



Monthly Updates from End Hep C SF

Building a San Francisco Free of Hepatitis C

Highlights from our work and community in March 2022

Treatment Access Workgroup Highlights



1. No meeting this month

Next meeting: April 12, 11am-noon

2022 Advancing HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Testing Conference (May 29 - April 1, virtual): <https://hivtestingconference.org/>.

HCV Prevention, Testing & Linkage Workgroup Highlights (March 10)



- 1) Check-ins/updates/announcements
- 2) Quarter 4 of 2021 Citywide Data Update - Data is from nine CBOs, plus Magnet and City Clinic. AB testing numbers are rebounding since the “COVID dip”. AB reactivity rate and follow up with RNA testing is also looking good! Subpopulations of priority highlighted include un-housed individuals, Black/African American individuals, PWID, and individuals w/ history of incarceration. Rachel solicited feedback and will iron out further with Meghan Morris. Rachel intends to update us on how the data are looking every three months during PTL meetings.
- 3) Navigation Challenge Small Group Discussion - How are HCV Navigators to balance client engagement and outreach among “challenging” clients who are candidates for treatment (or have already started treatment)? How do we best link clients and show support while also encouraging client autonomy? Ultimately it’s helpful to ask people how much of a push they want, and how often, and then respect that. Lack of client contact info is a huge barrier. “I have 40 clients, but only 10 have phones.” Importance of reminding clients about appointments as close to the date as possible—ex, day before.

Next meeting: April 14, 3-4.30pm

**Full meeting notes are available in our Groupsite shared files or by request.
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Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Meeting Highlights (March 15)



1. Brief Updates and Announcements. Most notably, the SF Hepatitis C Taskforce will be dissolving this year. Robin will encourage members to join EHCSF.
2. Planning for 3/17 meeting with Susan Phillips, Director of Population Health and Health Officer (in place of Grant Colfax).
3. Sunday Streets participation: Aim for May 22nd in Bayview. World Hep Day is May 19th.

Next meeting: April 19, 1-2pm

HCV Community Research & Data Stewardship Workgroup Highlights (March 21)



1. **Brief Updates**
2. **NOW Study Update:** Review of investigative team, research/field team, clinical team, funding, and research objectives. Study population includes HCV+ individuals from communities experiencing marginalized conditions. Exclusion criteria includes uncontrolled HBV, unmanaged HIV, pregnant/breastfeeding, GT3 with cirrhosis. COVID drastically changed study design—most notably, mobile site was removed and study size was decreased. COVID information, testing, and vaccination was added to the study. Preliminary Results were shared, final results to be published/released soon. Community-based POD HCV treatment appears highly effective. Results aren't necessarily surprising—but how do we operationalize the findings of this study for regions not as resourced as ours?

Next meeting: April 18, 3-4.30pm

We are currently in the initial stages of Strategic Planning for 2022-2026 with consultants, [In The Works](#).

Coordinating Committee Meeting Highlights (March 24)



1. General Updates
2. Workgroup Updates including discussion of minimum data set we would like to receive from SFDPH.
3. Budget Update
4. 360 review regarding Joanne and Brittany's performance appraisals!
5. Backbone is working on getting the strategic planning process rolling with [In The Works](#).
6. R21 Project: modeling progress toward elimination goals among high risk groups. PWID, MSM/PWID, and transgender women have all been included. Modeling is showing that WHO goal of reduction among PWID MSM should be met around 2024/2025.

Next meeting: April 28, 3-4.30pm