

# Monthly Updates from End Hep C SF

## Building a San Francisco Free of Hepatitis C

Highlights from our work and community in September 2021

### **No Treatment Access Workgroup this month**

This workgroup is held bi-monthly on second Tuesdays.



Next meeting: October 12, 10-11.30am

The World Hepatitis Summit (WHS) 2022 is now welcoming abstract submissions on hepatitis A, B, C, D and E. Submit yours at <u>worldhepatitissummit.org/abstracts/</u>

### **HCV Prevention, Testing & Linkage Workgroup Highlights** (Sept 9)



- 1) General Check-ins / updates / announcements
- 2) Data update from Rachel Grinstein with a focus on navigation and linkage
  - (a) 2016-2021. Linkage data is only tracked through Glide, HR360, and SFAF, She would love data from Shanti also and is waiting for data from SFAF.
  - (b) Brief presentation on testing data showing all sites vs just CBOs.
- Large group discussion of how to consider lower positive rates for Magnet/City Clinic when we look at our community testing data including discussion on not focusing on testing data with too many parameters as the goal is mainly to perform the tests to capture and positives and get them treated.

Next meeting: October 14, 3-4.30pm

#### **HCV Research & Surveillance Workgroup Highlights** (Sept 16)

- 1. Upcoming HCV SF jail analysis and next steps
  - (a) Options are to create an RFP to invite applications to conduct the analysis or to sole source the funding to Facente Consulting since Shelley Facente started the work as part of her PhD but changed direction and has yet to complete.
  - b) Group unanimously agreed to sole source the funding to Shelley/Facente Consulting.
- 2. R+S workgroup membership and structure
  - (a) Discussed what to do about meeting leadership for the next few months while current leadership is unable to attend and whether to rework/rename/relaunch this group.
  - (c) Discussed meeting bimonthly or quarterly rather than monthly in order to encourage more participation.
  - (d) Preliminarily discussed upcoming meeting topics/timeline from what was planned earlier in 2021, Will talk more in-depth over the next two months and reset priorities.
- 3. Other participation in this work group Katie Burk and Amy Nishimura are leaving SFDPH. Chris Toomey will be taking over some of the hep C work in place of both Amy and Katie.

Next meeting: October 21, 3-4.30pm

## **Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Meeting Highlights** (Sept 21)

Entire meeting was dedicated to discussion of whether to host a table at Sunday Streets special "Phoenix Day" that will be held in several locations around SF. Group agreed to pursue and discussed logistics. Event is October 17 from noon to 5.

**Next meeting: November 16, 1-2pm** 

## **Coordinating Committee Meeting Highlights** (Sept 23)

1. Brief updates



2. Rest of meeting was devoted to group problem solving for End Hep C SF leadership for both Coordinating Committee and the Workgroups. Discussion of End Hep C SF's history and how it has shifted over time. Looked at membership gaps, areas and communities that may be under represented in both workgroups and CC, Looked at changes or additions that could be made to improve workgroups and structures.

Next meeting: October 28, 3-4.30pm