

# Minutes of October 17, 2016

## San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

### **In Attendance:**

Peter Dale  
Shirley Barger  
Robin Roth  
Jay Fournier  
Ray Goldstein  
Pauli Gray  
Janice Strassheim  
Dan Berner

### **Absent Members:**

Misha Cohen  
Mercedes Azcarate  
Jim Banta

### **Guests:**

Katie Burke  
Orlando Chavez  
Andrew MacDonald  
Tri Nyuyen  
Melissa Sanchez  
Jori Mandelman

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

Andrew MacDonald announced that Walgreen's Pharmacy will be opening October 26, 2016 a new specialty pharmacy/clinic in Oakland at 309 Broadway – open Monday to Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm.

Jori Mandelman was introduced; a friend of Janice Strassheim.

Tri Nyuyen was introduced; a student from San Francisco State University.

### **Presentation: Hepatitis C Statistics, Surveillance Activities, Challenges**

Melissa Sanchez  
Director, Viral Hepatitis Surveillance, SFDPH

Presentation included:

- Core surveillance reporting regulations
- Core surveillance Hepatitis C tests reported to SFDPH
  - HCV antibody
  - HCV nucleic acid tests (quantitative, qualitative and genotype)
- Core surveillance reporting methods
  - Faxed lab reports
  - Mailed lab reports
  - Electronic files of lab reports
- Current HCV activities
- Enhanced surveillance clinician fax back
- Enhanced surveillance patient interviews
- Enhance surveillance mailings
- Statistics and demographics of persons with past or present HCV infections in 2014
- Hepatitis C surveillance summary
- Challenges of chronic viral hepatitis surveillance

- Chronic viral hepatitis surveillance projects
- Collaborations

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

Robin announced that the CCSF Health 91C Hepatitis ABCs class is almost full. Class is 3 Saturdays: 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, from 10am – 4 pm

Jay gave an explanation of what specialty pharmacy's such as Walgreen's new pharmacy in Oakland entail, which includes:

- Assistance with prior authorizations
- Assistance with obtaining co-pays
- Limited Distribution Drugs (LLD)
  - Drug-to-drug interactions
  - Patient adherence
  - Focus on oncology drugs

## **Approve minutes of September 19, 2016**

Moved and seconded; accepted without changes

## **Discussions**

SF budget issues

- San Francisco is on a 2 year budget cycle
- Fiscal year starts in July
- 7 city departments have "fixed" 2 year budgets
- Remaining departments have "variable" 2 year budgets
  - Open to changes
  - DPH is variable
- Mayor's Office presents in December
- Departments submit budgets in February
- Approved budget enacted in July

Decision that the SFHCTF not join the Budget Justice Coalition.

Discussion and vote if the SFHCTF should pursue budget advocacy for next budget cycle – YES VOTE

Discussion that we add "Asks for upcoming budget cycle" to November agenda

## **Reports**

End Hep C SF  
ALF Liver Life Walk  
Folsom Street Fair

- 22 HCV tests performed
- 27 HIV tests performed

#### CalHep

- Terms coming to end for steering committee
  - Responsibilities include:
    - 2 year commitment
    - Monthly committee conference call
    - Letters of support
- Gov. Brown vetoed legislation that would have separated out HCV from HIV testing training
- More monies budgeted for HCV/HIV testing training, as well as HCV rapid testing and HBV testing

#### Follow-up

Robin discussed at EndHepCSF whether the “Speaker’s Bureau” be housed within the EndHepCSF organization.

Speaker’s Bureau should focus on education and reinfection.

#### Adjourn

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#### UPCOMING TASK FORCE MEETINGS

December 12, 2016  
January 9, 2017  
February 13, 2017  
March 13, 2017  
April 10, 2017

All meetings are held at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Room 610  
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