MARIN HEP C COALITION (MHCC)

Purpose

For Marin County staff, healthcare and community-based providers, and other key stakeholders to work collectively to support ending HCV in Marin County. The coalition will assess barriers and develop and implement strategies for improving the accessibility of HCV monitoring, prevention, screening, testing, diagnosis, linkages to care, and treatment for vulnerable and underserved individuals living with and at risk for hepatitis C infection.

Goals

1. Hold quarterly meetings to share agency updates, best practices, and resources.
2. Develop a strategic plan including metrics to achieve coalition goals.
3. Review any HCV fact sheets, maps, or reports that are developed as a result of the HCV grant funding and review the dissemination plan.
4. Support the launch of a campaign to increase awareness and education around HCV testing and treatment and provide information where people can access testing, navigation, and treatment resources in Marin County. Ensure that all outreach and materials developed are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and other languages as needed.
5. Address barriers through a health equity lens to ensure Marin County residents receive the support and information they need.

Strategic Plan

Timeline: 2021-2024 (grant funding ends June 2024)

Community-based Testing & Linkage

- Increase community-based HCV testing
- Cross-train existing HIV testing and navigation staff for HCV testing and navigation in community-based agencies
- Implement HCV testing and associated services (including Narcan, HIV testing, and HIV/HCV linkage and navigation support)
- HCV Linkage Checklist
- Implement data analysis of HCV testing and positivity to help focus outreach and linkage efforts
- Promote Hepatitis A and B vaccines, especially for transient population
- Individual providers/physicians – routine HCV testing
- Stigma felt by substance using community, barrier

- Assembly Bill 789 Lowe, requires primary care provider to screen for HCV and HBV, include involvement with providers, to educate about the bill

Education & Prevention

- Launch a campaign to increase awareness and education around HCV testing and treatment and provide information where people can access testing, navigation, and treatment resources in Marin County
- Train other providers about HCV
- Posters: cost of treatment – need to emphasize that treatment is free and accessible
- Funding options for treatment of uninsured: 340 B program

Data & Surveillance

- Identify gaps in current data related to HCV prevalence and incidence estimation, and strategize ways to fill those gaps
- Develop an initial HCV Care Cascade that includes Marin County data with the following indicators:
    - Prevalence (all)
    - Spontaneously cleared
    - Tested antibody positive
    - Confirmed chronically infected
    - Treated
    - Reaching a sustained viral response 12 weeks post-treatment (SVR 12)
    - Re-infected
- Develop a Line List including data from HCV subcontractors
- State has an HCV Registry – Marin County is using CalREDIE to look at positive lab reports

Treatment Access

- Provide HCV treatment to Marin County residents.
- Develop educational materials and support mechanisms for providers regarding HCV prevention and treatment.

To access HCV testing and treatment resources in Marin County, visit our webpage: https://www.marinhhs.org/marin-hepatitis-c-testing-treatment-resources