

Minutes November 14, 2016
San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

In Attendance:

Jim Banta
Shirley Barger
Dan Berrner
Jay Fournier
Pauli Gray
Robin Roth
Janice Strassheim

Absent Members:

Mercedes Azcarate
Misha Cohen
Peter Dale
Ray Goldstein

Guests:

Orlando Chavez
Brian Gonzales

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Approved minutes of 10/17/16

Vote on new member – Orlando Chavez – approved

Welcome Orlando

Discussions

Public health in a Trump administration

Trump plans to roll-back ACA; Dems pledge total fight-back
SF budget issues – creating our ask
Prop J passed - \$50 Million for homeless & MUNI
Prop K failed – the sales tax to pay for the above
\$150 million must come from existing budget, from other depts
So big hit on budget – but still need to advocate for funds for HCV
Can a case be made for treating hep C in homeless?
Glide was set to start treatment in shelters; dedicated beds for people in
treatment. Could be a point to discuss with Supes
Could we get treatment meds free from pharma?

Priorities for 2017 – see attachment – email feedback; discuss in Dec.

Reports

Harm Reduction Coalition – Pauli and other attendees
4 day conference w/ many overlapping sessions
End Hep C SF did a presentation on our campaign
Paul presented on Glide; Jason moderated a panel
Ricky Blumenthal – convinced LA to drop 6 month sobriety
requirement; credits persistent advocacy for the change
CA budget has Narcan, HCV antibody kits, syringe exchange
funded for 3 years

End Hep C SF – Robin

Moving forward on Strategic Plan – goal done by midJan.
Plan to have meeting early February to present plan to community
and get feedback
I requested workgroups suggest budget asks for us

Conferences:

- 2nd Annual VH Summit: Preparing for a Cure (Hep B Free & AFL)
SF Hep C Task Force had a table
- 2016 Hepatitis Round-up (Asian Health Foundation; Global Ed Grp)
see Robin if want to look at Programs, notes

Follow-up:

- Fundraising – need future brief reports on individuals' activities
 - Castro Lion's Club - Misha
 - Walgreen's – Shirley & Jay
 - Quest - Dan
 - Gilead
 - Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence – closed for now; check 2017
 - Mission Specialty Pharmacy
 - Think of philanthropist with hep C concern

7:30 **Adjourn**