

MARIN HEPATITIS C COALITION (MHCC)

Quarterly Meeting Notes

September 27, 2021

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Participants: Deborah Gallagher, Linda Dobra, Cheyenne Self, Julia Dorman (HHS); Andy Fyne, Harm Reduction Director, Chris Brown, Harm Reduction Manager (The Spahr Center); Sehrish Khan, Quality Improvement Manager (Ritter Center); Isai De La O, Director of Nursing, Isabella Meyer, Grants & Data Coordinator, Michelle Green, Infectious Disease Nurse (Marin Community Clinics); Christine Valladon, HCV Advocate (Gilead); Bill Remak, Chair (California Hepatitis C Taskforce)

Discussion	Action?
I. Introductions: Name, agency/affiliation, role.	
II. Coalition: purpose and goals review	
III. HCV Provider Updates HHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HCV webpages now up on Marin County website: Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Marin Health and Human Services (marinhhs.org) Marin Hepatitis C Testing and Treatment Resources Marin Health and Human Services (marinhhs.org) Marin Hepatitis C Coalition (MHCC) Marin Health and Human Services (marinhhs.org)• Cheyenne, HCV PHI, is moving to Boston and her last day will be 10/14. HHS will be recruiting for a new PHI for the HCV grant. Bill has contacts in Boston that he can share with Cheyenne for new positions. Nga Le, Senior Program Coordinator is scheduled to return from leave next week. Linda shared that HHS is working on getting more children/youth who are in foster care tested for HCV. Spahr Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finger stick training scheduled for Chris. Hired bilingual HIV Navigator, Romario Conrado, who has started to train with UCSF. Hoping he will have his finger stick training in a month or so. He will be encouraging testing and going out to safe injection sites. Andy has been testing at Camp Compassion in Novato (Chris providing outreach and support). They have also been going to the San Rafael social services area and Marinship park. Found 3 positives from 15 tests within the last month or so. Would like to utilize the HHS PHI to help find clients. Andy will be in touch with Cheyenne. Peer program coordinator is Susan, who has	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy and Cheyenne will connect about locating client.

been working with Julian. Susan and Chris are in contact with Jason at Camp Compassion and Chris will talk to Susan. Bill is happy to provide resources and training.

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- Michelle and Aishia work with the patients directly. Finalized reports for HCV. Have not done a thorough audit yet, but from 7/1/21 to current (9/27) they have performed 719 screens, and of those, 15 were reactive. 11 internal referrals, with 62 currently or in the process of receiving treatment. Michelle will be joining HCV training today. Please keep sending trainings to MCC.

Ritter Center

- Partnered up closer with Spahr Center. Ritter tries to offer HCV screenings everywhere they visit for outreach. From 1/1/21 to current (9/27), 39 patients have received or are in treatment.

CA HCV Task Force

- CA HCV Taskforce is the authorized agent for CA Safe Schools and they partner with Marin Safe Rx. They are a major force in outreach to parents. Seeing an increase in not just those who have acquired Hepatitis C, but also who have acquired both Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B. Expecting Assembly Bill 789 to be signed this week, which would result in the following process: when a person comes to a provider and have not been previously screened, the provider will ask about screening, and if warranted, will screen for both Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B. Hoping this will influence policy across the rest of the county.

[Bill Text - AB-789 Health care services.](#)

Linda asked if prenatal screenings for HCV are typically occurring? Isai shared that this is not completed routinely, but typically when there is history of or current drug use.

Bill shared that Partnership Health is working to ensure that childhood and adult vaccines are being administered and offering compliance/guidance. If there is a need for vaccines, they can assist.

IV. HCV Outreach

Social media updates and sharing materials

- Ran bus shelter ads and social media ads on both Facebook and Instagram in June/July. There is a plan to do more advertising via social media and bus shelter ads again soon. HHS had a meeting with the CDPH and they thought it would be a great idea to share regular updates on our social media reach. Spoke with Media Specialist at the County, Erin Cochran, and she agreed that this would be a good idea and that we can also utilize our shared Google drive to communicate numbers, strategies, materials, etc. This will be available to HHS HCV subcontractors. Can use this to share similar posts, hashtags. Can tag

- Julia will request information in follow up email RE: social media suggestions, etc.

<p>additional providers in posts to encourage greater outreach. Can use targeted, shared materials and share via the folder for consistency. Need to know which accounts to follow and to post from. A Google calendar has been created in the shared HCV Subcontractors Google drive and this can be used to share trainings, testing dates and locations, as well as dates of posts on social media or show how long a bus ad is running. Can report media reach/updates for all at this meeting.</p>	
<p>V. Strategic Planning Review draft Marin Strategic Plan. Brainstorm next steps, areas of focus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because there was little time left in the meeting, the group agreed to share feedback via email. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please email feedback for strategic plan.
<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be on a Monday in December, 10-11am • Linda shared that she hopes to be able to provide an update about MCJ testing pilot. • Bill asked about implementation research and it was suggested that we might be able to discuss at the next meeting or via email. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nga will follow up when she returns to schedule in December.