



Monthly Updates from End Hep C SF

Building a San Francisco Free of Hepatitis C

Highlights from our work and community in April 2023

HCV Prevention, Testing & Linkage and Treatment Access Workgroups Combined Meeting Highlights (Apr 11)



Meetings for the Prevention, Testing & Linkage Workgroup and the Treatment Access Workgroup were combined this month.

1. Brief Introductions
2. Updates
3. Brainstorming navigation to hep C care – discussion on navigation services offered at each organization?
 - a. GLIDE have a van that they park on Ellis Street where folks can check in & receive support. They are currently hiring & plan to relaunch navigation services when they have capacity.
 - b. SF Community Health Center patients are connected with a provider for care and treatment, and linked with a case manager for follow-up/adherence. SFCHC's hep C nurse has a drop-in clinic on Tuesday afternoons; otherwise appointments are necessary.
 - c. Street medicine does not currently have formal HCV navigation services. They do support folks around medications on a case-by-case basis.
 - d. Jorge from SF AIDS Foundation's Latinx services asked for help to understand how they could link Spanish speaking members to testing and treatment for hep C through the Latinx Health Access Point (HAP) .
 - f. 6th Street Harm Reduction/SFAF has 2 hep C coordinators, at least one of whom is bilingual.
 - g. Shanti offers navigation. They don't offer testing, but can take referrals if the client lives in SF regardless of medical home and insurance status.
 - h. Shelley noted that EHCSF has palm cards for the Mission that includes testing information in Spanish. Email jkay@endhepcsf.org or rachel.grinstein@sfdph.org if you would like some.
 - i. The DeLIVER team are seeing lots of inpatient referrals but need community-based linkage resources to engage patients after they are discharged. Discussion on resource needs and potential connections.
 - j. May 15th is National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day. <https://hispanichepatitisday.org/>

Next combined workgroup meeting: July 11, 11am-noon
Treatment Access: May 9, 11am-12pm
Prevention, Testing, & Linkage: May 11, 3-4.30pm

**Full meeting notes are available in our Groupsite shared files or by request.
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Coordinating Committee Meeting Highlights (Apr 27)



1. General Updates
2. Workgroup Updates
3. Budget Update
4. Brief discussion on CASEP looking for organizational sign-ons re- sale of Fentanyl on social media platforms and discussion on number of contentious articles and happenings around Fentanyl.
5. Community meeting update and final planning
6. Continued discussions on communications strategies re End Hep C SF for various groups specifically the general public, HCV service providers, People who use drugs, CBOs that don't provide HCV services, policymakers/politicians, primary care physicians, and methadone and harm reduction providers.

Next meeting: May 25, 3-4.30pm

Community Research & Data Stewardship Workgroup Highlights



No meeting this month

Next meeting: May 15, 3-4.30pm

EHCSF will hold a Community Meeting at 447 Minna St between 5th and 6th on Thursday May 18th from 5-7pm.

Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Meeting Highlights (Apr 18)



1. Discussion of local strategy moving forward including Jail Health Services funding request, vacant positions at SFDPH, Add backs and Health Access Points.
2. State level advocacy - in spite of everything we did some good groundwork for better budget years. EHCSF also have a small amount of funding to increase our policy and advocacy work. CalHEP should be developed.
3. National/Federal - supporting the national plan. End Hep C SF will sign on to AB 1645

Next meeting: May 16, 1-2pm