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**Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, August 12, 2009
4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.
3240 Kerner Blvd. – Room 109
San Rafael, CA 94903**

Council Members Present: Roy Bateman, Kevin Cronin, Elaine Flores, Wade Flores, Craig Richard, James Frazier, Walter Kelley, Norge Santana, David Witt

Council Members Absent: Jeff Byers (AE), Peter Hansen (LOA), Jennifer Malone (AE), Scott Marcum (AE)

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Chris Santini, Jenny Stephens.

Public: Jon Botson, Cher Evans

I. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Co-Chair Kelley.

II. Roll Call.

Roll was called and quorum was established with 8 members present. CM Malone and CM Marcum were absent and excused. CB Byers was absent and excused. Peter Hansen is on Leave of Absence.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda - VOTE.

The agenda was reviewed and approved. CM Bateman motioned to approve the agenda. CM Frazier seconded. A voice vote was not conducted due to commotion in the room. The agenda was approved by the majority.

IV. Review and Approval of July 8, 2009 Minutes - VOTE.

CM Cronin motioned to approve the July 8 minutes. CM Santana seconded. A voice vote was conducted. All were in favor. None were opposed. The July 8, 2009 minutes were approved unanimously.

V. General Announcements.

CM Flores encouraged all to attend the San Francisco EMA Planning Council Summit August 24 from 4:30-7:30 at 1010 Mission Street and 6th, from 9- 5. Lunch will be served. The Prioritization and Allocation reports from San Mateo and Marin will be presented and voted on at this meeting. C Emerson will report for Marin.

CM Flores also announced that there is a bi-weekly support group for Gay/Bi cancer/HIV survivors. They will meet at 1800 Market street Room 314. The name of the group is "Jeffrey's Place" contact TJ Lee for information at 415-674-4768

CM Kelley announced that the San Francisco AIDS Foundation recently gave out a report on the recent budget cuts. He has a copy available for anyone to read.

Public comment: None

VI. Public Comment.

No public comment.

VII. Co-Chair Report.

CM Flores announced that the Care Council should refocus on Roberts Rules of Orders. We use it as a guideline, but certain policies and procedures must be followed.

CM Flores stated the importance of attending the San Francisco Allocation Summit meeting on 8/24/09. The San Francisco Planning Council will vote on the San Mateo and Marin County programs at this meeting.

Public Comment:

None

VIII. Division of Public Health Report.

C Emerson will be doing the prioritization and allocation report from Marin at the San Francisco meeting on August 24th. She will present our changes in prioritization and report that we did not make changes to our allocation at this time, but we will revisit our budget regularly.

C Emerson also reported that we are looking into getting the Aires database to replace Reggie. This might cost us extra money and at some point may have to ask the Council to see if this would be an appropriate use of funds. She will keep us updated on this as there is no news yet, we are just investigating this now.

Public comment: None

IX. Summary of State Budget Cuts that affect HIV/AIDS Services—Possible VOTE

C Emerson reported that there is still no official word on budget cuts from the state. We anticipate that the state will fund the highest need areas and Marin County is not one of these areas. As of yet, we do not have a clear idea of what is going to happen in the future. She will continue to inform the Care Council as any news comes.

Prevention with positives might keep going, don't know about funding for prevention for non-infected yet. The Ryan White Care Act is up for reauthorization at the end of this year; more news should be coming about this.

CM Bateman asked if the County will support additional HIV services. CSantini said the county cannot fill in for additional prevention, we can only use existing resources. The STD clinic will continue to do HIV testing.

CM Frazier asked, "Does this mean HIV testing is over?"

CSantini responded that the county will continue to do some testing, and there is also always HIV testing at primary physician's offices, and Planned Parenthood. etc. Any new information on testing will be distributed as we get it.

CM Flores stated that we may have speaker Anne Donnelly from Project Inform come to speak with us on any budget changes she is aware of.

Public Comment:

Cher Evans from Marin Treatment Center (MTC) stated that " we are seeing big cutbacks for our clients. We have huge caseloads and we are working only part time. I want to put a human face on these cutbacks. Valuable staff have been cut on our prevention side".

CM Cronin offered a list of volunteers who may be able to help with MTC clients

X. Membership Committee Report – VOTE.

CM Richard reported that Will Boemer has tendered his resignation. "This is a big loss and we are thankful to Will for all his contributions to the care council over the years". CM Richard is preparing a thank-you gathering for Will and will let council members know the date.

CM Hansen is on a leave of absence effective 7/21/09.

CM Byers is on an unofficial leave due to state budget.

Council member Renewal:

CM Walter Kelley membership is up for an additional two year term renewal.

CM Frazier motioned that Walter Kelley be approved for membership to the Care Council.

A roll call vote was done:

CM Frazier	CM EFlores
CM Richard	CM Cronin
CM Bateman	CM Santana
CM Kelley	CM Witt
CM WFlores	

All in favor, none were opposed. Walter Kelley was approved for an additional two year term.

CM Richard stated we are tracking attendance at San Francisco Planning Council meetings. Our policy states that each member must attend one SF meeting per year, so we will be asking that council members report their SF attendance at our monthly Care Council meeting.

Public comment:

CEmerson stated” I just want to acknowledge the contributions of Will Boemer. He was a founding member of the Care Council and we are grateful to him for all his work and dedication to the council over the years. He will be missed”.

CM Frazier also stated, “I also want to acknowledge Will Boemer for all his hard work working for people with HIV/AIDS.”

XI. Community Outreach and Advocacy Report.

CM Santana reported that the COA committee has not met for the past few months, but the next meeting will be September 24, 2009. We will be planning the next community forum. We will also be nominating co-chairs.

Public Comment: None

XII. Co-Chair Nominations-

CM Flores stated that we nominate co-chairs in August and September and Vote in October. The term for Co-chairs is one year. This is Wade Flores last year term for nomination.

Nominations:

Walter Kelley was nominated for Care Council Co-Chair by CM E Flores. Seconded by CM Bateman.

Wade Flores was nominated for Care Council Co-Chair by CM Witt. Seconded by CM Frazier.

Nominations were tables. Additional nominations will be accepted at the September meeting and the Co-Chair(s) vote will be conducted.

Public Comment: None

XIII. Next Step – New Business.

- Anne Donnelly from Project Inform to speak on budget news from state.
- Revisit our budget
- Update on what is going on with Ryan White reauthorization.
- Co-Chair nominations
- Next Meeting September 9, 2009, 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m. – Connection Center, Room 109.

XIV. Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm.