

Minutes February 13, 2017 San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

In Attendance:

Mercedes Azcarate
Jim Banta
Shirley Barger
Dan Berrner
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.