

**The Health Council of Marin**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2014**  
**Marin General Hospital**  
**250 Bon Air Road, Conference Room C**  
**Greenbrae, CA 94904**

**Members Present:** Ann Spake (President), Kent Angerbauer, Allan Blau, Judith Coombes, Karin Ludwig, Marvin Mars, Sandy Ross, Barbara Selby, Derice Tao, Barbara Walter, Barbara Wientjes

**Members Absent:** Connie Barker, Jennifer Reinks

**Guests:** Peggy Chipkin, Bill Ford, Elly Hart, Frances Holmes, Richard Rohr, S. Roy, Sparkie Spaeth (HHS), Colin Spake, Deborah Spake, Barbara Stevenson, Michael Walsh, David Wientjes, Lisa Wolski, Loretta Rogers (Secretary)

**Handouts:** *Agenda*

1. **Call to Order:** President Spake called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
2. **Introductions:** All members and guests introduced themselves.
3. **Presentation:** Julie A. Griffith, MD, MS, CMT, gave a presentation on “Trifecta: Autism Referendum, Toxin Clearance from the Environment, and Energy Medicine.” There was a brief question and answer session afterwards.
4. **Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2014 meeting:** Sandy Ross moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Allan Blau. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Public Comment Time:** None.
6. **President’s Report:**
  1. President Spake reported that there is considerable concern about the chemicals that are being used in plastics to replace BPA which are apparently just as dangerous to children as BPA. This raises again the importance of getting a Safe Chemicals Act that requires testing prior to approval. The HCM made a recommendation on this issue that was supported by the Board of Supervisors. The Board has directed their lobbyists to lobby for such an Act.
  2. Sparkie Spaeth has made arrangements for a report to be made to the HCM by the Food Policy Council so the HCM can be updated regarding plans for nutrition in the County and access to healthy foods.
  3. President Spake also reminded HCM members that the Ethics Training must be done by the HCM every two years. It can be done individually online or as a group. The HCM has until December to do it.
7. **Nominating Committee recommendations & election of 2014-2015:** Barbara Wientjes reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee.
  1. Barbara Wientjes moved that the proposed HCM officers for 2014-2015 be accepted. The proposed officers are Jennifer Reinks for President; Connie Barker for Vice President; and Barbara Wientjes for Secretary/Treasurer. There was no discussion. President Spake reported that all proposed officers have been consulted and have agreed to accept the positions. The motion was passed unanimously.
  2. Barbara Wientjes moved that the proposed HCM Nominating Committee members for 2014-2015 be accepted. The proposed members are: Derice Tao, Karin Ludwig, Ann Spake, Marvin Mars, and Barbara Selby. The rules require that two members be carry-overs from the previous year. These members are Derice Tao and Karin Ludwig. There was no discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. President Spake stated that, as out-going president, she hoped the in-coming officers would take some time to spread the responsibilities out so there is much more broad involvement than in the past.
4. Judy Coombes stated that she would like the planning process to be more organized and allow more time. President Spake agreed and stated that the HCM has learned some things this year such as the fact that the HCM legislative recommendations need to get going at the July meeting so that they can be submitted in September. More lead time and discussion needs to be allowed for the annual report. President Spake also stated that the HCM has now had four presentations which need to be discussed and resulting recommendations be determined, if any. Barbara Walter volunteered to help the Executive Committee develop an annual planning process
8. **Task Force Committee Meetings:** President Spake asked the Access to Care Task Force if they had a report or recommendations. There were none at this time.
9. **Administration of Loyalty Oaths:** The secretary, Loretta Rogers, acting as a Deputy County Clerk, administered the loyal oath to the following members: Kent Angerbauer, Karin Ludwig, Barbara Selby, Ann Spake, Barbara Walter, Barbara Wientjes. As Connie Barker was not present, Loretta Rogers will have to administer the oath to her at the next meeting.
10. **Adjournment:** Allen Blau moved that the meeting adjourn. Marvin Mars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.