

# **Monthly Updates from End Hep C SF**

## Building a San Francisco Free of Hepatitis C

Highlights from our work and community in June, 2023

## **HCV Prevention, Testing & Linkage Workgroup Highlights** (June 8)



- 1. Updates/Announcements/Check-ins
- 2. Discussion of the upcoming National HIV Behavioural Surveillance (NHBS) cycle with Moranda Tate This year NHBS will be focusing on trans women. Eligible participants will be incentivised for completing a survey, HCV and HIV testing, and for referrals to other people who enroll in the study.
- 3. Discussion of World Hepatitis Day activities/needs Friday July 28th.
- 4. Q2 community-based testing data and large group discussion of next steps/action items We are averaging around 1,500 tests since mid 2021. Dry blood spot tests are available for RNA tests now. These provide qualitative, not quantitative results and can't be used to confirm SVR12.

Next meeting: August 10, 3-4.30pm

#### **Treatment Access Workgroup Highlights**

No meeting this month



Next meeting: July 11, 11am-noon (joint meeting with PTL work group)

We are collaborating with SF Hep B Free for a short press conference and a photo shoot in front of City Hall for World Hep Day on July 28th from 5pm . Please join if you can.

#### **Coordinating Committee Meeting Highlights** (June 22)

1. General updates and announcements



- 2. Workgroup updates
- 3. Follow up discussion to confirm Executive Advisory Committee (EAC). Monday September 11 from 5.30-7.30 was settled on for an in-person meeting at 25 Van Ness Avenue, room 610.

Next meeting: July 27, 3-4.30pm

#### **Community Research & Data Stewardship Workgroup Highlights** (June 20)

The entire meeting was dedicated to a presentation on SFDPH's Viral hep surveillance report for 2022 - these are preliminary results from SF chronic viral hepatitis registry - data reported from all labs/testing facilities (majority electronic submissions). This is a population based registry that supports core surveillance of chronic hep B and/or hep C test results plus basic demographic info. The final report is expected to be published in about one month.

Next meeting: August 21, 3-4.30pm

## Policy & Advocacy Workgroup Meeting Highlights (June 13)



- 1. Discussion on Budget Justice Coalition meetings with Supervisor Chan (Budget chair)
- 2. CalHep updates
- 3. Discussion on Anne Donnelly's retirement
- 4. Discussion on Governor's Budget
- Local updates
- 6. Brief discussion on hep C screening changes needs advocacy.