

Minutes December 12, 2016
San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

In Attendance:

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

Absent Members:

Orlando Chavez
Peter Dale

Guests:

Brian Gonzales
Dr. Ralph Petersen
Aaron Smith

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

shared what we're grateful for this past year, challenges for coming year

Approved minutes of 11/14/16

Discussions

Priorities for 2017 – amended and approved; see attached
Shelters – some people get on treatment quickly, others slower
moving toward doing DOT at syringe site – in Oakland

SF budget issues – creating our ask

currently requesting needs & desires from workgroups in End Hep C SF
working with Emalie to craft letter for budget request

Ask will probably include funds for:

- development & printing of HCV educational materials
- a nurse at Tom Waddell Clinic to coordinate HCV care (what about Bayview/Hunter's Point?)
- incentives to encourage patients to return for medical visits
- taxi vouchers and bus tokens to help HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) patients get to medical appointments
- enhanced viral hepatitis surveillance (to backfill the loss of the CDC surveillance funding)
- more Staff for testing and navigation
- staff position at SFDPH to support HCV-specific training
- staff (like NP) for DOT

Will collect requests and finalize ask in January

Will request letters of support from HCV-related organizations

Will lobby Mayor's budget staff, then Bd of Supes Budget committee

Discussion: some want to work more directly with people with HCV

- questions about whether it's our role to backfill Surveillance money
- should we be asking for staff?
- what about a Speaker's Bureau
- important to treat active IDUs

Ask if we need to give specific amounts or can we ask overall for so much funds, for generally these things

Reports

End Hep C SF – Aaron Smith, SFDPH, HCV Project Coordinator
Surveillance is coming close to a prevalence estimate – Henry Raymond Fisher
“chief numbers cruncher”

Treatment Access – looking for more sources of funding; moving treatment into the field, not just clinics. Trying to expand testing in Health Right 360 sites

Prevention/Education – looking at materials

Testing & Linkage – 1000 tests in last 6 months outside primary care clinics; goal of 10,000 a year;

Facilitators (Shelley and Sonya) doing evaluation for collective impact; doing Strategic Plan; Vision and Mission statements being finalized

Transgender Fair – Shirley, Dan, Robin

Successful tabling with a lot of people taking info; no HCV testing
Did short presentation on hep C and on the SFHCTF

Follow-up:

Fundraising – brief reports on individuals' activities

Castro Lion's Club – not available

Quest – Dan looking into grant possibilities

Walgreen's – letter being sent soon; asking for \$2000

Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence – 1/15

Mission Wellness Pharmacy – forthcoming funding

Interesting recent studies:

Bleach may kill HCV – need report

Shedding of HCV into the Rectum of HIV+ MSM

Dan: HCV study for injection drug users; group interested in presentation for Feb.

Adjourn

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January 9, 2017

February 13, 2017

March 13, 2017

April 10, 2017

May 8, 2017

June 12, 2017

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