

## LA County Hepatitis C Task Force Meeting – February 15, 2006

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- I. Introductions
  - a. Members were introduced
- II. Old Business
  - a. January minutes approved as presented
  - b. The follow-up to the Strategic Planning Meeting will be held tomorrow 2/16/06 from 2-3:30pm at APLA. Alberto Mendoza gave an overview of the December Strategic Planning meeting.
- III. New Business
  - a. Reviewed Goals and Objectives for 2006- please see attached Goals and Objectives sheet.
  - b. April 20<sup>th</sup>- Local planning meeting to identify important issues regarding Hepatitis. These issues will be present at the May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> statewide meeting. This meeting is open to all people interested in sharing ideas as to state policy needs around Hepatitis C. For more information please contact Alberto Mendoza at [amendoza@drugpolicy.org](mailto:amendoza@drugpolicy.org).
  - c. May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>- Statewide Planning Summit in Sacramento for more information please contact Alberto Mendoza at [amendoza@drugpolicy.org](mailto:amendoza@drugpolicy.org). There is limited funding available for transportation to and from Northern California. It is very important to get representatives from Southern California to this meeting.
- IV. Announcements
  - a. March 15<sup>th</sup>- Overdose Summit from 10am-2pm. For more information please contact, [odprevention@cleanneedlesnow.org](mailto:odprevention@cleanneedlesnow.org).
  - b. April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>- California Hepatitis C Task Force Conference. For more information please contact, [www.californiahcvtaskforce.org](http://www.californiahcvtaskforce.org).
  - c. Drug Policy Alliance just received a 3 year grant from the California Endowment to monitor the implementation of SB 1159 (The Pharmacy Syringe Sale and Disease Prevention Act) and to educate and do outreach to pharmacists and community members about the law.
  - d. Deon- Clinical Trials at UCLA Care Center for people who have never been treated. For more information please call 310.557.1891
  - e. Position Opening at HIV Epi for a research interviewer on a study for heterosexual IDUs in SPA 6 & 8. For more information email [gbazan@ladhs.org](mailto:gbazan@ladhs.org)
  - f. Also Community Advisory Board position open please contact [gbazan@ladhs.org](mailto:gbazan@ladhs.org).
  - g. Please note the new Task Force phone number. (213) 381-0515
- V. Presentation
  - a. Brian Risley presented on Clinical Care Options and new strategies for treatment for Hepatitis C.

- VI. Adjourn

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The next Task Force meeting will be on March 15, 2006 from  
1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. at  
2330 Beverly Blvd., LA, CA 90057 213.381.0515

