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MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

August 3, 2016

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 109

San Rafael, CA 94901

2:30PM – 5:00PM

I. Call to Order

CM W. Flores called the meeting to order at 2:45 PM.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: Roy Bateman, Linda Dobra, Elaine Flores, Wade Flores, (chair), James Frazier, Jennifer Malone, Bobby Moske

Council Members Arriving Late:

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Kevin Lee

Public Present: Jami Ellermann, Sarah Grossi, Ken Travirca

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

CM W. Flores suggested adding a break and moving Division of Public Health Report earlier.

CM Malone motioned to approve the draft agenda, seconded by CM Frazier, approved unanimously by the Council.

Public Comment: None

IV. Review and approval of Minutes – VOTE

CM Malone corrected statement about PEP.

CM Frazier made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 7/13/16, seconded by CM E. Flores, approved unanimously by the Council.

Public Comment: None

V. General Announcements

- CM Frazier:

- There's a paid study in San Francisco for individuals living with HIV looking at brain function and alcohol use. They do a MRI to test this.
- I will share my story on living with HIV for 28 years at the SF AIDS Foundation next Wednesday (August 10), which will be showcased. Dr. Scott from SF General Hospital will speak about long-term survivors.

VI. Public Comment

Public Comment: None

VII. Co-Chair Report

- CM W. Flores: We are doing allocations today. Please remember to stay focused and uphold respectful engagement.

VIII. Conflict of Interest Statements

- CM W. Flores – unaffiliated: no conflict
- CM Malone – Director of The Spahr Center: conflict
- CM Bateman – Marin County employee of Community Development Agency: potential (perceived) conflict
- CM Moske – unaffiliated: no conflict
- CM Frazier – unaffiliated: no conflict
- CM E. Flores – unaffiliated: no conflict
- CM Dobra – Nurse at HHS Clinics: conflict

Public Comment: None

IX. Prevention Program Report

- PrEP community forum – “Are you prepped for PrEP” – on Wednesday (August 17) from 8:30-12:30pm at the Health & Wellness Campus, room 109. The forum is for anyone who is interested in learning more about PrEP, and will feature a panel of providers from SF and Marin. Breakfast will be provided. See Linda for more information and information on registration.
- Adrian Acosta who works for the County is volunteering for the Prevention Program. He's currently training at MAP and hopefully will become a liaison for outreach and testing at Rotacare. He may also do some PrEP education with Andy at MAP.
- I may possibly ask the Council to help with developing a focus group for Latino MSM around media. More to follow on this.
 - CM Moske: PrEP messaging in SF has been very present. What are we doing in Marin?
 - CM Dobra: There will likely be a media campaign to encourage more people to use PrEP, and we are getting as many people to the community forum as possible. The clinics are also encouraging clients to consider PrEP. We're having difficulty with getting information out in general, which is an ongoing challenge. We're doing the best we can to address it.
 - Cicily: I think it'll be good to bring this discussion back in September. We'll have done allocations and this PrEP event, and the Council can

give us feedback on how we get the word out. Thanks for the feedback, Bobby.

- CM Malone: The Spahr Center is a collaborator with the County. The Spahr Center is working in parallel with sharing information about PrEP.
- Cicily: We may have more on our media materials, and it would be great to have The Spahr Center take a look at it. We wanted to make sure.

X. Division of Public Health Report

- We received our Ryan White Part A award letter, and it's about \$2,500 less, which is not a very large reduction.
- Changes to OA-HIPP program are underway, which went into effect on July 1, 2016. It will impact our Health Insurance Premium & Cost-Sharing Assistance program, but we're watching this and will come back to the Council for reallocation. We spent about \$48,000 for the health insurance premium and cost-sharing assistance last year between Part A and B, and have already reduced it down to \$30,000.
 - CM Moske: We should also do some outreach to HHS Clinics about what's supposed to be covered.
 - Cicily: Clients are supposed to get a notice in the mail, but we should follow up with clients.
 - CM Malone: When we want people to know something, we should do a flyer regarding changes in their benefits.
- A harm reduction panel is scheduled for August 31. This is a community network event focused on prevention and needle exchange. Cicily will send out flyers to the group if you can please distribute it to your networks.

XI. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Ryan White Annual Allocations – VOTE

- Kevin presented on FY1516 spending, FY1617 allocation, and the FY1718 County budget proposal. For FY1718, the greatest change will be that funding will be reallocated from other service categories to support Psychosocial Support Services, which is currently funded by Part B and is not anticipated to receive funding in FY1718.
- CM Malone: There are now two Latino groups, a woman's group that is on hold, and a long-term survivor's group. The proposed funding will decrease to a third of last year's (FY1617) levels.
- CM Frazier: The lack of rent control is a real problem.
 - CM W. Flores: There's an unmet need for housing assistance – security deposits and rental help. I had difficulty when I was renting, and eventually found support through private funds through The Spahr Center. Is there any funding for people with housing issues?
 - CM Moske: Many voucher holders can't find landlords who will accept the vouchers.
 - Cicily: In recent years, there have been programs to help people keep their housing. We should find more resources regarding this. Housing support is something that we can fund through Ryan White, but is very expensive.
 - CM Bateman: The Board of Supervisors just sent aside funds for tenant initiatives to support tenants.

- CM Dobra: It would be good to hear what exists at The Spahr Center, and what CM Bateman is talking about.
- CM Bateman: I'm concerned that with the merger of pharmaceutical assistance and emergency assistance, funds will not be available when needed late in the year for drugs.
 - CM Malone: The County's contracts will have separate lines for each aspect of emergency assistance.
- CM Moske: I'm concerned about the unmet mental health needs. Many clients miss their mental health therapy appointments for individual counseling. Is there a more effective way to help these clients?
 - CM Malone: If you look at the way community mental health is set up right now, they have a mental health outreach worker. We should highlight substance use and housing issues. We should think about creative ways to provide harm reduction where straight mental health services may not be helpful.
 - Cicily: The County is changing its approach to mental health services, which would be a good topic for a future meeting. The County rebranded Mental Health and Substance Use Services to Behavior Health and Recovery Services, and expanded mental health services by \$3 million.
 - CM Malone: One of the biggest issues is finding residential care for people in Marin County. With limited Ryan White funds, we need to figure out other systems that exist.
 - CM Bateman: I'm concerned that there's something that's missing in mental health services. The fact that we have so many no-shows. It sounds like we're getting information about what's changing in the mental health system. We're here to allocate and I feel like if we can agree on service categories, we can always figure out the details of the services provided within each category.
 - CM Malone: The Spahr Center now has a new policy that no more appointments will be scheduled for those who miss psychiatric appointments unless they give us a 24 hour notice. We then work with clients to access another provider. In the past, about half of the appointments were no-shows.
- CM W. Flores: I'm concerned about the Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance program.
 - Cicily: We're keeping an eye on this category. We'll likely have to come back to the Council for reallocation if anything changes.
 - I received a notice indicating that we'd have to re-enroll on our own.
 - Sarah Grossi: We've been told by OA that people who want to re-enroll into ADAP on their own, can, but people can still access help from eligibility workers if they want.
 - Cicily: This ADAP conversation just shows how complex the benefits conversations is, and how we need more clarity on it.
- CM Bateman: I'm also wondering about Home-Based Care.
 - CM Malone: It looks like there's a gap where not the full amount of funds from Home-Based Care were shifted to Medical Case Management and Non-Medical Case Management.
 - There has been very little utilization of home nursing care.
 - CM Moske: Most home care can be done by case managers; RNs aren't needed in most cases. It's not that the services aren't being provided; they're just being provided by other people.

Marin Ryan White Part A FY2017-18 County Allocation Proposal

Service Category	FY 2017-18 Rank	FY 2017-18 Part A Allocation	FY2017-18 Part B
CORE SERVICES			
Outpatient /Ambulatory Health Care	3		\$30,000
AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance <i>(included in Emergency Financial Assistance)</i>			
Oral Health Care	6		\$20,000
Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing	7	\$30,000	
Home and Community based Health Care <i>(included in Medical Case Management and Non-Medical Case Management)</i>			
Mental Health Services	1	\$80,000	
Medical Case Management	4	\$153,000	
SUPPORT SERVICES			
Non-Medical Case Management	2	\$119,000	
Emergency Financial Assistance	5	\$50,000	
Food Bank/Home-delivered Meals (Gift Cards)	9		\$76,000
Medical Transportation Services	10	\$12,000	
Psychosocial Support Services	8	\$21,082	
Council Support		\$400	
TOTAL		\$465,482	\$126,000

CM Moske motioned to accept the County proposal, seconded by CM Bateman.

CM Bateman: Yes
 CM Dobra (non-voting)
 CM E. Flores: Yes
 CM W. Flores: Yes
 CM Frazier: Yes
 CM Malone: Recuse
 CM Moske: Yes

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Motion passes with 100% of votes.

Public Comment.

- Jami: Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance will likely only go to people who are on Medi-Cal. I know that the Council will keep an eye of this, but you may consider reducing that service category and putting more funds into Psychosocial Support Services for FY1718 now rather than

later. Also, you may want to consider just reducing the Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance amount in FY1617 rather than cutting \$300 from all of the other service categories.

- CM Dobra: Is there a set time that we review the budget?
- Cicily: We review it after the invoices are submitted and reviewed for the first six months, which probably happens around October. We'll also look at the budgets at the end of the year.

XII. Membership Discussion – VOTE

- CM W. Flores and CM Moske are up for a membership renewal.

CM Malone motioned to renew the memberships of CM W. Flores and CM Moske for another two-year term, seconded by CM Frazier, approved unanimously by the Council.

- Cicily created a new flyer and sent it out to the group and asked for councilmembers to distribute to their networks. Flyers will be distributed to Bridges meeting, The Spahr Center, Kaiser, link on The Spahr Center website. Cicily will have the flyer translated to Spanish.
 - Linda: I suggest we bring some flyers to the PrEP forum.
- Elaine suggested that councilmembers provide a brief summary of why they're on the Council, which can be posted to the Council webpage.
 - Cicily will email a reminder to write a few lines for social media about why councilmembers are involved in the Council.
- CM W. Flores: The Council has a reputation for poor meeting dynamics. People in the past have had the misconception that there's a lot of work involved with being on the Council, and that it requires outreach to the Council.
 - Cicily: We just need to be clear that the commitment is low – meetings every other month.
- CM Malone: This group can come together around advocacy, and funding across and within systems in Marin; to be an advocacy body to the County.
- CM Frazier: Do we have a media channel that we can use to recruit people?
 - Cicily: The County does have a station that it uses, but it's used more for PSAs.

Public Comment: None

XIII. New Business

- CM Moske introduced Ken Travirca as a potential candidate for the Council.
 - Ken: I'm born and raised in this county, and have used services in this county. I work in non-profit services.
- Potential agenda topics for September:
 - Presentation on mental health services
 - 2016-17 calendar
 - Membership discussion (continued)
- Cicily: HHS is working on a strategic plan and there's a time for community input, and this group is one potential place where that can happen.

XIV. Adjourn

CM W. Flores adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Next Meeting:

September 14, 2016

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 110

San Rafael, CA

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE PLAN TO COME TO THE MEETING ON TIME, AS WE WILL BE STARTING ON TIME AND ENDING ON TIME – We **cannot** extend the meeting time. Thank you!

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