



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
**COMMUNITY HEALTH &  
PREVENTION SERVICES**

**Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Meeting  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 9, 2009  
4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.  
3240 Kerner Blvd. – Room 109  
San Rafael, CA 94903**

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**Council Members Present:** *Kevin Cronin, Elaine J. Flores, Wade Flores, James Frazier, Walter Kelley, Jennifer Malone, Scott Marcum, Craig Richard, Norge Santana.*

**Council Members Absent:** *Roy Bateman (LOA), Jeff Byers (LOA), Peter Hansen (LOA), David Witt (AE).*

**Staff Present:** *Cicily Emerson, Chris Santini, Michael Schieble, Jenny Stephens.*

**Public:** *Will Boemer, Jon Botson, Anne Donnelly (Presenter), Cher Evans, Dan Villasenuz.*

**I. Call to Order.**

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

**II. Roll Call.**

Roll was called by Council Support and quorum was established with 8 of 10 Members present. CM Santana arrived after the roll call increasing the final attendance to 9 of 10 Members present.

CM Bateman (LOA) is on a Leave of Absence from September 10, 2009 through October 31, 2009.

CM Byers (LOA) is on a Leave of Absence due to restructuring in the State Office of AIDS.

CM Hansen (LOA) is on a Leave of Absence effective July 21, 2009.

**III. Review and Approval of Agenda – VOTE**

The agenda was reviewed. Co-Chair Flores commented that item, “VIII. Speaker: Anne Donnelly, Director of Health Care Policy, Project Inform” may appear later in the meeting agenda based on the arrival time of the Presenter.

*4:43p.m. CM Santana arrives.*

CM Marcum motioned 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 Minutes – VOTE**

CM Kelley made motion to approve the July 22, 2009, minutes. CM E.J. Flores seconded.

A voice **vote** was conducted. Ayes were heard. None were Opposed.

The July 22, 2009, minutes were approved.

CM Marcum made motion to approve the August 12, 2009, minutes. CM Frazier seconded.

A voice **vote** was conducted. Ayes were heard. None were Opposed. CM Malone Abstained.

The August 12, 2009, minutes were approved. **8-0-1-0**

**V. General Announcements.**

CM Malone announced that on September 15, 2009, from 4:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. M.A.P. will conduct a Forum for Clients at the Marin Health and Wellness Campus – Connection Center - Room 109. Topics include; support programs for Clients and a medical speaker.

CM Richard announced that September 16, 2009, at 12:00p.m there will be an appreciation lunch for Will Boemer at Café Aroma [1122 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street San Rafael, CA 94904 415-459-4340

Co-Chair Flores announced that the Gay, Bi, HIV Cancer Survivor Group will meet in September at the San Francisco LGBT Center. Contact T.J. Lee at 415-674-4768 for more information. CM Marcum announced that the Marin Pride Picnic will be Sunday - October 18, 2009, from 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

CM Frazier reported that he attended the Grass Roots Leadership Network fair in Marin City. A variety of information including housing, civil engagement, health care, economic development, environmental health, community building, immigration, transportation, and child care was presented at the fair. CM Frazier suggested that the Care Council may want to participate in future events.

CM Kelley reported that there is a HIV Vaccine study underway and HIV- (neg) individuals are needed as possible study subjects. Flyers were submitted.

CM Kelley reported that he attended a Health Fair in San Francisco. He submitted a handout that detailed dental care providers and resources in San Francisco.

Public Comment: None

**VI. Public Comment – None**

Cher Evans announced\* that Spectrum will be moving. Per website [www.spectrumlgbtcenter.org](http://www.spectrumlgbtcenter.org) Effective October 1, 2009, new address: 30 North San Pedro Rd. Suite 160, San Rafael.

“My name is Dan Villasenuz. I’m a member of the United Health Care Workers Union. We represent 246,000 Members in the State of California, all Health Care Workers. I guess one of the reasons I came here today was to see if I could get a speaker from the public authority that can get people hours that need care, home care, so they can stay in their home with any needs they have. I’ve given Wade that information and hopefully you can connect with her and she can come by here and speak. She’s very knowledgeable. Out of all the Counties I’ve been to Marin, she’s very helpful, very helpful.”

Will Boemer announced\* that the CAEAR Coalition monthly conference call has been postponed to September 17, 2009, 9:00a.m. Meetings are being conducted today in Congress to discuss the Ryan White Act and continued funding. The monthly conference call is open to any interested individuals.

*\* Announcement summarized / not directly quoted for meeting audio tape.*

**VII. Co-Chair Report(s).**

Co-Chair Flores reported that the Marin 2010-’11 budget allocation was passed unanimously by the San Francisco HIV Health Services Planning Council. “She [Cicily Emerson] gave a good presentation and they were happy with our results and they are looking forward to seeing what happens in later times. We did a good job, so everybody should be very proud.”

Public Comment: None

**VIII. Speaker: Anne Donnelly – Project Inform**

*See below.*

Public Comment: None

**IX. Membership Committee Report**

Membership Committee Co-Chair Richard summarized the recruitment efforts reporting, “We continue to seek members that are from under represented groups in the HIV Community and we have a few people who have expressed an interest that will hopefully be joining us soon.”

CM E. J. Flores reported that she had attended the August 28, 2009, meeting of the San Francisco HIV Health Services Planning Council. Prior minutes reflect that Co-Chair Kelley and CM Frazier have also fulfilled the requirement of attending one San Francisco meeting per year.

Public Comment: None

**X. Community Outreach and Advocacy Committee Report.**

Committee Chair Santana reported that the COAC met on August 27, 2009. Planning of the Fall Forum included two tentative dates; October 22, 2009 or October 29, 2009 and two tentative locations. The meeting locations are Pickleweed or "B" Street Community Center. CM W. Flores will develop a mock-up of the Flyer.

Chair Santana reported, "Topic of the Forum will be peer moral and prevention topics. We plan to have speakers focused in on survival tactics in this new economy with such limited funds available to us and also we will have another speaker that can separate facts from fiction and put Clients at ease in the climate of State budget cut backs."

The next COAC planning meeting is September 24, 2009.

Public Comment: None

**XI. Division of Public Health Report**

Cicily Emerson reported; 1.) The Marin 2010 -'11 Prioritization and Allocation was approved by the San Francisco Council. C. Emerson stated, "People actually asked questions, which I thought was good and they asked more about Marin and our system of care...I think it went well, from my perspective." 2.) HIV Prevention changes due to the State Budget changes include; closing the mobile prevention program, HIV & STD testing will continue to be offered at the H&HS Health Clinics, expanded STD & HIV screening and counseling will be conducted at 920 Grand. The date is to be determined. 3.) The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Binational Health Week events dates were summarized (*see attachment A - Flyer*). C. Emerson stated, "...there is going to be a big event here, October 10<sup>th</sup> on Campus".

Public Comment: None

*Note: 5:06p.m. recess  
5:18p.m meeting resumes*

**VIII. Speaker: Anne Donnelly – Project Inform**

Anne Donnelly, Director of Health Care Policy from Project Inform presented information on the California State Budget related to HIV specific programs. During the 55 minute presentation, Ms. Donnelly answered questions from Council Members.  
(*see attachment B – PowerPoint Presentation*).

Public Comment: None

**XII. State HIV/AIDS Budget Information Discussion.**

Cicily Emerson summarized the process Marin County received Ryan White – Part B funds in the past from the San Francisco EMA and the use. Going forward, the State will issue a block grant that will go directly to (each) County to distribute the funds. C. Emerson stated, "...what it does means is there is going to be an increase in our Ryan White award from San Francisco to make up for the fact that this Part B is not going through them [San Francisco] any more, a portion of it, but we will go ahead and make up for that difference within the County through contracting with our own Specialty Clinic and that will be the easiest move for us...so you guys will not need to reallocate or change anything as far as Prioritization and Allocation."

The Block Grant is \$146,552.00. An administrative expense percentage will be billed and the funds will be distributed between Hospice and H&HS Clinics. The ARIES database will be "free of charge". In the past there was a fee for the ARIES database. The database will provide good EMA-wide information and the future Ryan White award amount may be known quicker. The State Block Grant is not subject to the 75% / 25% Service Category requirement, so the County may be more flexible and responsive. C. Santini added that the State Block Grant is not subject to the cost caps, however there is a two tier [ Tier I – Medical and Tier II "everything else" ] requirement. The cost caps are a San Francisco requirement.

The National Health Event will include a focus on flu shots. The H1N1, has different guidelines and the H1N1 flu shot is scheduled to be available in October.

Public Comment: None

**XIII. Co-Chairs Nomination for Council Co-Chairs – VOTE.**

Co-Chair W. Flores reviewed the nominations.

Wade Flores and Walter Kelley had been nominated at the August 12, 2009 meeting.

Additional nominations were requested, none were heard, and nominations were closed.

Council Co-Chair nominee(s): Wade Flores and Walter Kelley.

Public Comment: None

**Vote:** The vote was conducted by written ballot. The ballots were retained for the public record. Wade Flores and Walter Kelley were approved as Marin Care Council Co-Chairs.

**XIV. New Business**

- Next Meeting: October 14, 2009, 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m. - Connection Center, Room 109.
- Agenda Item - Review Non-discrimination Statement.
- Agenda Item – [NS] Approval of Fall Forum Flyer – **VOTE.**

**XV. Meeting Adjourned at 6:31p.m.**