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Highlights from our work and community in December 2022

Treatment Access Workgroup Highlights (Dec 13)

1. Quick important updates or announcements

2. Discussion of meeting schedule for 2023 (including a combined meeting with the Prevention, Testing, and Linkage workgroup in January that looks to fill gaps in our collective work). The group agreed to shift to monthly moving moving forward and will still be second Tuesdays 11-noon.

3. Review of an HCV navigation and treatment resource Joanne and Rachel are developing, for clinician feedback - discussed what the online resource should look like and what it should include.

4. Discussion of next steps related to HCV treatment in pregnancy. Discussed gathering data to share out so we can show that it is ok to treat folks who are pregnant and forming a small task force.

Next meeting: Jan 17, 11am-noon

HCV Prevention, Testing & Linkage Workgroup Highlights (Dec 8)

1. Intros/Updates/announcements

2. Discussion and decision on new co-lead for this workgroup: Sam Cuadra expressed interest and everyone agreed he would be an excellent co-lead. Thank you Sam!

3. Update on the strategic planning process

4. Discussion of holding a joint meeting with Treatment Access in January

5. Input about holding another EHCSF community meeting.

Next meeting: Jan 12, 3-4.30pm

The Treatment Access Workgroup will shift to monthly meetings starting in January. These will be 2nd Tuesdays (although January’s will be the 17th with the Prevention, Testing, Linkage group).

Full meeting notes are available in our Groupsite shared files or by request. Join our working groups or our mailing list by sending a request to info@endhepcsf.org
Coordinating Committee Meeting Highlights (Dec 1)

1. Workgroup and other updates
2. Brief update on current funding sources
3. Overview of jail HCV treatment access assessment and discussion of next steps
   100% of people living with HIV or STIs in jail are automatically treated, without regard to cost. Jail Health staff are ready and willing to treat HCV. In SF jails the main barrier to treatment is access to medications.
4. Strategic planning update and discussion (Jordan/backbone)
5. Revisiting idea of a community meeting
   The PTL group will be discussing at their next meeting. We’ll report back on what they talked about and discuss more next time.

Next meeting: January 26, 3-4.30pm

Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Meeting Highlights (Dec 20)

Entire meeting dedicated to Jail Health Services (JHS) budget ask discussion

1. Discussed the importance of asking for both navigators and funding for treatment at the same time.
2. For good public health and for health equity we need to treat folks while they are in jail. Other countries are close to elimination by 2030 and the US is tragically behind. This is a strong microelimination strategy that is humane and strategic.

Next meeting: January 17, 1-2pm

Thank you to Samuel Cuadra from the San Francisco Community Health Center for stepping in as our new co-lead on the Prevention, Testing, & Linkage Workgroup!