



San Francisco Hep B Free

First city in the U.S. to test and vaccinate all Asian and Pacific Islanders for hepatitis B

Summary of Hospital Representative Meeting ~ June 21, 2007

Saint Francis Memorial Hospital

Next meeting 7/19/07 ~ 6 pm at Kaiser Permanente

In attendance: Helen Archer- Duste/Kaiser, Erin Bachus/SFDPH, Eddie Cheung/ALF & AHF, Ted Fang/AsianWeek Foundation, Stuart Fong/Chinese Hospital, Bob Gish/CPMC, Tom Hennessy/Saint Francis, Yeva Johnson/SFDPH, Amy Pine/SFDPH, Ron Smith/Hospital Council, Abbie Yant/Saint Francis, Albert Yu/SFDPH, Janet Zola/SFDPH

Background of initiative, disease, epidemiology, insurance coverage, media reporting, local interest, screening events, website (www.sfhepbfree.com), need for clinician education, advocacy efforts, community support, political support, health care support. 18 is entry point for campaign.

Existing activities: DPH purchases adult hep vaccine for distribution to CBO clinics; free or low-cost vaccination provided at Magnet, API Wellness Center, Chinese Hospital. SFDPH has been working with Asian Liver Center (ALC) since 2004 addressing API need for testing and vaccination (IZ). MSM is another target DPH addresses. DPH distributed 6000 short-dated combination A/B vaccine throughout city – free from Illinois.

Campaign Accomplishments:

- ♦ **Kick-off dinner** on 4/25 attended by 470 people from 120 community and health services.
- ♦ **ALC** offering free testing third Sat. of each month at Richmond District YMCA.
- ♦ **8 CME events** scheduled for primary care clinicians focusing on hep prevention.
- ♦ **API Wellness Center** beginning free testing and IZ.
- ♦ **Media & advertising** going on now funded by **AsianWeek Foundation** (AW) and **ALC**
- ♦ **American Legion Cathay Post #384** raised \$40,000 for community education; putting on monthly seminars.
- ♦ **Asian Physician Advisory Council** at St. Mary's looking to make this their focus for coming year.
- ♦ **Registration template** available to share; DPH hopes to collect ALL reg. Forms and test results (+ & -).

Hospital Plans:

CPMC ~ \$250,000 has been approved to start screening process; target is 10,000 in 2 years; create a white paper & document for further fundraising; sending LOL to CA Health Care Foundation; have crew of clinicians mobilized for effort; focusing on clinician education; planning to do 12 screening clinics and 6 CME over one year; doing "liver health" spots on KCBS; Hepatology practice has wait time down to 3-5 weeks for new pt.; all CPMC Hepatologists have agreed to give out email address for electronic consults city-wide; considering a phone consult service similar to PEP.

SFDPH: Albert YU, Medical Director of Chinatown Public Health Center (CPHC) leading DPH clinical involvement (includes SFGH); free testing begins 9/8 at CPHC & continues 1st Sat. of each month using UCSF medical students; IZ offered at low cost with plans to expand to full care; Ocean Park and Silver Avenue clinics looking to offer similar services; new pt. wait at CPHC 2-3 weeks; SFGH and UCSF Hepatology in dialogue; Healthy SF launches in July at NEMS & CPHC.

Kaiser: screening & treatment in place internally – will check on practice variation; plans to make financial contribution from Community Benefits; using SF as pilot for national Kaiser network, offering internal CME's.

Chinese Hosp: started open screening at all 3 sites, 10\$ for testing, \$20 per shot, initial response has been slow, financial support needed.

Saint Francis Memorial: CEO very committed, want to avoid competition, was coordinated ad campaign so message is consistent, ready to put \$\$\$ into effort, does outreach to business community already, working on electronic reporting to registry at DPH and for other uses.

St. Mary's: assessing consistency of internal testing; planning provider education; considering increasing access to services for community.

UCSF: looking to hold once monthly testing & IZ clinics, replicate Albert's model of utilizing med. students, can provide treatment to insured pts, hope to begin by October.

Related Activities:

- ♦ **DPH** funded by CDC to maintain chronic hep B **registry**, rather than surveillance of acute hep B.
- ♦ **DPH** working with GSK funded **HEP TEAM SF** to educate and vaccinate at all gay street fairs this summer.
 - **438** vaccinated with Twinrix at Pride Fest
- ♦ Beginning outreach to **25 top employers** - UCSF, Wells Fargo, State, etc. – 40,000 API in this population
- ♦ Discussions with **SFSU** and **City College** re offering affordable testing & vaccination to students.
- ♦ **SFCCC** plans to participate at 3 of their clinics; **Peter Berman** will be liaison to this group.

Worth Noting:

- ♦ **ACIP** recommends hep B IZ for anyone wanting protection, BTMG dropped pre-approval requirement.
- ♦ **Estimated** 10% API are infected, 40% immune from past exposure, 50% susceptible.
- ♦ **Newcomer Program** now only tests for surface antigen based on State rec. for this project.
- ♦ **Dual test** for antigen and antibody status avoids waste of expensive vaccine on immune pts.
- ♦ **Estimated** that 75% of infected pts will NOT need treatment, 100% need life-long monitoring.
- ♦ **Large %** of API own health insurance, though many have inadequate coverage.

Needs:

- ♦ HBV patient card for testing, status, etc
- ♦ Consensus document for role of primary care provider (PCP)
- ♦ Clinical practice guidelines
- ♦ On-line CME training [*go to Projects in Knowledge, Adrian Shelley – 12 step certification program – free*]

NEXT STEPS:

- ♦ **Create** a medical protocol group with representation from each hospital to set a best practice for vaccine and screening tests - who to treat, who to do surveillance, reporting to DPH, when to refer to specialist
 - Send names to jz
 - *See 2007 AASLD Practice Guidelines for Chronic Hepatitis B; ALC 2007 Physician Guide to Hepatitis B*
- ♦ **Continue to meet** monthly for coordinated planning and shared work loads

Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 19th 2007

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm dinner provided

Kaiser Permanente

2425 Geary Blvd. (corner of Geary Blvd and St. Joseph St/Baker St.) **Suite L 140** behind main lobby information desk. **Parking** available at 2190 O'Farrell Street, validation provided. Kaiser is looking forward to hosting this meeting.

Please come prepared with an update of activities / commitments from your institution.