

LA County Hepatitis C Task Force Meeting – January 18, 2006

Attendees: Paul Crowley, Monique Collins, Ricki Rosales, Gary Barbagallo, Patti Huff, David Hirsh, Eve Rubell, Brian Risley (Co-Chair presided over meeting), Leticia Ponzarizni, Jenny Gross

- I. Introductions/Minutes
 - a. Members were introduced
 - b. October 05 minutes were approved

- II. Old Business
 - a. Update on the December 15, 2005 Strategic Planning Meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee came up with the most important goals and objectives for our Task Force.
 1. Sustaining and expanding membership. One way that we continue to do this is through the annual Summit where new people/CBOs are reached
 2. Fundraising/money to meet TF goals
 3. Public Awareness/Marketing
 4. Education
 5. Advocacy
 6. Access to treatment
 7. Collaboration/Partnerships
 - ii. Priority goals are Education, Advocacy and Infrastructure.
 - iii. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet one more time and then a final report will be submitted to the Task Force.

- b. 2005 Summit Debriefing - HCTF given much positive feedback:
 1. This year we should start planning the Summit, in June.
 2. It worked well to have a morning and then the afternoon session that included HIV.
 3. Some changes that were suggested for next year included more space for agency tables because of the congestion that was created by the table configurations.
 4. Registration started late, however, the structure flowed well and even though we started late, we were able to catch up on time.
 5. 90% of the evaluations gave very favorable ratings. Brian will give us an analysis at a later time.
 6. Next year the conference tables should be numbered in advance for the lunch buffet.
 7. Just under 200 people signed-in but by the head count there were 213 people present.
 8. KPCC radio aired two segments on the Summit the next day. Alberto Mendoza and Peter Anderson were interviewed for Talk of the City. Both segments are available on their website at <http://www.scpr.org/topics/healthsci/20051121news1.html> and <http://www.scpr.org/topics/healthsci/20051121TOTC2.html>.
 9. We should send a special thank you out to Tom Donahoe and UCLA for offering CEUs at this year's Summit.
 10. Neva Chauppette needs to have her name corrected on her proclamation from the Board of Supervisors. (Alberto will look into this.)

c. Discussion on scheduling the next Legislative Breakfast:

1. Currently the City AIDS Coordinators Office is doing roundtables on a quarterly basis, so there may be an opportunity for the TF to make Hep C and legislation one of the topics. Ricki Rosales will bring this up at his office to see if the Task Force can be put onto their agenda and report back.
2. We could see if Pamela Anderson is willing to come to an event and pick up her award. We could also see if there is another celebrity that is willing to get involved.
3. This year we will also focus on getting more politicians and the press involved with the Task Force.
4. Combining the Legislative Breakfast into the Summit may be a more efficient and cost-effective way to accomplish both goals of advocacy and education. Have Legislative breakfast from 8-10am and the Summit from 10am to 3 or 4pm.

III. New Business

a. Goals and objectives for 2005 were reviewed. New goals for 06 discussed:

1. Perhaps we should have a new category for future goals so we won't forget goals that we want to accomplish, but that are not viable for the upcoming year.
2. Education remains a priority.
3. The American Liver Foundation and Jessie Jackson put out a wonderful PSA that we can maybe help get out. On a side note we need to contact ALF to get them involved now that Donna Gracon has left. Paul will call and get back to us.
4. Brian suggested looking at the Strategic Plan and then go back to our current Goals & Objectives. Revise and correlate them to the Strategic planning objectives.
5. After the final Strategic Planning Meeting, the Co-chairs will report back with goal/objective recommendations.

b. What speakers are we interested in having for the Task Force?

1. Danny Trejo was a suggestion, however we need to find out if he is positive. Better to use Neva Chauppette for the Summit; Stephen Simon on policy issues; new UCLA research, pharma research on HCV protease inhibitors; a consumer living with HCV who can talk about course of treatment; Tom Donahoe is a resource for speakers. We'll continue to address Organ Donation Month with a speaker on liver or organ donation for our April monthly meeting.
2. Please let Brain know if you have any recommendations for future speakers.

c. California Hepatitis C Task Force Conference is being held April 7th and 8th, 2006 at the Mission Inn Hotel in Riverside, California. Co-chairs and members are invited to attend, for a fee.

IV. Announcements

- a. Brian is attending the 2006 Retrovirus conference in February in Denver that covers co-infection. APLA's next HIV Matters is the Community Update for this conference: Wednesday, March 8, 2006 from 6-8:30pm at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center, 1300 N. Vermont, in the Doctors Tower Auditorium. Four top doctors will present, including Eric Daar, MD, Mark Katz, MD and Ardis Moe, MD
- b. Please note the new Task Force phone number. (213) 381-0515

V. Adjourn

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The next Task Force meeting will be on February 15, 2006 from
1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. at
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