

Hepatitis C Task Force for Los Angeles County Monthly Meeting – May 18, 2005

Attendees: Brian Risley, Terry Knudson, Gary Barbagallo, Tracey Cumberland, Cinderella Barrios-Cernik, Tihana Skaricic, Roberto Garcia, Ricky Rosales, Tommy Wyatt, David Hirsch, Pauline Minnoy, Monique Collins, Matthew Wise, Dylan Cardona, Gail Collins.

1) Introductions/Minutes

- a) Three new members introduced themselves: Matthew Wise, Pauline Minnoy, and Gail Collins.
- b) April 20 minutes were amended and approved.
- c) A new sign up sheet was approved to update names of attendees and agencies. TF members must initial the space by their listed name.

2) Co-Chair Announcements

- a) Brian Risley announced that a strategic planning committee, including both Co-Chairs, will be meeting on June 7 with consultant Mike Hoffs to discuss TF goals and the possibility of organizing the task force to become a non-profit with 501 (c) (3) status.
- b) The Task Force will vote in June for 2005-2006 co-chairs. Per the recommendation of TF members, there will also be a vote, prior to the co-chair vote, to amend the By-Laws, per Article VII, Section 1. for a change in the language of Article III, Section 2, to fairly allow more regular members to vote who may have had difficulty attending two consecutive meetings..

3) New Business

- a) Brian opened up the floor and asked that a motion be made to amend the By-Laws, per TF discussion, (see 2) B. Five members voted for; two against, and the vote to amend was tabled until June, 2005 so that proposed new language could be drafted.
- b) The T.F. members approved new sign up sheet. The adopted sign up sheet will be used at all TF meetings. Members need to initial their names next to typed name to record that they were present.
- c) The NBC Health Fair in August still needs volunteers. A core group of members – Brian Risley, Tracy Cumberland, Terry Knudsen – will meet on May 20 to discuss planning – giveaways, promotion, booth set-up, schedule. Others who previously said they would volunteer for the actual event include Russell Ybarra, Peter Starks.

4) Presentation

- a) Matthew Wise introduced himself to the Task Force and discussed his EPI research on Mortality rates and HCV. He distributed copies of his epidemiology research. This document may serve as one of our tools when speaking to legislators.

5) Announcements

- a) On June 11, 2005, Tihana Skaracic will be attending the Hep C Symposium at U.C.L.A. This conference is only in Spanish and she is urging all of us who have Spanish Speaking clients to encourage their attendance. She requested copies of our new Hep C Resource Guide that is being updated.
- b) The 2005 Pride Festival is June 11th and 12th. Tracey and Brian will be attending this event and plan to distribute 500 updated directories, so there is an imperative to complete the guides.

6) The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

The next Task Force meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 from 1:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.
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