

The Health Council of Marin

Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Marin General Hospital

250 Bon Air Road, Larkspur Room

Greenbrae, CA 94904

Members Present: Jennifer Rienks (President), Connie Barker, Allan Blau, Mary Fraser, Sandra Lew, Sandy Ross, Derice Seid Tao, Tara Waterman

Members Absent: Kent Angerbauer, Ann Spake, Barbara Wientjes

Guests: Kristen Seatavakin (Marin County Program Manager – Public Health Preparedness), Loretta Rogers (Secretary)

Handouts: *Agenda*

1. **Call to Order:** At 7:13 pm, President Rienks called the meeting officially to order.
2. **Introductions:** All present introduced themselves.
3. **Public Comment Time:** None.
4. **Presentation by Kristen Seatavakin, MPH, Marin County's Program Manager – Public Health Preparedness:** Kristen Seatavakin first thanked the HCM for their invitation. Then, her presentation covered the following:
 1. HHS Emergency Response roles
 2. A description of the Public Health Preparedness Program
 3. Preparedness plans for individuals with access and functional needs
 4. Kristen said she would make a copy of her PowerPoint presentation available to the HCM members.
 5. She emphasized the importance of personal preparedness for Marin residence and for making alliances with neighbors for disaster response. She urged HCM members to get CERT training.
 6. She then asked for questions and suggestions. There was brief discussion.
 7. It was agreed that Loretta Rogers would send to the HCM members a copy of Kristen's contact information, PowerPoint presentation, and contact information for Maggie Lang, head of Marin CERT.
5. **Approval of the minutes of the November 29, 2016 meeting:** Alan Blau moved that the minutes be approved. Sandy Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Topics for future meetings.** There was general discussion regarding this question. The following schedules was determined:
 1. **February** – A speaker from Adult and Aging Services. Loretta Rogers will send President Rienks names of possible presenters from Marin County.
 2. **March** – Work on the Annual Report. Loretta Rogers will ask Patrice Stancato if an annual report is needed this year and if so, when.
 3. **April** – Selection of officers. Also, Barbara Wientjes will present.
 4. **May** – Possible public event to explain the end-of-life law that was passed.
7. **President's Report:** President Rienks reported the following:
 1. She had seen a presentation regarding the impact of the repeal of the ACA. She also noted that two Republican senators had proposed a bill which would allow states to keep the ACA if they wished.
 2. She also reported that Marin General Hospital is implementing the Ouchless ER program, a program initiated through the work of a Marin County mother, Cathy Taylor, whose son, Aiden, had had a traumatic experience in the ER. The purpose of this program is to

make the ER more child-friendly and less frightening for children. Money for this program has been provided by the Schultz Foundation and other sources.

8. **Health Council Member Reports and Announcements:**

1. Connie Barker suggested a presentation by President Rienks or other regarding the accommodations that Marin General Hospital is making for patients who are chemically sensitive.
2. Derice Tao reported that physicians should urge their patients not to wait until the last minute to renew their prescriptions. They should always have on hand an adequate supply of needed medications.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.