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Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Meeting MINUTES September 12, 2007 4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m. 899 Northgate, 4th Floor Conference Room

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

Council Members Absent: Lisa Becher (Leave of Absence), Diva Berry, Elyse Graham.

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

Public : Members of the Marin County HIV Prevention Local Implementation Group (see below).

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:32p.m. by Co-Chair Boemer.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called at 4:32p.m with CM Boemer, CM Flores, CM Frazier, CM Hansen, CM Kelley, CM Lynott, CM Witt present. Quorum was established with 7 of 11 Council Members present. Following roll call three additional Members; CM Bateman, CM Byers, and CM Malone arrived. At 4:47p.m. 10 of 11 Council Members were present.

CM Becher is on a Leave on Absence. CM Berry is also on a Leave of Absence.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda - VOTE

The agenda was reviewed and amended with the following edit. "VI. Review and approval of July 25, 2007 and August 8, 2007 Minutes." The July 11, 2007 were not available for approval.

CM Flores motioned to approve the agenda as edited. CM Lynott seconded.

The edited agenda was approved.

Vote:

Ayes: CM Boemer, CM Flores, CM Frazier, CM Hansen, CM Kelley, CM Lynott.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: CM Witt

IV. Review and Approval of July 25, 2007 and August 8, 2007 Minutes – VOTE

CM Flores made motion to approve the July 25, 2007 minutes with five corrections. CM Kelley seconded.

Corrections: 1. Allocation '08-'09. Outpatient medical final total of **\$138,177** was added in **bold.** 2. Allocation '08-'09. Outpatient medical final total of **\$82,176** was added in **bold.** 3. Allocation '08-'09. Home Health Care: "The motion *passed.*" 4. Food; Public Comment; M. Schieble; "There are clients that may need food assistance due to *drug* restrictions. If these...". 4. Direct Emergency Financial-Transportation Medical Services: "The motion to fund transportation *passed.*"

The July 25, 2007 minutes were approved with corrections.

A voice **vote** was conducted. All were in Favor. None were Opposed. The edited July 25, 2007 minutes were approved unanimously.

CM Kelly made motion to approve the August 08, 2007 minutes. CM Malone seconded.

A voice **vote** was conducted. All were in Favor. None were Opposed. The August 08, 2007 minutes were approved unanimously.

V. General Announcements

CM Malone announced that Macy's is offering a 20% discount on purchases made on Sept. 21st and 22nd, 2007, as part of the Passport in store project. MAP has tickets available for sale for \$10. With a ticket a shopper receives the 20% discount and Macy's will make a contribution based on amount of discounted purchases.

Chris Santini introduced herself, Linda Dobra, Debra Gallagher, and Yvonne Thurmond. Members of the Marin County HIV Prevention Local Implementation Group.

CM Boemer announced that he leaves on September 15, 2007, for Washington D.C. to attend CAEAR -Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief. The Coalition meetings are September 17th-19th, 2007. He will address the Coalition as a Client. CM Malone requested that he communicate the difficulties with the 75%/25% formula. CM Bateman asked if there was any additional support needed. CM Boemer replied, "none".

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Co-Chairs Report

1. CM Boemer reported that Co-Chair Graham, "could not be here today."

2. CM Boemer asked for nominations for Co-Chairs for the Full Council. Additional nominations will be accepted at the October Council meeting and the vote will be conducted. The two new Co-Chairs will start their term immediately at the October meeting.

CM Flores nominated CM Witt. CM Malone seconded. CM Witt accepted the nomination.

CM Frazier Nominated CM Boemer. CM Byers seconded. CM Boemer accepted the nomination.

CM Byers requested that the Bylaws be reviewed to make sure that the nominations were consistent with the bylaws.

3. CM Boemer stated that Notice was being given to the Council for a Bylaw Change regarding the number of excused absences per quarter from one to two. The vote on this change will be conducted at the October Council meeting. See *attachment "A"- Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Bylaws*.

Public Comment: None

VIII. Membership Committee Report -VOTE

Co-Chair Frazier gave a brief overview of the role of the Membership Committee and the process of reviewing Applicants and recommending them to the Council for membership.

CM Frazier read (*See attachment "B"*) the "Committee and Work Group Motion and Voting Policy". He summarized the policy stating, "Any Member of the Council can vote at a Committee meeting. Only Members of the Committee can make or introduce a motion. Quorum is established only by Committee Members". See *Attachment "B"*

Public comment: None

The "Committee and Work Group Motion and Voting Policy" passed unanimously.

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

IX. Community Outreach and Advocacy Report

CM Witt stated that there was not a quorum at the last meeting and they did not have any voting items.

CM Witt reported on the planning of the Outreach Forum in Novato. Originally the Committee was planning a date in October, but it was not realistic given the amount of time needed to notice the community. CM Boemer added that he was in contact with the new Director of the Novato Human Needs Center, which was the location selected for the event. Due to personnel changes the November date was more realistic. CM Boemer had contacted Kevin Cronin as a possible presenter and he was available the last week of October. CM Malone reported that 50% of the Clients at the Novato Human Needs Center are Latino. "This underscores the reason to hold the Forum in Novato."

S. Spaeth offered to contact the new Executive Director at NHNC and establish a network of support for the event.

X. Marin County HIV Prevention Local Implementation Group Presentation.

The Members present from the Marin County HIV Prevention Local Implementation Group (Marin LIG) were; Dawn Beggs, Linda Dobra, Deborah Gallagher, Laura Gaughan, Fern Orenstein, Chris Santini, and Yvonne Thurmond. CM Boemer stated that he was also part of the group.

C. Santini introduced herself as the County Co-Chair and Kathleen Morrison (not present) the Community Co-Chair. The LIG Members that were present were introduced. An overview of how the Group is organized was given, including the following profile of its Members; (2) People representing the HIV epidemic, (7) Staff/Prevention, Treatment, Educators, and Governmental Planners (2) Experts, and (2) Contractor Representatives. In addition to County funding, the State allocations for funding were presented and the focus or programs of each allocation were described. For Example the mobile testing van is funded by "NIGHT" which stands for Neighborhood Intervention and Geared towards High Risk Testing. In order to receive State funding the requirements were listed including having a community planning group, which is the LIG. It is called LIG because it is responsible for implementing the prevention plan. At least 25% of funds are to be spent on prevention efforts for people that are HIV positive. See Attachment #C- "Comparing CDC HIV Prevention with Title I/II Care Planning.

C. Santini presented slides with detailed information about testing data results. Programs targeted at high risk behavior groups were overviewed, for example syringe exchange programs for IV Drug Users. A summary slide of prevention funding by percent for each target population and high risk behavioral group was reviewed.

Linda Dobra described the counseling and testing program. This program is targeted at individuals that would not usually be tested by their doctor or have a doctor. The rapid test is used, which takes 20 minutes. While the individual is waiting for test results prevention counseling is conducted. Free Hepatitis C testing is also available upon request.

The NIGHT Program utilizes mobile testing units, vans. It targets the homeless population and other high risk groups that would not typically be coming into the clinic for testing. Testing in the clinics was drawing the "worried well", individual that are concerned, do not want to test at their physician and want to test anonymously. The grant funds mobile testing, to go out into the community and test high risk populations. L. Dora stated: "To me, the goal of the program is at least 20 minutes uninterrupted to talk to somebody [the Counselor] about their potential risk from drug use or sexual risks. A one-on-one conversation that you won't get anywhere else". Additional testing locations were listed. The Henry

Olaf House was given as an example of a testing location. For an individual that is in recovery from drug abuse, prevention efforts are designed in the form of a “plan” to assist the individual to transition. The PCRS program was overviewed. It is a prevention program for HIV positives and their partners. It offers voluntary partner counseling and referral. There are three approaches; 1.) Support and counseling for the HIV positive individual to disclose to their partner(s). 2.) Dual disclosure sessions with a Counselor present. Or 3.) Third party disclosure. The Counselor contacts partner(s) that may be at risk and offers testing and risk reduction education.

Slides of the demographic data of new cases, individuals that test positive, were presented. Q&A- CM Witt asked what is done if an individual tests positive using the rapid test. L. Dora stated that a blood test is done that day to confirm the results. It was noted that testing is also offered in the County jail and the data is included in the data presented in the slides. CM Frazier asked, “why do you study gay men?” “We are being attacked”. It was clarified that no particular group was being singled out. The target population is men who self identify as having sex with men, which is known to be an at-risk population. CM Byers added that women in the IV drug use population or who have sex with high risk partners make up another at risk population. CM Flores added his concern about the Latino population. He stated, “often gang members are high risk and won’t disclose”. “The women in the culture are more willing to test, however the mobile units won’t work. They want to do this [test] away from their neighborhoods”. CM Witt mentioned a bill pending that is awaiting the Governors’ signature that allows for testing without consent. If passed this would be a way to test without consent.

Fern Orenstein was introduced. She is the Quality Control Manger for the Sates of California STD Control Branch in Richmond, CA. She is a Member of Marin LIG and an expert.

Laura Gaughan was introduced as one of the Contractors that is a Member of the Marin LIG. She started her presentation by distributing “kisses and condoms”. Chocolate kisses and a packet that a client would receive at the Marin Treatment Center. The packet contains condoms, water based lube, referral information, and HIV prevention information (e.g. the needle exchange program). The Marin Treatment Center (MTC) is a non-profit community based outpatient substance abuse treatment agency. As part substance abuse treatment, MTC offers HIV case management and prevention counseling. Clients develop a plan based on harm reduction and risk minimization. The program provides outreach to IV drug users which is a high risk population. The group does on-site one-on-one outreach at the Helen Vine Detox Center.

Dawn Beggs is a Member of the Marin LIG and a Contractor associated with the Marin AIDS Project (MAP). She presented an overview of the MAP Education and Prevention Programs.

The prevention programs are describes as a multi-level comprehensive approach based on harm reduction and behavior change theories. The focus is evidence-base intervention at the individual, group, and community level and all prevention efforts are easily modified to ensure that they are culturally appropriate.

MAP programs were presented. The Point Program, Marin Life Plus, Reach, and community outreach. *See Attachment #D- “Marin AIDS Project-Education & Prevention Programs”.*

CM Malone stated that money from the State funds 50% of these programs and the balance is from other funding sources.

The Point program focuses on the IV drug users and includes a needle exchange program. D. Beggs distributed a copy of a letter addressed to the Governor from the Executive Director of MAP, Jennifer Malone requesting support for legislation for clean needle and syringe exchange programs. Legislation AB110 allows for the use of State funds for exchange programs. Individual support was requested.

See Attachment #E- Marin AIDS Project letter dated September 12, 2007, addressed to Governor Schwarzenegger.

Meeting time: 6:13p.m.

Yvonne Thurmond was introduced as one of the outreach educators. Her background includes working in schools as a health educator. Many of the Marin schools are relying on Reach for sex education.

Public comment: None

XI. Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Presentation

Co-Chair Boemer presented an overview of the Marin Care Council. It is a community planning group that oversees the prioritization and allocation of Federal Ryan White funding. He reported that of the 13 Members, 42% on the Council are HIV+. He describe the recent funding cuts from the Federal government and the process used by the Council to re-allocate and address the in year budget issue. It was stressed that Marin County's allocation of funds and "bail out" was a one time situation. CM Boemer overviewed the role of the Council Subcommittees. The committees are; Membership, Community Outreach and Advocacy, and an ad hoc committee, the Infrastructure Work Group. *See Attachment #F- "Presentation for Joint Care Planning Council and Local Implementation Group Meeting".*

CM Flores was introduced as the Co-Chair of the Community Outreach and Advocacy Committee (CO&AC). He reported on efforts and events for outreach done by the Council in the community. The recent community Forum in San Rafael was recapped and plans for the Novato Forum were briefly stated.

Public Comment: None

XII. Discussion on Prevention and Care Council Collaboration.

During each presentation ideas for collaboration were suggested. Also, the questions and answers directed to each to each Presenter sparked ideas and possibilities for increased cooperation and collaboration.

CM Flores invited the LIG to join the COA Committee in a joint prevention community forum. LIG was invited to attend the Novato Forum and participate.

L. Gaughan stated an on-going need for diversity representation. Collaboration could address that need.

C. Santini summarized the need to have the Care Council and Marin Prevention Local Implementation Group develop a strong working relationship. She said. "If we prevent the infection they won't be coming to CARE for services." She reiterated the State funding requirement that prevention be focused on Positives. State funding is based on risk reduction plans for HIV+ individuals.

Public Comment: None

XIII. Reconsider and Vote to Rescind Prior Motion - VOTE

At the August 8, 2007 meeting the Council passed the following motion:

"In the event of a reduction in the 2008-'09 budget of 10% or less, the service categories of Primary Medical Care, Case Management (Medical), Non-Medical Case Management, and Attendant & Professional (Home Nursing) be held harmless. All other service categories would be evenly decreased. "

CM Bateman introduced a motion to rescind the "auto 10% motion". CM Malone seconded.

Co-Chair Boemer asked for discussion, first from CM Lynott the maker of the motion. Co-Chair Boemer asked Council Support if this agenda item could be tabled due to time.

M. Schieble stated that if a budget change occurred between the September and October meeting this vote would stand, the process would be activated, and once acted upon it could not be rescinded.

Meeting time: 6:30p.m.

Point of Order: Meeting past scheduled time.

CM Witt made motion to extend meeting time to 6:40p.m. CM Kelley seconded.

A voice **vote** was conducted. All were in Favor. None were Opposed. The meeting was extended to 6:40p.m.

CM Flores asked when this motion was passed, "Weren't we waiting for results from San Francisco?"
CM Witt stated that rescinding this motion removes the automatic action.

Public Comment: None

The motion to rescind passed unanimously.

VOTE:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Note: The Council will address any decrease/increase when they occur.

XIV. Next Step – New Business

- Vote on Bylaw change – Number of excused absences per quarter.
- Co-Chair elections. Additional nominations and vote in October.
- Robert Rules of Order training by CM Byers.
- Report by Marin County of plans for new health care campus.
- CM Boemer to report on CAEAR meeting in Washington D.C.
- Re-examine the expectation of Council minutes.
- Next Meeting. October 10, 2007, 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m

Public Comment: None

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 6:38p.m.