Minutes February 13, 2017
San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

In Attendance: Mercedes Azcarate
Jim Banta
Shirley Barger
Dan Bermer
Orlando Chavez
Peter Dale
Ray Goldstein
Robin Roth

Absent Members: Misha Cohen
Jay Fournier
Pauli Gray
Janice Strassheim

Guests: Katie Burk

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
• CCSF Hep ABCs course starts 2/25; will not be offered again until Spring 2018
• Dan mentioned the DC meeting he attended recently on Medi
• Mission Wellness Pharmacy doing Hep C Awareness on Valentine’s Day
• Think about 5/19 and 7/28 activities
• Shirley’s Hep C support group will be dissolved, as fewer people need support with the easier faster treatment
• Peter launching hepatitis C group at the RAMS Peer Wellness Center, with Andrew Reynolds. RAMS has 200 people attending.
• Community Health Forum to preserve ACA – Mercedes, Shirley, Jim, Peter, Dan?

Approved minutes of 1/9/17

Discussion
Mayor’s Budget Request for Funds letter
Review asks – draft handout discussed with feedback
Member availability for visits to Supervisors
esp. need residents of:
  District 10 Sup. Malia Cohen * Robin, Shirley, Dan, Jim
  District 7 Sup. Norman Yee * Mercedes,
  District 4 Sup. Katy Tang * Shirley,
  District 6 Sup. Jane Kim Shirley, Ray, Orlando
  District 8 Sup. Jeff Sheehy Janice, Dan
* indicates we spoke to someone in their office last budget cycle

Reports
End Hep C SF Community meeting; feedback on Strategic Plan – Katie
80+ people attended; draft Strategic Plan can be downloaded from the website. Feedback was elicited. Finalized on 2/22. Plan released early to mid-March. Looking for more funding, grants, etc.
  Research & surveillance group working hard to get prevalence estimate; coming in next couple months.
  CalHep Quarterly phone meeting – Robin
Have already sent you HHS updated VH Action Plan, with helpful summaries from Rachel McLean and Corinna Dan. Nat’l Academy of Science Report on Eliminating VH due at the end of March. Plans rely on access to health care through ACA.

Community Health Care Forum Saturday, February 18, 2017
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. PT
*Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. for registration
Delancey Street Foundation 600 The Embarcadero
Can anyone go? Need to RSVP. Wear SFHCTF t-shirt
Hep C never had much federal funding but still lose if cuts
CA AB186 – bill to allow local jurisdictions to open Safe Consumption Facilities (sponsored by Susan Eggman and Scott Weiner)
CalHEP will try to get MediCal restrictions on meds lifted, but depends on ACA

SF Hep C Providers meeting – Shirley, Robin, Orlando
Hep C Navigators at Shanti, Glide, HealthRight 360 (will hire PrEP navigator), SF Jail (will start treating soon), SF AIDS Foundation. Will have wristbands that say “can’t stop meds” if on treatment
HBV reactivation in people on DAAs serious though uncommon
New drugs in pipeline; RAVs will be less an issue; price could come down; better meds for people w/ renal problems
Study showed low reinfection in PWID; higher in MSM HIV+

Letters of support and sign-ons – Robin
• Senator Holly Mitchell has reintroduced the Repeal Ineffective Sentencing Enhancement (RISE) Act, our new bill number is SB180!!
• Support for public health by opposing H.J.Res. 43 and S.J.Res. 13; support Title X, the nation’s only dedicated source of public funding for family planning.

Question – should we cancel April’s meeting because it conflicts with the 1st night Passover seder? We’ll be spending time meeting with the Supervisors in March and April around the budget ask.
NOTE: It was decided later to skip our regular Task Force meeting in April.

Ryan Clary is organizing a meeting to introduce hep C advocates to Senator Kamala Harris to appeal on a federal level.