

Minutes – San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

May 9, 2016

In Attendance:

Mercedes Azcarate
Jim Banta
Shirley Barger
Dan Berrner
Peter Dale
Ray Goldstein
Pauli Gray
Janice Strassheim

Absent Members:

Misha Cohen
Jay Fournier
Robin Roth

Guests:

Katie Burke

Light dinner

Welcome and Introductions

Approve minutes of 4/11/16

Reports

- Quarterly CalHEP call – April 15, 2016
 - “Long Riders” hepatitis C awareness campaign
 - Purpose: To create a social media program that will document the challenges of a hepatitis C survivor's equestrian ride of the entire 2,650 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail in order to educate, inspire and empower those who are suffering from Hepatitis C to get tested, treated and cured.
 - Begin April 2017
 - Social media campaign
 - Goal is for every mile rode = funding for 20 hepC tests
 - <http://www.longriders.org>
 - Announced that “The Institute of Medicine” has been renamed the “National Academy of Medicine”. The name change comes as part of an internal reorganization at the National Academies. The new academy will continue as an honorific society and will contribute to and complement the work of the National Academy of Science and the National Academy of Engineering by advising on health matters.
 - A recent report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine concluded that both hepatitis B and C could be rare diseases in the United States, but there are substantial obstacles to meeting this goal. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Viral Hepatitis and Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health commissioned the Academies to work in two parts. The first report discusses the feasibility of eliminating hepatitis B and C from the United States. A second report from the same committee will recommend specific actions to hasten the end of these diseases. This report will be released in 2017. (see: <http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Reports/2016/Eliminating-the-Public-Health-Problem-of-Hepatitis-B-and-C-in-the-US.aspx>)

- Department of Health and Human Services Implementation Guidance to Support Certain Components of Syringe Services Programs, 2016
- City and County of San Francisco Meeting of Government Audit and Oversight Committee – May 5, 2016
 - Jim and Shirley attended representing SFHCTF
 - Discussion regarding City Navigation Centers for the Homeless ordinance to include requirement for the City Administrator to explore the feasibility of operating one Navigation Center as a supervised injection site that would allow detoxification and substance abuse treatment services. Supervisor Norman Yee asked to remove the supervised injection site from the proposal.
 - A number of people spoke in favor of the ordinance, some concentrating on the SIF (Laura Thomas, Paul Harkin, Alex Kral, Dr. Michael Sevier, Shirley).
 - The resolution will move forward without the SIF, but supervisor David Campos promised to continue promoting the SIF and stated that he would be visiting InSite in Vancouver the next day.
- New Drug Pipeline
 - Gilead
 - Sofosbuvir plus velpatasvir (GS-5816)
 - Pan-genotypic (GT 1,2,3,4,5,6)
 - Cure rates in genotypes 1 - 6 ranged 97% to 100%
 - FDA approval is expected by June 28, 2016
 - AbbVie
 - ABT-493 (protease inhibitor) and ABT-530 (NS5A inhibitor)
 - Pan-genotypic (GT 1,2,3,4,5,6)
 - Cure rates 97-100%
 - Treatment period 8 to 12 weeks depending on GT, scarring and treatment
 - Regulus Therapeutic Inc.
 - Genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
 - Injectable medication given at Day 1 and Day 29 plus 4 weeks of a once-a-day direct-acting antiviral medication
 - The cure rate for recent study was 97% (40 of 41 pts)

Upcoming Events

- Awareness Month/Testing Day with Mission Wellness - 5/19
 - Goal of 5-6 people per day
 - Will continue testing through June
- Juneteenth - 6/18
 - Western Addition (Fillmore @ Sutter)
 - Combining efforts with Glide
 - Next to one another under the "Health Tent"
 - They will do onsite testing
- World Hepatitis Day - 7/28
 - Focus on Elimination by 2030
 - www.NoHep.org
- We will not be participating in the Asian Heritage Fair this year due to cost.

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
- Continued discussion on the changing role of the TF with the Elimination Initiative underway
 - New co-chair election July meeting
 - Other positions to include
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Discussion about new studies on syringe disinfection for HCV
 - Recommended Article: Disinfection of Syringes Contaminated With Hepatitis C Virus by Rinsing With Household Products
 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4438897/>

Adjourn

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UPCOMING TASK FORCE MEETINGS

July 11, 2016
August 8, 2016
September 12, 2016
October 17, 2016
November 14, 2016
December 12, 2016

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