



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Meeting MINUTES

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April 9, 2008

4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.

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Council Members Present: Roy Bateman, Will Boemer, Jeff Byers, Wade Flores, James Frazier, Peter Hansen, Walter Kelley, Jennifer Malone.

Council Members Absent: Pam Lynott (LOA), David Witt (AE).

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Chris Santini, Michael Schieble, Sparkie Spaeth.

Public : Cio Hernandez (MCHHS) Farah Soomro (MCHHS) Jon Botson – Marin County Specialty Clinic, Kevin Cronin – Marin AIDS Project, Elaine Flores.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:34p.m. by Co-Chair Boemer.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called by Council Support and quorum was established with 7 of 9 Members present. CM Bateman arrived after roll call at 4:40p.m. The final attendance was 8 of 9 Council Members present. CM Witt (AE) was absent and excused. CM Lynott is on a Leave on Absence (effective 03/04/08).

III. Review and Approval of Agenda – VOTE

The agenda was reviewed. CM Kelley motioned to approve the agenda as published.

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

IV. Review and Approval of March 12, 2008 Minutes – VOTE

CM Frazier made motion to approve the March 12, 2008, minutes with correction. CM Kelley seconded.

A voice **vote** was conducted. Seven (7) were in Favor. None were Opposed. CM Byers abstained. The March 12, 2008, minutes were approved.

V. General Announcements

CM Malone announced that Marin Life Plus will host “Ladies Night”, a retreat for women May 3 – 4, 2008.

CM Boemer announced that Marin Life Plus and Thrive will present a whitewater rafting trip July 12 - 13, 2008. Hosted by Healing Waters, reservations are made by e-mailing info@hwaters.org.

CM Boemer announced “People Paddle for AIDS” Sunday May 4, 2008. This fund raiser is like a walk-a-thon but for kayakers. www.peoplepaddle.com/aids

CM Flores announced that there will be a Minority HIV/AIDS caucus in San Francisco.

CM Byers gave an overview on the status of the State Budget. In January the proposed State Budget addressed the short fall to the General Fund by cutting all State services by 10%, including the Department of Public Health. Since there are other sources of funding, the impact to the budget of the State Office on AIDS was about a 6% decrease. Also, unlike other Departments, the State Office on AIDS was not required to recognize the cuts at once. Currently, the ADAP budget is being reviewed to reduce it by \$7 million. The formulary may be changed and medications other than antiretroviral medications may be deleted. CM Byers read an official State announcement that concluded, "The overall goal of this review is to minimize the impact of the budget cuts on ADAP clients."

A question and answer period followed CM Byers announcement.

Public Comment: None

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Co-Chair Report

Co-Chair Boemer 1.) Reported the "Prevention with Positives" convention will be June 12 -13, 2008. 2.) C. Emerson had sent a thank you card to the Presenters from Project ReConnect.

Co-Chair Flores was pleased to announce that his CD04 count had increased and was over 100.

Public Comment: None

VIII. Membership Committee Report

Committee Co-Chair Frazier reported that during the April 1, 2008, Membership Committee Meeting, interviews were conducted for two Care Council Applicants; Kevin Cronin and Craig Richards.

CM Frazier motioned to approve Craig Richard as a member of the Care Council. No second required.

Public comment: None

A roll call voted was conducted and Craig Richard was unanimously approved as a Member of the Care Council.

VOTE:

AYES: Roy Bateman, Will Boemer, Jeff Byers, Wade Flores, James Frazier, Peter Hansen, Walter Kelley, Jennifer Malone.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

CM Frazier motioned to approve Kevin Cronin as a member of the Care Council. No second required.

Public comment: None

A roll call voted was conducted and Kevin Cronin was unanimously approved as a Member of the Care Council.

VOTE:

AYES: Roy Bateman, Will Boemer, Jeff Byers, Wade Flores, James Frazier, Peter Hansen, Walter Kelley, Jennifer Malone.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

IX. Community Outreach and Advocacy Report

No report. The March COAC meeting had been cancelled. As a result, the Forum may need to be rescheduled to June 2008.

C. Emerson asked if the next meeting was scheduled for April 24, 2008. Clarification is needed, would the

COAC be returning to a schedule of meeting the fourth Thursday of the month? Yes.

Public Comment: None

X. Diversity In-service.

Cio Hernandez of the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services introduced herself. In addition to her background and ability as a teacher on diversity, she is uniquely qualified to facilitate the Care Council in-service, since she is a trained State HIV test Counselor. Farah Soomro, a MCHHS Intern was introduced.

Council Members, Council Support, and Members of the Public introduced themselves and participated in an exercise on “making assumptions”. At the end of the exercise it was noted that the participants did not interchange ethnicity with cultural background and therefore, “the group thinks out of the box”. The exercise demonstrated that individual have first impressions and personal biases. It important to acknowledge that they exist.

The presentation followed a handout titled; “Human Diversity and Me for Providers”. “

- Learning from one another.
- What is Human diversity?
- SCAGSO/ Socioeconomics, Culture, Age, Gender, Spirituality, and Other traits that contribute to diversity.
- PEACE / Personal biases, Empathy, Assumptions, Clinical relevance or practical purpose, Expert experience and Expectations all contribute to a first impression.
- Assumption Busters.
- Diversity Toolkit / Empathy, Respect, Rapport, Education, and Goals are all tools to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds. They build trust.
- Individual action plan to use toolkit.
- Practicing Cultural Humility.

Questions and answers followed the presentation. CM Flores noted that he has experienced empathy from other based on a perception the he is a “sick [health issues] person”. However, in the “bus culture”, other individuals that require handicap accommodation, no empathy is present.

The in-service concluded with the “because of me” give away exercise.

Public Comment: None.

XI. Division of Public Health Report

C. Spaeth reported that the first set of 5% decrease scenarios was submitted. Personnel headcount was reduced and two vacant positions were lost due to the decreased budget. Training budgets were also reduced.

C. Emerson 1.) Notified the Council that they would need to develop scenarios for the 2008-'09 award. CM Byers suggested that once the number [dollar amount] was known that a proposal could be developed by the County and reviewed with the Co-Chairs. CM Byers reviewed the complex timing of Title I / Part A and Title II / Part B budget years, noting their different start dates. He reiterated that there will be no “stop gap” money available from the State. 2.) Announced that the Specialty Clinic is moving and May 6, 2008, is the scheduled opening. This will be a temporary location during the campus construction and reorganization. 3.) Conflict of interest disclosure forms are due from the Council Members.

C. Santini presented the “2008 Countywide Client Satisfaction Survey” (*see attachment “A”*). She noted that the same survey was used in 2007 and therefore comparisons could be made. The data and results were reviewed. Questions and answers followed. Most questions were about the three categories of Home Health Care and what those services included. CM Flores requested an additional recap of the response from women. [How many surveys were sent to women versus how many were returned from women.] C. Emerson stated that the response from women was likely higher than that of men.

Public Comment: None

XII. Next Step – New Business

- Conflict of Interest
- 2008-'09 Allocation and additional funds.
- Infrastructure Work Group score card.
- Next Meeting May 14, 2008, 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 6:27p.m.