



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



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MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

November 9, 2016

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 110

San Rafael, CA 94901

3:00PM – 5:00PM

I. Call to Order

CM W. Flores called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: Linda Dobra, Elaine Flores, Wade Flores, (chair), Bobby Moske, Ken Travarca

Council Members Arriving Late: James Frazier (3:55pm)

Council Members Absent: Jennifer Malone (excused)

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Kevin Lee

Public Present: Jami Ellermann

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

Janice Wells unable to make it for the Behavior Health & Recovery Services Presentation. Removed agenda item X.

Draft agenda approved by the Council by consensus.

Public Comment: None

IV. Review and approval of Minutes – VOTE

CM Dobra motioned to approve the draft minutes, seconded by CM E. Flores, approved unanimously by the Council.

Public Comment: None

V. General Announcements

- Cicily: The Spahr Center is providing free holiday turkeys to whoever is interested. They will work on a flyer.

VI. Public Comment

Public Comment: None

VII. Co-Chair Report

- CM W. Flores: I attended the hearing on the Fair Housing Ordinance, which prevents landlords from discriminating against applicants for having Section 8 and other housing subsidies; landlords have to consider housing subsidy applicants fairly. The ordinance passed unanimously, which is a step in the right direction; even though it's not creating new housing, it's reducing discriminatory practices that may otherwise happen. In attendance were various organizations, tenants, and landlords

VIII. Prevention Program Report

- The Support Service Worker-Bilingual position, which conducts testing, outreach, and prevention services, has been posted. Kevin will send the job announcement/description to the Care Council, and ask that councilmembers share it with their networks.
- The County is continuing to promote PrEP, and has printed out large posters that they're hoping to place in the clinic rooms and throughout the Health & Wellness Center so that there's more visibility. The County is also working on designing a PrEP poster campaign that will be posted on bus shelters throughout the county, and are working with the CDC to develop the design. The campaign should come out later this year, or early next year.
- The Spahr Center is also continuing to provide support groups for men who are interested in PrEP. The next group will be held on December 8. They've been promoting this on social media.
- For World AIDS Day, The Spahr Center will conduct outreach in high schools where they will promote their AIDS quilt, and talk about the past, present, and future of HIV/AIDS. They are also thinking about having a piece in the Independent Journal that focuses on PrEP, and may feature someone who is on PrEP.
- Testing has been slower as we're approaching the end of the year. There have been 2 positive tests, and somewhere between 200-300 tests done.

IX. Division of Public Health Report

- Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (formerly Mental Health Services and Substance Use) has a new program, Road to Recovery, that focuses on dual diagnosis recovery plan.
- The County applied for additional Part B funding through the State Office of AIDS, which will cover some of the new Support Service Worker-Bilingual position, and housing case management and emergency payments through The Spahr Center. We are working on finalizing these contracts.
- There have been lots of changes with ADAP, and we recognize that there are many challenges, which we're working on improving.
- The County has been working on its strategic plan. Internal focus groups with employees have been done, and an external consultant was hired to do interviews/focus groups within the community, which may involve the Care Council. The hope is that in 6-8 months, we'll have a plan.
- The County is working towards Public Health accreditation.
- Kevin presented on the SF EMA Integrated HIV Prevention & Care Plan

X. World AIDS Day Discussion

- CM Dobra: The Spahr Center will likely do an IJ article interview related to PrEP, and we may be able to collaborate with them.
- CM W. Flores: because it's World AIDS Day, it should probably focus on people living with HIV.
- CM Frazier: we should feature Walter given his contributions to the Council and the community.
- Cicily: we can do something on social media.
- CM W. Flores: we can do a candlelight vigil walk from The Spahr Center to the Common Space where we can display an AIDS quilt and statistics.
- CM Dobra: we used to do walks and vigils outside in the past, and during that time, the weather may be good. We can consider doing a candlelight vigil outside near The Spahr Center that celebrate's Walter's life, and having their community room available in case the weather is bad. Fernando, who has been working with The Spahr Center on outreach, asked whether we had planned on doing anything and I can ask him.
- Kevin: if The Spahr Center is already doing something with the IJ, how about if we worked on a social media piece. If there's a councilmember who would be interested in volunteering, we can do a quick video interview about their experience and their involvement on the Care Council, and post it on social media. The video can also mention the vigil/celebration of Walter's life that can happen at The Spahr Center. We'd have to check in with The Spahr Center first though about if it's okay to use their space.
- CM W. Flores: I can volunteer to be on the video.
- CM Dobra: I can check with Fernando and Andy about what their plans are, if they want to collaborate, and get back to you.
- Kevin: I'd propose convening a work group to plan the details. We can meet next Tuesday to plan the events, and if we do a video, we can either record later next week or right before December 1.
- CM Flores, CM Frazier, CM Moske, and CM Travorca agreed to participate in the work group to plan the World AIDS Day activities.

Public Comment: None

XI. Membership Discussion

- Kevin: does the Council want to vote in a co-chair, or are people okay with having just one chair at this point?
- Everyone is okay with one chair.
- CM W. Flores: we should review the Policies & Procedures and add language about having one chair.
- Cicily: we should develop a Policies & Procedures work group where a few people can go over the Member Handbook and update it. This should happen starting next year.
- Kevin will send the link to the Member Handbook in case anyone wants it electronically.
- Recruitment ideas:
 - Talking to support groups
 - Getting youth through the Youth Commission, Spectrum, handing flyers out at high schools
 - Through Board of Supervisors groups

Public Comment: None

XII. New Business

None

XIII. Adjourn

CM W. Flores adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Next Meeting:

January 11, 2017

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus
3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 110
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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!