



Monthly Updates from End Hep C SF

Building a San Francisco Free of Hepatitis C

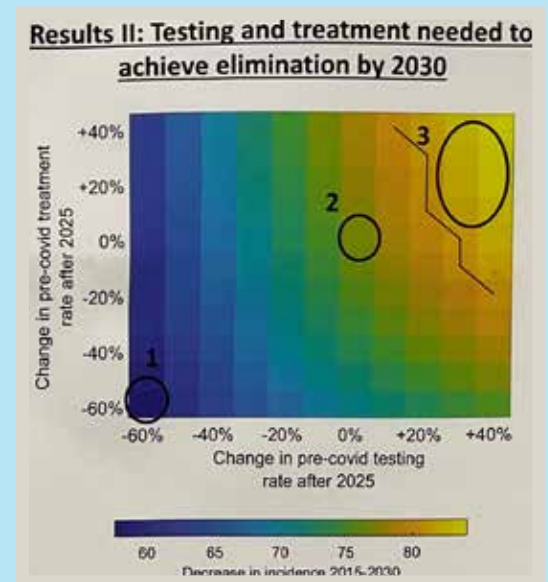
Highlights from our work and community in July 2023

Treatment Access and Prevention, Testing & Linkage Workgroups Joint Meeting Highlights (July 11)



This month the Prevention, Testing & Linkage workgroup meeting and the Treatment Access workgroup meeting were combined.

1. Brief Introductions
2. Share of modeling findings showing the various ways we need to increase HCV testing and/or treatment rates in San Francisco to reach our elimination goals, after the impacts of COVID.
 - a. Shelley shared a model created by the University of Bristol in England that shows a need to increase both testing and treatment rates by 30-40% in order to achieve WHO elimination goals by 2030 (see figure).
 - b. Note of the importance that people who inject drugs should remain a population of focus and to think about how the new SFDPH-funded Health Access Points (HAPs, also sometimes called Wellness Hubs) will link people who test HCV positive to treatment.
 - c. Discussion on challenges folks are seeing in providing navigation or completing treatment referrals.



EHCSF hep C client linkage flyer is available on the downloads tab on endhepcsf.org.

Next meeting:
Treatment Access: August 8, 2023, 11am-12pm
Prevention, Testing, & Linkage: August 10, 2023, 3-4.30pm

July 28 is World Hepatitis Day. Join us at 7.45pm that day at City Hall for a press call and photo op.

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

HCV Community Research & Data Stewardship Workgroup Highlights



No meeting this month

Next meeting: August 21, 3-4.30pm

Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Meeting Highlights (July 18)



1. Local updates: No budget victories locally - there was no specific hep C funding
2. State Updates - For FY 23-24, End the Epidemics achieved a major HCV funding victory and the governor signed a budget that will direct \$10 million over 3 years, encumbered for 5 to CDPH for allocation. There is a role for CalHEP or EHCSF to work on funding negotiations with CDPH for advocacy. Syringe service programs received \$61m over 4 years (quadruple their previous funding). This all comes from opioid settlement funds.
3. Open press call/photo op at City Hall at 7.45pm on World Hepatitis Day i-next Friday July 28th.

Next meeting: August 15, 1-2pm

Welcome to our new MAT Program liaison on the Coordinating Committee - Soraya Azari from OTOP at SF General.

Coordinating Committee Meeting Highlights (July 27)



1. General updates and announcements
2. Workgroup updates
3. Introduction and welcome to our new MAT Program liaison - Soraya Azari
4. Budget Update
5. Strategic Director Update on End Hep C SF current (main) activities
6. EAC planning and next steps (reminder meeting is Sept 11)
7. Discussion about workgroup attendance and EHCSF membership overall

Next meeting: August 24, 2-3.30pm