

# San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force

## November 13, 2017

### Minutes

**In Attendance:**

Mercedes Azcarate  
Jim Banta  
Shirley Barger  
Dan Berrner  
Orlando Chavez  
Jay Fournier  
Pauli Gray  
Ray Goldstein  
Robin Roth  
Janice Strassheim

**Absent Members:**

Misha Cohen  
Peter Dale

**Guests:**

Katie Burk  
Michael Flanders

**Light dinner****Welcome, Introductions, Announcements**

Orlando Chavez – starting an HCV Peer Education class for those who've been treated, are front line workers, achieved SVR12; this is a 6 person cohort

Robin – Call legislators regarding tax reform and stealth attack

Partnership with HepFree Hawaii – after discussion a motion to accept invitation to partner with HepFree Hawaii was made, moved, seconded and approved

November 28 – Sacramento – Medical drug review public comment (see email)

Mercedes – American Liver Foundation Board Meeting

- Focus on community education
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Fundraising Gala

**Reports**

Report back from World Hepatitis Summit and Pre-Summit – Dan & Robin

- Focus your advocacy to be optimally strategic
- Only 9 out of 194 countries on track to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030
  - the US is not one and has no funding for their Strategic Plan
  - letter to come out to US govt to step up (next)
- We need to advocate and demonstrate louder to get gov't moving
  - A policy should be good for the country (state, city) but may also need to have short-term advantages for politicians involved

- After gov't commits to elimination, must hold them accountable – for policy and for funds
- Elimination has proven to be cost-effective and will reap cost-savings in 20 years; inaction will cost more
  - Obstacle to HCV elimination is the upfront spending
  - HCV treatment alone won't succeed in elimination – need HR
- Look at inequity – what kind of interventions generate inequity?
- Social connectivity better predictor of mortality than smoking, etc.
- Innovation Panel at end of Summit was the best
  - Emalie Hurlaux did great job of presenting how End Hep C SF has involved the range of stakeholders, public-private-CBO partnership that includes PWID, PWHCV
  - Empowerment of being cured has led folks to other health measures, i.e. treat diabetes, get off drugs, quit smoking, etc.
- CalHEP had poster
- End Hep C SF had poster

#### End Hep C SF – Katie

- Hellman Foundation Grant will provide funding for a part-time (50%) person to oversee End Hep C SF
- STAT News – Boston Globe – article about End Hep C SF and various programs in SF
- Merged Prevention, Education and Linkage groups – meeting will be held first Friday of the month at 25 Van Ness, 5th Floor Conference Room

State of Medicaid Access – webinar can be seen at [stateofhepc.org](http://stateofhepc.org) or National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable's website

#### Cal-Hep Quarterly Call – Robin

- Need calls to stop Federal tax "reform" which threatens funding for MediCaid and ACA among many negative actions that impact hepatitis C issues
- Updated letter to CA MediCal to remove all hepatitis C treatment restrictions (SFHCTF signed on)
- Debriefed World Hepatitis Summit
- Debriefed recent Liver Meeting; 1 out of 4 Americans have Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver (NASH)
- CA budget advocacy: will try again to back-fill funding for HIV drugs and HIV/HCV testing & linkage; ask for more specific HCV funding, and link to opioid and homeless epidemics
- Need to increase capacity for HCV treatment in Primary Care; develop Navigation Best Practices

## **Discussion**

Strategic Priorities for 2018

Strategy for next year budget revise

Meeting w/ Barbara Garcia – Wednesday, November 15

- What is going to happen with the projects, such as Glide, which are demonstration project, but funding ends in June?
- Keep only discussion around City-wide, do not discuss State-wide projects
- Drug treatment access – wraparound services

Fundraising – Shirley

- Sisters of Perpetual November 1st Decision December 1st \$1,000
- Whole Foods - Janice
- Gilead - Janice
- Genentech - Janice
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## **Upcoming Events**

Trans Health Fair 11/28/17 11-2 Main Library

**Approved minutes of October 16, 2017**

**Adjourn**

### **UPCOMING TASK FORCE MEETINGS**

January 8, 2018

February 12, 2018

March 12, 2018

April 9, 2018

May 14, 2018

June 11, 2018

July 9, 2018

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