

Minutes

February 8, 2016

San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

In Attendance:

Jim Banta
Shirley Barger
Peter Dale
Ray Goldstein
Pauli Gray
Theresa Hughes
Robin Roth

Absent Members:

Dan Berrner
Misha Cohen
Jay Fournier

Guests:

Colleen Brannon
Katie Burk
Janice Strassheim
David Tuller

5:30 Light dinner

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

member Jay Fournier has accepted a position with the SF chapter of the American Liver Foundation

Melinda Mossad is no longer working for Gilead

Comments on how the pharma companies are laying off community educators
CCSF Hepatitis ABCs offered 3 Saturdays: 3/26, 4/9, 4/16

DPH Katie Burk

– working with local physicians to see what it would take to eliminate HCV in SF. In formative stage. Will have working groups. Invites SFHCTF to participate. Theresa is on steering committee. Isaac Jackson is too. Will talk about it at the Summit; Annie Leutkemeyer will speak to it at the end of Summit. Will do larger community stakeholder meeting. Called the Hepatitis C Elimination Initiative.

Approved minutes of 1/11/16

VOTE ON NEW MEMBERS (Mercedes and Janice)

Both Mercedes and Janice were voted in – welcome!

Reports

CalHEP quarterly call – Shirley

successful in 2 budget proposals for funding for CA DPH

funded 5 programs, including SF DPH

determining best practices from these demonstration grants

ongoing funding for Syringe Exchange

many MediCal restrictions loosened

Project Inform got HBV added to CA formulary

Need more budget advocacy

purchase rapid kits; training for HCV test counselors, support for HCV treatment; bill to allow direct training of HCV test counselors without having to already be HIV test counselors

•Legislation being proposed to change law about landlords not allowing drugs on premises for special waivers; affects possibility of having a Safe Injection Site

•proposing CA have its own Task Force on HCV strategies

•CA Physician HCV Testing Honor Roll available; surveying the 70

• IOM report on eliminating HCV

• Hep on the Hill happening

NVHR calls – Robin

NVHR call 1/22/16 – John Ward, MD, Director of CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis
The Institute of Medicine is working on new report:
National Strategy to Eliminate hep B & C in US; due in 2017

Eradication = totally gone and needs no more attention

Elimination = no cases but needs ongoing prevention efforts;
usually means reductions to a certain level
elimination “as a public health concern”

Elimination is possible because:

- no animal host
- medically feasible
- depends on social & political will (& IOM report will help in this area)

The media attention on cost has been further stigmatizing VH
We're no longer talking about a “Silent Epidemic”

NVHR membership call – 2/1/16

report on how the Federal ban on Syringe Access was changed to allow federal money to be spent on SA staff, material, supplies, everything except the syringe (cheapest part of supplies)

Republicans moved to compromise because of heroin epidemics
CDC will provide guidance to open funding streams

Appropriations – 2016 budget only added \$2.6 M to total of \$34M

Obama had asked for such more, but at least it's an increase
will ask for 2017 budget to be \$62.8M

2016 DVH will spend on:

- f-t VH coordinators for all states
- better surveillance & detection
- PWID and HCV & HBV

Updated brochure passed around, as well as old one

some revisions made;

Outreach activities discussed

Glide posters will be shared at a future meeting

SF Hep TF website is currently being redone; will be done by end of Feb.

will coordinate with QR on the new brochure

SF Hepatitis C Summit 3/10/16 – Theresa and Colleen

sent out 400 invitations; 74 have already registered

will send out reminder invitations w/ outline of agenda;

goal is 150 attendees; need 125

2/16 summit planning mtg - on agenda

Draft agenda passed out, discussed, revised

Invitation list discussed

7:30 Adjourn