



**Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Meeting
MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

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

3240 Kerner Blvd.

San Rafael, CA 94901

Connection Center – Room 110

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Council Members Present: Roy Bateman, Kevin Cronin, Elaine J. Flores, James Frazier, Deborah Kasel, Walter Kelley, Jennifer Malone, Scott Marcum.

Council Members Absent: Trinity Dushon (AE).

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

Public: Jami Ellermann, W. F, Lois Frozen, Deb Mullaney, Robert Reinhard.

I. Call to Order.

Co-Chair Marcum called the meeting to order at 4:42p.m.

II. Roll Call.

Roll was called at 4:42p.m. Quorum was established, with 7 of 9 Members present.

CM Frazier arrived after the roll call and the attendance increased to 8 of 9 Members present.

CM Dushon(AE) was absent and excused due to illness.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda - VOTE

Council Support announced changes to the agenda.

Item "IV. Review and Approval of March 27, 2013 and April 10, 2013 Minutes" was tabled because additional work was needed from the official meeting audio tape.

Also, the order of the Core Service Presentations was changed by request of the Presenters.

CM Kelley motioned to approve the revised agenda. CM Kasel seconded.

A voice **vote** was conducted. No objections were heard.

The revised agenda was approved.

IV. Review and Approval of March 27, 2013 and April 10, 2013 Minutes – VOTE
(Item Tabled)

V. Public Comment
None

VI. General Announcements

CM Kelley 1.) CM Kelley reported that he has joined the BTan Board of Directors. This Oakland based community group offers HIV testing the 1st Saturday of the month at the Bench and Bar Nightclub. The target age group for testing is 21 to 29 year olds. 2.) Black Brothers Esteem is offering a "Healthy Relationships Workshop" May 3, 4, and 11, 2013. The workshop focused on education about HIV and AIDS 3.) A job fair was held at City College of SF on May 8, 2013 from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

CM Malone announced that the AIDS Walk San Francisco is Sunday, July 21, 2013.

4:48p.m. CM Frazier arrives.

CM E.J. Flores announced that Target is available to make a donation to the AIDS Walk. CM Malone will discuss with CM E.J. Flores ways to expand local support.

VII. Co-Chair Report

C. Santini requested that the Co-Chairs remind Council Members that Service Category Reports are about Service Categories and not Agencies or Agency personnel.

VIII. Membership

No business

Public Comment: None

IX. Community Outreach and Advocacy

No business

Public Comment: None

X. Core Service Discussion – Substance Use Treatment Services

Robert Reinhard, Planner/Evaluator for Marin County - Mental Health & Substance Use Services presented "Service Category Presentation – Substance Abuse Treatment - Outpatient". *Handout (see attachment -1-page)*

A standard template was used for the presentation of information and discussion of each Service Category. The template included; the Ryan White definition of the Service Category, additional information not encompassed by the RW definition, staff explanation of how time is spent providing the service or anonymous client case examples, amount of money spent on service, how unit of service is calculated or counted, and number of units of service and number of clients served to date.

Robert Reinhard introduced himself saying, "I work for Mental Health and Substance Use Services and I basically oversee all the alcohol and drug services in Marin County". Contracted Service Providers named were; Center Point, Family Services Agency, Bay Area Community Resources, Marin Treatment Center, Huckleberry Youth Services, Helen Vine, and a network of independent individual Contractors.

There is a centralized assessment center, the Recovery Connection Center (RCC) located on the Wellness campus. The RCC is the preferred point of entry into the system of care because it utilizes a comprehensive assessment tool called the GAIN/ Global Assessment and Inventory of Needs. The GAIN produces an individualized treatment report.

Other points of entry into the system of care exist and were detailed. Criminal Justice funding and AB109 have greatly expanded County funded detox capacity. Center Point offers a wide menu of services, including Outpatient services. R. Reinhard stated, "I'm very familiar with Center Point." "I've worked extensively with Center Point over the last couple of years to kinda' change their menu of services and the way they deliver primary service". Specialty services for specific need groups (e.g. Women with children) were detailed. Community treatment programs were described, like the Marin Recovery Project, which utilizes peer leaders from the recovery community.

The amount of Ryan White funding and current usage data was reviewed. R. Reinhard stated, "If Ryan White funds were not available, people at Marin Treatment Center would not get the service". CM Kasel asked if there were any HIV+ individuals that you don't have funds to serve. R. Reinhard replied, "No". A question and answer period followed.

Co-Chair Cronin reported that an HIV+ individual came before the Care Council, "...during Public Comment stated...a Center Point Counselor advised the Client that he should not disclose his HIV". Co-Chair Cronin asked about Regional services in San Francisco that would be a better fit for Marin HIV+ Clients. R. Reinhard responded, "We don't contract for services outside of Marin County" and added that Walden House has a Justice contract to serve out of county. C. Emerson commented, "I'd like to follow up with your department and debrief on the Public comment". C. Emerson suggested that the system of care include in the contracts, LGBTQ sensitivity training. R. Reinhard replied that he had researched the concern and his understanding was that the recommendation to the Client was based on the fear of how clients would react, not how the Staff would react. CM Malone stated, "I'm strongly in favor of getting people the treatment that they need now... I

can't say, how strongly I feel about working against discrimination for anyone... We need to work on it at a grass roots, step by step level, everywhere that it occurs...".

Public Comment: None

XI. Core Service Discussion – Oral Health

Deb Mullaney presented "Service Category Presentation – Oral Health". Handout (*see attachment -2-pages*)

Deb Mullaney introduced herself and commented that before her current position with Marin County dental services, she worked at the Specialty Clinic and worked closely with Ryan White Clients.

During the question and answer period, Co-Chair Cronin asked what CMSP or Path 2 Health was covering? D. Mullaney responded that CMSP is still covering dental, with a share of cost. CM Kasel asked about a Client's annual benefit limit. D. Mullaney responded that there was a benefit limit of \$1,250/year for an individual with income under \$1,371 per month and a benefit limit of \$650/ year with income over \$1,372/ month. The work plan would address the most urgent worked needed. CM Bateman recapped the Council's strategy of making an upfront investment "to address big issues" in Oral Health over the past three fiscal allocations and asked, "... are we now moving to maintenance mode?" D. Mullaney responded that she thought "we were going over the bell curve and had taken care of major things" and she added that "it is a little early for me to make that assessment" and the question would be evaluated by the end of the year.

Public Comment: Wade Flores commented [tape inaudible] that San Francisco was forming a taskforce to address standards of care in Oral Health. Clients are complaining that there are long delays. D. Mullaney responded that the Dental Clinic may be purchasing additional equipment to decrease out of County referrals.

XII. Core Service Discussion – Primary Care (Outpatient /Ambulatory Care)

Jami Ellermann presented "HIV Ryan White Services – Primary Care". Handout (*see attachment -1-page*)

J. Ellermann stated that the goal in Primary Care was to "...increase CD4 count and complete viral suppression". In addition to Primary Care, the Specialty Clinic has medical case management services available with two part time case managers. As far as Client use of service data, in general, existing clients "get more stable" resulting in a decrease in units of service (UOS) and newly diagnosed clients, need more UOS". It was reported that the majority of care is for chronic conditions.

CM E.J. Flores asked if there was a recent increase in Clients. J. Ellermann responded, "Fortunately people are living longer" and the number has varied from 160 as a high to a low of 96 clients. In addition of 156 Clients, Co-Chair Cronin reported an additional 35 individuals that are seen at Kaiser with benefits through the OA HIPP program. CM Kasel asked, "How many are homeless". J. Ellermann replied that she did not have any data, but a guess would be possibly 20 individuals that were at risk of being homeless or homeless. CM Malone and Co-Chair Cronin estimated the number to be "maybe two homeless people" and "five homeless people who are housed".

J. Ellermann added, "We make a real effort to see everyone at least twice a year". C. Santini added that that is a measure and quality indicator in the standard of care.

Public Comment: None

XIII. Division of Public Health Report

C. Santini reported: 1.) The State Office of AIDS announced that it is going to a nine month interim fiscal period [July 2013 – March 2014] for Part B funds. This is an adjustment period which will result in a new Part B fiscal year to start in April 2014 and run through March 2015. 2.) The State Office of AIDS made a recommendation that the future funding of services should be by Part A or Part B funds, but not both. 3.) *Handout* "HIV Care Program Budget Overview" The nine month FY2013-'14 Part B budget was distributed and detailed.

C. Emerson reported: 1.) It has been previously reported to the Council that a budget reduction is expected. The 2013-'14 Ryan White Part A fiscal year reduction is estimated to be 11.8%. Providers are on notice, but there is no action needed by the Council at this time. Once the actual Part A award is known, a reallocation by the Council will be needed. 2.) The Part B funds award amount is a 12.7% reduction from last year. We are moving dental to Part B. That will free up some Part A funds to be reallocated, but it does not mean that there

is “extra money”. 4.) Contract monitoring by San Francisco occurred for the FY2012-’13. Providers were thanked for their participation, given there was short notice. 5.) A SAMSHA / Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration grant was received in the amount of \$60,000. The funds will be used for HIV and HepC testing. The program is in the RFP [Request for Proposal] stage. 6.) As a follow up to the MSM Latino focus group, discussions are under way with M.A.P. for Latino prevention. 7.) The Marin County Board of Supervisors has requested an HIV/STD report. This is an opportunity for advocacy by the Care Council at the County level.

Public Comment: None

XIV. Discussion of Preparation for and Process of FY2014-’15 Prioritization and Allocation

C. Santini requested that Council Members, “... go through and organize your papers” in preparation for the Prioritization meeting (June 2013) and Allocation meeting (July 2013).

Data and Information Sources to Consider (date provided* / to be provided to Council Members)

- “Fiscal Year Time Line”
- “Ryan White Service Category Definitions”
- “2014-’15 Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Prioritization Worksheet and History”
- “14/15 Decision Matrix for Allocation of Ryan White Funding in Marin County”
- “Marin County-Ryan White FY2012/13 Service Category Summary Sheets”
- “HIV/AIDS in Marin County – an Epidemiological Profile” *(3/27/13)
- “Service Category Presentation” *All Service Categories* *(2/13/13, 3/27/13, 4/10/13, 5/8/13).
- “2012-13 Countywide Client Satisfaction Survey” *(04/10/13).
- “Prioritization and Allocation Guiding Principles” *(3/27/13 & 4/10/13).

Council Members requested:

- A FY2014-’15 budget recommendation by County Staff [RB].
- A presentation about the impact of the Affordable Care Act and its impact on Ryan White Services.

XV. Next Steps – New Business

Next Meeting: June 12, 2013 – Connection Center, 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.

Next Step / To Do’s

- Agenda Item – Review Prioritization and Allocation process.
- Agenda Item - Guiding Principles – how to put the Guiding Principles into action/actionable steps.
- Agenda Item – Support Services philosophy for all support service categories.
- Agenda Item – Client education on money management.
- Agenda Item (August 2013) Community Forum planning or other outreach event planning.
- CE – Research if SF requires a Prioritization (ranking) of Service Categories for FY2014-’15.
- MJS – Facilitate EJF subsequent term application.
- MJS – Schedule and confirm P&A Workgroup training.
- MJS – Update phone list / Member Directory

XVI. Meeting Adjourned at 6:36p.m.