice Strassheim

### **Absent Members:**

Jay Fournier

### **Guests:**

Katie Burk  
Brian Gonzalez

### **Light dinner**

### **Welcome, Introductions and Announcements**

- Robin Roth will be teaching course at City College of San Francisco
  - Hepatitis ABC's
  - 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
- Eplclusa is now SFHP's preferred DAA

### **Approve minutes of 7/11/16**

### **Reports**

- Brief introduction about PCORI HERO Study
  - Target population: active IVDU who dose at methadone clinic
  - 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.
  - We will add a Mission Wellness "link" to our website's first page.
- SF HepC Elimination Initiative – Katie Burke update
  - SFHCTF now a member of the Steering Committee
  - All TF members and regular attendees are invited to participate in any Working Group (please notify Katie if planning on attending)
  - Goal, by Fall 2016 to have working plan to present

### **Upcoming Events**

- CalHEP Day in Sacramento – August 9, 2016
  - 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
  - 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
  - Check-in: 9:00am Opening Ceremony: 10:00am Walk Begins: 10:20am
  - Location: Golden Gate Park Music Concourse Route Length: 3k (2 Miles)
  - As in past years, TF will be hosting an informational table
  - Participants: Jim Banta, Shirley Barger, Dan Berner, Peter Dale, Ray Goldstein and Brian Gonzalez, Janice Strassheim
- Folsom Street Fair – Sunday, September 25, 2016
  - 11am to 6pm
  - As in past years, TF will hosting an information table, as well as supporting GLIDE's testing tent
  - Misha Cohen to also offer acupuncture, and possibly acupressure/massage
  - Participants (confirmed): Jim Banta and Dan Berner (AM set-up only), Mercedes Azcarate, Shirley Barger, Misha Cohen, Brian Gonzalez, Janice Strassheim
  - Participants (TBD): Jay Fournier

## Discussions

- SF HepC Elimination Initiative – Katie Burke update
  - Requested that SFHCTF be a member of the Steering Committee
  - To date, 59 people involved in both Steering Committee and Working Groups
  - All TF members and regular attendees are invited to participate in any Working Group (please notify Katie if planning on attending)
  - Goal, by Fall 2016 to have working plan to present
  - Katie will give update reports
- Fundraising discussion ideas
  - “Donate button” on TF website
  - Castro Lion's Club – Misha will reach out
  - Walgreens Pharmacy – speak with Jay Fournier
  - Quest Diagnostics – Dan Berner will follow-up
  - Tony Guzman from Sisters of Perpetual Indulgences
- Speaker's Bureau ideas
  - Developing something for TF website
  - Emphasis on Baby Boomers, reinfection
  - Supervisor Community Meetings/Town Halls
  - End HepC SF
  - Pauli will keep a list of speaking requests he receives through SFAF
  - 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 Berner, 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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