

Butte County Hepatitis C Task Force  
2006 in review

January; Bank Account \$1050.00. Jail HCV education discussed (Butte County Dept of Public Health 'Health Educators' do discuss HCV with those getting HIV tested) Roche sponsored Town Hall meeting in Paradise discussed. SB1159 Forum-Dr. Lundberg sent Thank You notes to panel. Monthly HCV classes being taught in Chico and Oroville 2 times a month.

February; Riverside, Ca. HCV Conference-Dr. Al-Dwairi and Pat may attend. Dr. Al-Dwairi's PMD letter re evaluating and treating their HCV pts. in progress. Paradise outreach event discussed. Pharmaceutical compassionate programs discussed.

March; Review of HCV screening by 4 clinics who had no related questions on their new pt history forms; 1 clinic has made changes so far. Funds will be used to enable Task Force members to attend the State HCV Task Force conference in April. HCV monthly classes continuing, patients comments are favorable. Dr. Al-Dwairi's letter to providers encouraging evaluation/treatment discussed-Dr. Al-Dwairi will write a cover letter. Roche sponsored Paradise event; concert (Kelly's Lot) and BBQ, Friday, May 12, 6 to 8.HCV testing at the event discussed. Dr. Lundberg discussed the changes in CMSP; a private insurance company is now administering the program for 23 rural counties mostly in N. Ca.. Funding has decreased for indigent services.

April; Discussed options used in Ca for reaching PMDs and encouraging treating (have the Task Force be a resource to the PMD), HCV screening by 4 study clinics; 3 have questions re drug use HX now. \$88 spent to reserve the Aquatic Park in Paradise for the outreach event May 12<sup>th</sup>. Balance; \$962.

May; Plan; rent a PO Box for responses from PMDs to Dr. Al-Dwairi's letter. Reporting PMDs will receive the documents first. Paradise event discussed. Health Department will sponsor and therefore provide liability insurance. Roche has donated \$3500 for event. Proposed-donate some funds to BCHD Clinics for HCV testing. Testing at Paradise May 12<sup>th</sup> event discussed.Suggestion; Health Dept. staff no hold "offices" in the Task Force due to slower process of making decisions. Dr. Al-Dwairi is a champion for HCV patients. The Task force has matured into a dynamic entity. Health Dept staff will continue to participate. Bev will record minutes and Katherine will facilitate the meetings. Dr. Al-Dwairi will ask the Del Norte Clinic to "adopt" the Task Force.Katherine suggested the Task Force have another Needle Exchange Forum

June;Ed Hunter suggested the \$500 incentive \$ be divided so \$300 could be for postage and a PO Box. \$200 for McDonald's coupons for HCV testing incentive. Debra to collate and mail Dr. Al-Dwairi's documents to PMDs.October 10<sup>th</sup> Professional Update in Oroville discussed. Flyers will be added to PMD document mail-out.No need for Del Norte to be involved as the Task Force has no funds.Needle Exchange Forum- Dr. Al-Dwairi suggested we table it at this time. Bev; 2 new providers in Magalia who claim to

have 300 HCV pts.. We will encourage these providers to attend the 10-10-06 HCV Conf.

July; Chico Congregational Church will have Youth Addiction Recovery monthly meetings, preparedness training, and July 22 Pond Tour-funds to go to the HCV Task Force. Paradise event a success-next item do HCV testing at the event. We don't have current list off providers to use for document mailing. October 10<sup>th</sup> Oroville Conf discussed. Dr. Al-Dwairi and Dr. Lundberg to speak. Plan; Request providers of treatment permit listing on BC web site. Recruit PMDs to treat.

August; Linda discussed her willingness to assist. Attended an outreach recently. 8-20-06 Day of the Farm Workers-will do outreach with assist of NorCal HCV Task Force (with an interpreter).

September; \$ not used at Dia de Compasino outreach last month will be used at BCHD clinics for testing. Letter of Thanks from BC Board of Supervisors for donation to BCHD Clinics. 10-10-07 HCV Prof Conf discussed. Health Ed Lori presented her HCV PP presentation. Sherri Ziegler, NorCal HCV Task Force Director offered assistance. Debra arranged for PO Box 1807, Chico 95926. Documents from Dr. Al-Dwairi to be mailed next week. Debra will serve as treasurer for Task Force.

October ; BCHD stats are erroneous as more people in the late 1990s were misdiagnosed as acute. In 2006 1 acute case reported. 10-10-06 HCV Oroville Conference a success with 65 attending including a few PMDs. Dr. Al-Dwairi's letters send out. Discussed a January Enloe Noon Conf by Dr. Al-Dwairi. Schering will be called for support. A committee was formed to plan the event. Schering- Teleconf-"Managing Nonresponders". 11-6-06 Debra has \$36 left from the mailing fund.

November; Need funds for education. Pond Tour Funds? Fran discussed the Aegis Med program. About 25% of their pts have HCV. Dr. Lundberg showed "Just Ask" video re taking histories re drug use. Non profit status proposal discussed. Fran and Sherrie offered to assist.

December; State HCV Task Force meeting March 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Attendance encouraged. A recent World AIDS Day was very successful-raised \$1200 for pts. 1-11-07 Enloe Lunch Conference; arranged, Dr's Al-Dwairi and Lundberg speaking.

\*\$1162.00 (minus 3 HCV tests) in Butte County Department of Public Health Clinics account. Health Educators started distributing free testing coupons late 2006.

\*Treasurer Debra has \$36.00 for Task Force.