



# Monthly Updates from End Hep C SF

## Building a San Francisco Free of Hepatitis C

Highlights from our work and community in January 2023

### Treatment Access and Prevention Testing & Linkage Combined Workgroup Meeting Highlights (Jan 17)



This month the Treatment Access and Prevention, Testing & Linkage workgroups came together for a joint meeting to discuss best practices for linkage to treatment.

1. Introductions and announcements/thoughts related to group collaboration
2. Discussion on the overlap between the two groups: how to increase linkage to treatment, especially in non-clinical settings, for people living with HCV.
  - a. How to we improve treatment access outside of the clinical setting?
  - b. It would be really useful to get clinicians to help bring low threshold treatment to CBOs.
  - c. The SFDPH hep C care coordination group is a space for providers and CBOs who meet directly with patients to meet and share information. Would be great to have at least one provider per site there for linkage. Meetings are 30 minutes once a month on second Mondays. Reach out to Rachel Grinstein for info:
  - d. There is a [linkage flyer](#) and neighborhood palm cards ([TL](#), [SoMa](#), [Mission \(also in Spanish\)](#), [Bayview](#)) available. We can drop them off at various clinics. Email Joanne ([jkay@endhepcsf.org](mailto:jkay@endhepcsf.org)) or Rachel ([rachel.grinstein@sfdph.org](mailto:rachel.grinstein@sfdph.org)) if you would like any emailed or printed.
  - e. Discussion on best practices for referrals.
3. Group agreed to holding one more combined meeting in 3 months time and then switch to every 6 months. We will combine the April meetings. April 11th at 11am.

**Next Prevention, Testing & Linkage workgroup meeting: February 9, 3-4.30pm**

**Next Treatment Access workgroup meeting: February 14, 11am-noon**

**Next TA and PTL combined meeting: April 11, 11am-noon**

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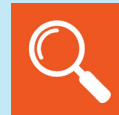
*The Prevention, Testing & Linkage, and Treatment Access Workgroups now have regular combined meetings. Next meeting is April 11, 11am to noon. All are welcome.*

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**Full meeting notes are available in our Groupsite shared files or by request.  
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## HCV Community Research & Data Stewardship Workgroup Highlights

No meeting this month



**Next meeting: February 27, 3-4.30pm**

### Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Meeting Highlights (Jan 17)



1. Discussion on structure and how to get more folks involved
2. General updates
3. Jail Health Services Budget ask discussion  
Part 1 is drug procurement (40 courses of treatment) and deployment for Jail Health Services (JHS), part 2 is on navigation and capacity building. Our request would be supporting JHS with this this.
4. Discussion on participation in Carnival and other outreach
5. State Budget ask discussion
  - a. There is a 22.5m deficit this year
  - b. Community thought it important to continue the ask anyway. Asking for \$15m over 3 years, encumbered over 5 years as they really need 5 years to make it worthwhile.
  - c. Targeting micro-elimination among priority communities. Hoping to build capacity into existing settings.

**Next meeting: February 21, 1-2pm**

### Coordinating Committee Meeting Highlights (Jan 26)



1. Workgroup and other updates
2. Brief budget update
3. Update on the jail-related budget request by the Policy & Advocacy Workgroup
4. Community meeting planning
5. Discussion on EHCSF social media “brand” and framing – how best to use it?

**Next meeting: February 23, 2-3.30pm**