

## The Health Council of Marin

Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Marin General Hospital

250 Bon Air Road, Larkspur Room (formerly known as Conference Room C)

Greenbrae, CA 94904

**Members Present:** Jennifer Rienks (President), Connie Barker, Allan Blau, Mary Fraser, Sandy Ross, Ann Spake, Barbara Wientjes

**Members Absent:** Kent Angerbauer, Derice Seid Tao

**Guests:** Esther Blau, Peggy Chipkin, Chris Reilly, Tara Waterman, Loretta Rogers (Secretary)

**Handouts:** *Agenda, Pesticide Free Zone postcard*

1. **Call to Order:** At 7:07 pm, President Jennifer Rienks called the meeting to order.
2. **Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves.
3. **Public Comment Time:** None.
4. **Presentation on Marin County's Office of Emergency Services by Chris Reilly.**
5. **Preparations for future meetings:** President Rienks asked Loretta Rogers to invite Kate Garay, the Program Manager for the Marin Medical Reserve Corps, Megan Scott, Program Coordinator for Public Health Preparedness, and Maggie Lang of CERT to speak at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Health Council. Alan Blau will ask the head of Red Cross in Marin County to speak as well.
6. **Nomination and Voting for the Officers for 2016/2017:** Ann Spake, speaking on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved that Sandy Ross, Ann Spake and Barbara Wientjes be appointed to the Nominating Committee for 2016/2017. Sandy Ross seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Nomination and voting for members of the Nominating Committee for 2016/2017:** Ann Spake, speaking on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved that Jennifer Rienks be voted in a president for the 2016/2017 year, that Barbara Wientjes be voted in as Vice President and Kent Angerbauer as Secretary. Allan Blau seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Approval of the Revised By-laws:** Sandy Ross moved that the Health Council of Marin approve the revisions to HCM bylaws as finalized by County Counsel, and recommend them to Board of Supervisors for their approval. Mary Fraser seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
9. **Discussion of Possible Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:** President Rienks described two recommendations resulting from the presentations by JayVon Mohammed of Marin City Health & Wellness Center and by Denise E. Ghallagher-Stroeh regarding water fluoridation. President Rienks moved that in anticipation of a future ballot initiative on water fluoridation, the Health Council encourages the Board of Supervisors to have the Public Health Department identify and/or develop a literature review of the peer reviewed literature on the impacts of water fluoridation, including literature from Europe and other developed countries, as well as a review of the water fluoridation policies of other developed countries. Alan Blau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ann Spake moved that the HCM encourage the BOS to have the Public Health Department identify and/or develop a literature review of peer reviewed literature on the impacts of water fluoridation, including literature from Europe and other developed countries, as well as a review of the water fluoridation policies of other developed countries. Alan Blau seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. **Annual Report for 2016/2017:** President Rienks announced that the draft of the annual report sent to members was placed on the wrong template i.e. the template for the 2015/2016 year. The

- content is correct but the template needs to be changed. Sandy Ross moved that the HCM approve the annual report as written, with the stipulation that the contents be moved to the correct 2016/2017 template. Ann Spake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
11. **President's Report:** President Rienks announced that the federal government has released new guidelines for the Affordable Care Act. It is a 1,000+ page document which probably focuses on new quality of care standards and new quality measures. There was general discussion. More information is needed about these regulations.
  12. **Health Council Member Reports and Announcements:**
    1. Sandy Ross reported that Pesticide Free Zone has initiated a new "back of the bus" public awareness campaign to change the way people view the use of pesticides. She passed out postcards which had an image of the poster.
    2. Ann Spake announced that the County has created an educational outreach program regarding pesticides, funding it at \$100,000. She urged members to be aware of instances when pesticides are being sprayed, where and when and keeping a record of same.
  13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

