

Hepatitis C Task Force for LA County GOALS and OBJECTIVES – 2006

Care and Support

- To provide information and enhance the quality of life for persons living with HCV
 1. Update the resource guides by December 31, 2006, including prevention, testing, and treatment, support groups, clinical trials, and other services.
 2. Update the positive packet by Sept. 2006 for persons recently diagnosed with Hepatitis C to follow in obtaining support, treatment, medication and doctor's care. Special attention will be given for low income and un-insured persons.

Policy and Advocacy (now incorporates Prevention, Surveillance, and Treatment)

- Advocate for Hepatitis C policies, funding and governmental support
- Advocate for the development and enhancement of systems of Hepatitis C prevention, surveillance, and treatment
 1. Continue to advocate for recommendations on improving the systems of prevention, surveillance, testing and treatment to the LA County Board of Supervisors and/or Health Department by December 31, 2006. Advocacy efforts will take place through visits, letters, e-mail or phone calls.
 2. Support legislation and research language for possible legislation for Hepatitis prevention, education, screening and public awareness by December 31, 2005. Research potential partners for co-sponsoring legislation.

Prevention, Education and Awareness

- Educate the public, medical professionals, community leaders and community based organizations about HCV
- Work toward the de-stigmatization of Hepatitis C for people living with the virus.
 1. Distribute the comprehensive resource guide to consumers, HIV agencies and other organizations by December 31, 2006.
 2. Update the content as applicable for the HCVTF website. Monitor number of hits on HCVTF webpage to measure how many have accessed the Resource Guide and other information.
 3. Approve and utilize 2005 HCV Task Force fact sheet for informational and advocacy purposes by August 31, 2006.
 4. Educate a minimum of 175 elected officials, community leaders and consumers on Hepatitis C, public health and health policies through the 4th annual hepatitis C summit and other public forums by December 31, 2006.

5. Explore grants/funding opportunities that can be used for task force infrastructure or other task force activities such as developing HCV social marketing by December 31, 2006.
6. Work with the OAPP-funded subcontractor that maintains the HIV LA resource guide to include relevant HCV resource information and a link from their website to the Task Force website.
7. Create public awareness of the need for organ donors by disseminating information and participating in National Organ Donor Awareness Month in April 2006.
8. Provide a minimum of 12 press contacts for HCV related information, i.e. KPFFK, City Beat newspaper, Downtown News, LA Weekly by December 31, 2006.

Future objectives

1. Translate and distribute the HCV Task Force Hepatitis C brochure into as many of the following languages as possible: Russian, Armenian, Korean, Thai, Tagalog, Farsi and Chinese.
2. Identify guidelines of care and disseminate this information in an easily accessible format at a date to later be determined. This is an agenda item (parking lot issue) for the HIV Commission of Los Angeles.
3. Update and plan a Hepatitis C Info line by 12/31/2005.
4. Advocate for the development of a Los Angeles County Hepatitis C Strategic Plan by December 31, 2006.
5. At least 12 consumers will become spokespersons, as a result of mentoring and training by December 31, 2006.