

**Butte County Hepatitis C Task Force
Minutes
October 12, 2005
Chico, CA**

Greetings and Introductions

Educational Moment: Hepatitis related medical problems and stem cell research was discussed.

Old Business:

- HCV classes: Dr. Al-Dwairi will order the classes for a patient, Patricia will advise Jeannie. Jeannie will arrange the class with Bev and call patients to remind them. No monthly classes will be planned at this time.
- Evaluation: Dr. Lundberg and Dr. Al-Dwairi. Dr. A is evaluating the material.
- Jail HCV classes: Nadeen has not heard from the sheriff yet.
- Testing: No Cost-Low Cost:
 - BCHD : free if necessary.
 - OFHC: least fee \$25.00
 - CCCCL: \$91 plus lab test
 - FRTH: \$54/non established pts. \$38/established pts.
 - VA Clinic: free
- Jail testing: On hold until oral test.

Managing Grants: No decision.

Roche Town Hall Meeting: Early 2006.

Web site: Frequently Asked Questions: Edited and Jeannie will have it placed on the Butte County Web page, www.buttecountypublichealth.org. We are under HCV, Hot Topics and Calendar.

SB1159 Forum to discuss the informed pros and cons:

- Draft letter to participants agreed upon, Jeannie will mail
- Forum format: Katherine will speak first (overview of WHO report), panel will have up to 10 minutes for their presentation, written questions from Task Force.
- Speakers: CSUC-not yet (Jeannie), Dave Montoya, pastor-yes. Law enforcement-not yet (Nadeen), Pharmacist-not yet (Katherine and Sherry), Dr. Al-Dwairi-yes.

Oroville Hospital HCV Clinic: Dr. Heinrich stated some doctors object to having the clinic. The clinic plan is in progress.

New Business:

Roche will sponsor the Oroville Hepatitis C Support Group Holiday dinner meeting with a medical speaker. Monday, December 5, 2005, Cornicopia Restaurant, 515 Montgomery Street, Oroville, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The community is invited.

New pharmaceutical forms/procedure for Compassionate Program-report later.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2005, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Chico Family Health Center, 680 Cohasset Road, Chico, CA