

Long Beach HIV Planning Group Meeting Minutes for 05.21.2014

Presentation: Paul Lovely (SMMC CARE Clinic) presented new data on HIV prevention and treatment. He talked about the PARTNER Study (No-one with an undetectable viral load, gay or heterosexual, transmits HIV in first two years of the study), findings on the HIV Cure Research, GSK744 for HIV prevention (a long-acting injectable HIV drug), the SINGLE and ACTG 5257 studies. Slide set available.

Presentation: Dr Audra Deveikis (Long Beach Memorial Medical Center), a co-author of an important scientific paper, gave a case presentation on the baby from Long Beach who was started on antiretroviral therapy within hours after birth and appears not to have detectable HIV using the most sensitive tests.

Presentation: Dr Catherine Chien (Gilead Pharmaceuticals) discussed the fundamentals of hepatitis, honed in on hepatitis C and ended with a discussion of the new drugs now being used in the treatment of hepatitis C infection

Commission on HIV update: Marc McMillin gave a short update on topics discussed at the HIV Commission meetings

Business meeting: The following were elected for the 2014 to 2015 positions

Cynthia Chavez	Community Co-Chair
Marc McMillin	Community Co-Chair
Mauro Torno	Government Co-Chair

Announcements:

Minh Tran (minht@apaitonline.org or 714-6361669) announced INSPIRE – a one on one wellness education program that pays \$70 in gift cards upon completion of the program. With activities such as relaxation exercises, goal setting & healthy communication, individuals are empowered to lead healthier lifestyles. He also announced the availability of HIV rapid testing thru APAIT in Long Beach this summer.

Rene Bennett (Gilead) announced the start of HIV testing and linkage to care of positives at the SMMC ER

Joseph Lahey (Tibotec) & Marc McMillin gave updated information on the US Conference in San Diego October 2 to 5, 2014. Abstract submission is now closed. Live stream coverage of the proceedings may be a possibility for those who are unable to attend

Julio Rodriguez & Patrick Piper are inviting interested members of the community to participate and plan for the Gay Men's Health Summit 2014

Shivan Patel & Arsenio (Twitter ID: @TIM ProjectLA or 562-9855653 or 562-3550018) shared about an NIH/NIDA funded, compensated study looking for HIV young black MSMs who are HIV negative or have unknown HIV status. Study is fully on line.

Best,
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