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**Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Meeting
MINUTES
March 11, 2009
4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.
3240 Kerner Blvd. – Room 109
San Rafael, CA 94903
[Approved April 08, 2009]**

Council Members Present: Roy Bateman, Will Boemer, Jeff Byers, Kevin Cronin, Wade Flores, James Frazier, Peter Hansen, Walter Kelley, Scott Marcum, Norge Santana, David Witt.

Council Members Absent: Robert Ferguson (AE), Jennifer Malone (AE), Craig Richard (AE).

Staff Present: Deborah Gallagher, John Grima, Chris Santini, Michael Schieble, Sparkie Spaeth, Jenny Stephens.

Public: Elaine Flores.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:40p.m. by Council Co-Chair Flores.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called by Council Support. Quorum was established with 11 of 14 Members present. CM Ferguson was absent and excused. CM Malone was absent and excused. (See February 11, 2009, "New Business".) CM Richard was absent and excused.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda – VOTE

CM Byers made motion to approve the Agenda. CM Frazier seconded.

A voice **vote** was conducted. All were in Favor. None were Opposed. The agenda was approved unanimously.

IV. Review and Approval of February 11 , 2009 Minutes – VOTE

CM Frazier made motion to approve the February 11, 2009, minutes. CM Boemer seconded.

A voice **vote** was conducted. Ayes were heard. None were Opposed. The February 11, 2009, minutes were approved.

Note: Bylaw Change. "Two Co-Chair Mandate - Amendment to Article VI – Meetings". The final wording of the Amendment was approved as part of the minutes and serves as **Public Notice**. The **Bylaw change** roll call vote will be conducted at the April 8, 2009, Care Council Meeting.

V. General Announcements

CM Boemer announced that the public memorial for Martin Delaney, the founder of Project Inform and a well know HIV/AIDS advocate is scheduled for March 14, 2009 at 4:30p.m. The memorial location is the Eureka Valley Recreational Center -100 Collingwood St. San Francisco, CA 94114.

CM Boemer announced that Healing Waters [www.hwaters.org] is offering a river rafting trip for M.A.P. Clients, June 13 & 14, 2009. Registration is available at the Marin AIDS Project. Healing Waters will host Thrive on July 11 & 12, 2009. The cost of the weekend overnight is \$60.00. Scholarships are available.

CM Boemer announced that the Fifth Annual Poz Cruise aboard Carnival ship, "Freedom". More information about the October 10 – 18, 2009, Caribbean cruise-retreat is available at www.hivcruise.com.

CM Boemer reported that 24 gay and bi men attended the retreat March 6-8, 2009, at the Wildwood Retreat Center in Guerneville. CM Boemer heard “great reports” and favorable feedback about the retreat.

CM Boemer reported that the monthly conference call of the C.A.E.A.R. Coalition was rescheduled to March 18, 2009, 9:00a.m. The monthly conference call is open to anyone who is interested.

CM Byers announced that the Fourth Thursday of each month the Host Committee of the 2009 U.S. Conference on AIDS meets from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. Representation from the Host Community is encouraged to attend.

Chair Flores reported that the San Francisco EMA is considering April 21 or 23, 2009, to conduct new Council Member orientation. The date will be announced by Enrique Asis and Marin Care Council Members are encouraged to attend.

Co-Chair Flores announced that scholarships are available for the 2009 U.S. Conference on AIDS. Applications for Scholarships are due on or before July 10, 2009. The Conference is presented by the National Minority AIDS Council and will be October 29 – 31, 2009 in San Francisco. www.nmac.org

Co-Chair Kelley reported that he and CM Frazier had attended the Black Brothers Esteem annual retreat held at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. CM Frazier was elected / “Crowned” King for B.B.E. and will represent the San Francisco AIDS Foundation in the June 2009 Pride Parade.

Public Comment: None

*4:51p.m. Recess. CM Boemer’s Birthday was recognized and cake was served.
5:03p.m. Meeting is called back to order.*

Note: Following the recess Co-Chair Kelley facilitated the meeting.

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Chair Report

Chair Flores 1.) Co-Chair Flores commented that as part of the Co-Chair Report there will be a summary of the San Francisco HIV Health Planning Services Council’s monthly meeting. 2.) Co-Chair Flores reported that he spoke to Mark Molnar, one of the three San Francisco Co-Chairs about Marin hosting the San Francisco Council. Co-Chair Flores stated, “They said we are not going to have a joint Council meeting with them. They’ve tried over the years and it’s been a bust. They couldn’t get people to come to Marin. They couldn’t get people to come to San Mateo. So they’re not even going to make an attempt.” “We are always welcome to be at their meetings”. The agenda item can be removed from the Marin Care Council calendar. 3.) Co-Chair Flores ended his report with the positive comment, “...it’s good to see that the [Marin Care] Council has grown.”

Public Comment: None

VIII. Membership Committee Report

Membership Co-Chair Frazier 1.) The Committee met on the 3rd of March and Co-Chair nominations were accepted at the meeting. The Co-Chair seat is open as CM Kelley leaves this position to become the Council Co-Chair. 2.) Recruitment efforts are now focused on Applicants that are female. 3.) The Probation Policy of the San Francisco Council was reviewed and discussed at the January, February, and March Committee meetings. There was a vote and the policy was not adopted. Co-Chair Frazier stated, “We are not going to make any changes to our probation policy that we already have.”

Co-Chair Flores requested a recap of the Probation Policy discussion from Council Support.

M. Schieble reported, “Co-Chair Flores has asked me to brief you on the San Francisco Probation Policy.” “The San Francisco Council, based on absences will suspend the voting privileges when you go on probation. After discussion, based on size of the group here, the Membership Committee didn’t think that would be effective with a smaller group, that it may be difficult to make quorum and conduct business.”

Public comment: None

IX. Community Outreach and Advocacy Report

Committee Co-Chair Boemer reported that the COAC had two meetings. 1.) During the February 26, 2009, meeting the Fall Forum debrief was concluded. The categories and concerns about Emergency Financial Assistance and Attendant Care were discussed. 2.) New types of Community outreach are being explored, including sharing a booth with Spectrum at the 4th Street Farmers Market. 3.) A Special Meeting was conducted on March 11, 2009, for nomination and election of a Committee Co-Chair. CM Santana was congratulated as the new Community Outreach and Advocacy Committee Co-Chair.

Co-Chair Boemer commented that at the May 13, 2009, Council meeting, Randy Allgaier will present on the topic; "HIV and Aging". This is a joint Care Council and LIG meeting.

Co-Chair Boemer announced that the next COAC meeting is April 23, 2009.

CM Frazier asked when the next Community Forum will be. Co-Chair Boemer responded that it was scheduled for the Fall.

Public Comment: None

X. Division of Public Health Report.

Budget Update: S. Spaeth reported, "We don't have any information on the Award yet from San Francisco. All indications are that it will be flat funding."

S. Spaeth reported 1.) The Client Satisfaction Survey has been concluded. 78 Surveys were completed and returned. Clients will receive a Safeway Gift Card incentive for completing the survey. A list has been generated and given to all the Agencies for the distribution of the incentive. 2.) The San Francisco EMA is scheduled to conduct an audit of Marin. It is a paper report and monitoring. 3.) The Marin County budget scenarios have been completed, "...they're grim, but they're done."

Co-Chair Flores asked what the deadline was for the Client Satisfaction surveys. C. Santini replied that it had already passed and was February 20, 2009.

Public Comment: None

XI. HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Report.

Co-Chair Flores introduced Deborah Gallagher, the HIV Surveillance Coordinator for Marin County and Health Department Epidemiologist.

The presentation was titled, "HIV/AIDS Surveillance & Epidemiology." (Available to view online: <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/hs/CARE/pdfs/2009Epi.ppt>)

The presentation included; an overview of the surveillance function, the California names based HIV Reporting system, disease frequency measured by incidence and prevalence. Information from the CDC was presented and answered the question, "What's New from the CDC?" Demographic information of people diagnosed with HIV infection in Marin County from 2006 – 2008 was presented. Surveillance limitations were defined and the topic of "reascertainment update" was detailed.

At the conclusion of the presentation, S. Spaeth commented, "That was the best description of data I've heard. It was very understandable."

A short question and answer period followed. The two topics of discussion were clarification on the Marin demographic data and how reporting is related to funding.

Public Comment: None

XII. New Business

CM Cronin announced that in the Federal stimulus plan there are provisions for COBRA. More information is available at the Project Inform website. www.projectinform.org

CM Byers reported that the State of California furlough days will continue, but they will not be the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. State employees will take furlough days through out the month and State Offices will be open.

Agenda item - Care Council self evaluation using the Mission Statement

XIII. Next Steps –

- JB – Recap and update on Design Summit.
- JS – Request from DG the PowerPoint e-file of the Epidemiology presentation.
- Reports on the C.A.E.A.R. Coalition monthly conference call and contact information.
- WF Dates of SF Orientation.
- Report from Infrastructure Work Group.

XIV. Next Meeting: April 8, 2009, 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

Public Comment: None

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 6:15p.m.