

## The Health Council of Marin

Notes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Marin General Hospital

250 Bon Air Road, Conference Room C

Greenbrae, CA 94904

**Members Present:** Jennifer Rienks (President), Kent Angerbauer, Connie Barker, Allan Blau, Judith Coombes, Marvin Mars, Sandy Ross, Ann Spake, Barbara Walter, Barbara Wientjes

**Members Absent:** Karin Ludwig, Barbara Selby, Derice Tao

**Guests:** Sparkie Spaeth (HHS), Loretta Rogers (Secretary)

**Handouts:** *Agenda; flyer regarding Ceres Community Project; ACA bill summaries*

1. **Call to Order:** At 7:24 pm, President Rienks called the meeting to order which is when a quorum was achieved.
2. **Introductions:** All members and guests introduced themselves.
3. **Public Comment Time:** None.
4. **Discussion of and vote on potential HCM recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning pending or soon-to-be pending legislation.** Ann Spake had provided HCM members with a list of pending ACA bill summaries for reference. The following bills were discussed and voted on:
  1. **SB 964 - Health Care Service Plans: Timeliness Standards: Medical Surveys:** Kent Angerbauer provided a summary of the legislation. Ann Spake moved to recommend support of this legislation to the Board. Alan Blau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  2. **CA ACR 152 – Patient Centered Medical Homes:** Judith Coombes provided a description and summary of this legislation. There was brief discussion. Judith Coombes moved to recommend support of this legislation to the Board. Barbara Wientjes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  3. **SB S 852 – Budget Act of 2014:** Ann Spake provided an explanation of this bill. However, it was pointed out that the Budget Act had already been enacted and that the \$224,000 to be used to support system changes necessary to implement federal health care reform had been line-item vetoed.
  4. **CA S 1005 – health Care coverage: Immigration Status:** There was discussion of this matter and it was determined that more information was needed. Barbara Walter will research this issue with assistance from Sparkie Spaeth.
  5. **CA S 508 – Medi-Cal Eligibility:** There was discussion of this bill. Marvin Mars moved to recommend support of this legislation to the Board. Ann Spake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  6. **CA S 1034 – Health Care coverage: Waiting Periods:** Ann Spake provided a summary of this legislation. There was brief discussion. Ann Spake moved to recommend support of this legislation to the Board. Alan Blau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  7. **CA S 1053 – Health Care Coverage: Contraceptives:** Jennifer Rienks provided a brief summary of this legislation. Ann Spake moved to recommend support of this legislation to the Board. Barbara Wientjes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **CA S 1052 – Health Care Coverage:** There was brief discussion. Alan Blau moved to recommend support of this legislation to the Board. Marvin Mars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
9. **CA S 1182 – Health Care Coverage Rate Review:** Alan Blau provided some background. There was brief discussion. Alan Blau moved to recommend support of this legislation to the Board. Barbara Wientjes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. **CA S 1276 – Health Care: Fair Billing Practices:** There was brief discussion. Sparkie Spaeth suggested that more information was needed on this bill. She will send the CHEAC Legislative Bill Chart 2014 - #22 to Loretta Rogers for distribution to the entire HCM membership for their consideration. No action was taken.
11. **CA A 1462 – Health:** There was brief discussion. No action was taken on this bill.
12. **CA S 1465 – Health:** There was brief discussion. No action was taken on this bill.
13. **CA A 1759 – Health – Home Health Agency Licensure:** There was brief discussion. Ann Spake moved to recommend support of this legislation to the Board. Marvin Mars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
14. **CA A 1917 – Outpatient Prescription Drugs: Cost Sharing:** There was brief discussion. It was decided that more information was needed. Barbara Wientjes and Alan Blau will research and report back to the HCM.
15. **CA A 1962 – Dental Plans: medical Loss Rations: Reports:** There was brief discussion. Kent Angerbauer will research this matter and report back to the HCM.
16. **CA A 2325 – Medi-Cal: CommuniCal:** There was brief discussion. It was decided that more information is needed. Ann Spake will research this matter and report back to the HCM.
17. **CA A 2706 – Schools: Health Care Coverage; Enrollment Assistance:** It was determined that Marin County is already doing this.
18. **Regarding two federal pieces of legislation No. 1921 and 1699,** Connie Barker will research them and report back to the HCM.
19. **Sandy Ross** recommended that the HCM begin its list of legislative recommendations to the Board with a general recommendation in favor of the precautionary principle and other principles which the HCM supports.
5. **Report from Task Force Committee Meetings:** There were no reports. However, President Rienks and Ann Spake urged the committees to meet in August and to be sure to send their reports / recommendations to all HCM members in plenty of time before the September meeting so that HCM member will have ample time to review and consider them.
6. **Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2014 meeting:** Ann Spake moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kent Angerbauer. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **President's Report:** None.
8. **Health Council Member Reports & Announcements:**
  1. Barbara Wientjes informed the HCM of Ceres Community Project and passed out an informational flyer. Its purpose is to deliver free and low-cost meals made with fresh, local, organic food to needy people. This project began in Sonoma County and is now establishing itself in Marin. She suggested having a Ceres representative make a presentation to the HCM in February 2015.
  2. Barbara Wientjes also announced that Walgreens has been bought by a Swiss company, apparently in an effort to avoid high U.S. taxes. Connie Barker will gather more information on this.
9. **Adjournment:** Ann Spake moved to adjourn the meeting. Marvin Mars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.