



San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

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Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2017

Members Present

Shirley Barger
Daniel Berrner
Ray Goldstein
Pauli Gray
Robin Roth
Mercedes Azcarate
Jim Banta

Members Absent

Janice Strassheim
Peter Dale
Orlando Chavez
Jay Fournier
Misha Cohen

Guests

Katie Burk
Liseli Mulala
Maya Yoshida-Cervantes
William Viray

I. Welcome, Introduction, Announcements

- Hep C class to become part of Drug and alcohol studies program at CCSF. Required class.
- William, student from Robin's class; will be doing an externship with Walgreens as Pharmacy Tech.
- Val Robb, RN from Ward 86 and HCV champion is retiring at the end of the month

II. Approve minutes of 05/08/2017

- Correction to spelling of "Eplusa"
- Moves and seconded with correction

III. Update and Discussion

Mayor's Budget – No new funds for SFDPH for HCV activities

- Robin read letter response from Kelly Kirkpatrick, Mayor's budget person on health
- Continued funding of 250K per year for hepatitis C, BUT no additional funding. Continued funding for surveillance, as it comes from the general budget. This may mean staff can be pulled to other projects.
*update: hepatitis surveillance staff will continue to have this priority
- End Hep C SF will continue to pursue grant funding
- The Board of Supervisors has the budget to "tweak", but we shouldn't expect anything additional for hepatitis C.
- Mobilization for an Everyday People City Budget
 - CONTACT Paul Harkin and Orlando to see if Glide folks will be able to attend

- Report regarding meetings with budget committee Supervisors
- Discussion regarding letter to Supervisors in regards to Mayors budget
- Discussion about notifying those who sent letters of support the status of our budget asks, as well as the upcoming budget meeting June 19th and rally
- Discussion about other ways to make public statement about lack of HepC funding
 - Janice S. writer contact
 - Liz Highleyman article for the BAR and OpEd piece
 - Don't need to ask for surveillance since funding is there from general budget
 - Prioritizing HIV over HCV; the City has gotten behind the Getting to Zero campaign, but how much more can be done with HCV elimination if we had just a portion of what HIV is funded at
- Discussion about the need to keep the momentum going in spite of disappointment
 - 4,500 people in SF treated with new medications, according to the work done by End Hep C SF Research and Surveillance work group
 - SF was one of the first cities to have estimate of HCV prevalence
- Continued discussion about Speaker's Bureau, needs for speakers, and whether SFHCTF can fill such a role or if End Hep C SF would be better suited
- Strategizing next steps – lobby Supervisors, press, demonstrate, other?

IV. Reports

End Hep C SF

- Second round of Hellman Foundation; growth grant (450k over three years) to fund collective impact initiative
- Next week Thursday Annie Luetkemeyer, Emalie Huriaux and Katie Burk to meet for grant
- Lancet Journal article on prevalence

National Hepatitis Testing Day May 19, 2017

- Partnered with Mission Wellness Pharmacy which offered free HCV testing while SFHCTF staffed an education table and do street outreach
- Additional people came in over the following week for testing
- Overall a successful testing day and week following

V. Upcoming Events

Juneteenth – 6/17/2017 10am-6pm on Fillmore Street between Sutter & Turk

- We'll be in Health Pavilion @ O'Farrell
- GLIDE next to us for HIV and HCV testing
- Shifts
 - Shirley all day
 - Dan, Shirley and Jim set-up
 - Lisle 10am-12pm
 - Pauli – 12-3
 - Mercedes – 11ish to close
 - Robin – 11ish to close
 - Kim – South of Market (Shirley will email FU)
- New event banner – Ray designed a pull-up banner which will be debuted at the Juneteenth Festival

World Hepatitis Day 7/28/2017 – partnering w/ Hep B Free & End Hep C SF

- City Hall will be lit with hepatitis colors
- Possibilities
 - Get SF hospitals & clinics to offer and advertise HCV testing
 - Check with Hospital Council
 - Could Quest & Lab Corps offer testing?
- Everybody wear T-shirts on WHD
- Email to providers with WHD info

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