



DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



**MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**March 8, 2017**

**Marin County Health & Wellness Campus**

3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 110

San Rafael, CA 94901

3:00PM – 5:00PM

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**I. Call to Order**

CM W. Flores called the meeting to order at 3:12 PM.

**II. Roll Call**

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

Council Members Arriving Late: Ken Travirca (3:22pm), James Frazier (3:41pm)

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Kevin Lee

Public Present: Alexey Nizovskikh, Sarah Grossi, Adrian Acosta, Julie Dowling, Bri Silva

**III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE**

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

*Public Comment.* None

**IV. Review and approval of Minutes – VOTE**

Change January minutes to CM Malone as present and CM Travirca as absent.

CM E. Flores motioned to approve the draft minutes with requested changes, seconded by CM Moske, approved unanimously by the Council.

*Public Comment.* None

**V. General Announcements**

- CM Malone:

- Want to introduce Bri Silva, who used to do more administrative work, and is now doing direct services.
  - Brie: The Spahr Center has several support groups going on right now:
    - Women’s group – every Wednesday from 12-1:30pm at The Spahr Center Kip Mackey Community Room. The group is for women living with and affected by HIV, and run by Julie Dowling.
    - Get Out of the House – every other Friday from 12-1:30pm. The group is for socially isolated clients who are looking to get out of their homes and socialize with other people doing a range of different activities. Transportation and lunches will be provided.
    - Latino group – Monday evenings, run by two Spanish therapists.
    - Art group – every Friday from 2-4pm at the The Spahr Center Kip Mackey Community Room, which is for anyone drop in and do un-facilitated art.
- The Spahr Center has undergone some staffing changes. Annie Molyneux has left the agency, and Bri Silva is now doing more direct service work. We will be hiring for a case manager and housing case manager positions.
- CM E. Flores: shout out to all the women in the room and recognize International Women’s Day today.
- CM Moske:
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  - There’s a community forum tomorrow (January 12) in San Francisco for people who are interested in becoming peer community mental health workers. They’ll provide you a stipend while you train, and you’ll become a trained peer educator/advocate.
  - CM Traverca said that he has someone who’s interested in joining the Council, but they weren’t able to make it today, and will attend our next meeting.

**VI. Public Comment**

*Public Comment:* None

**VII. Co-Chair Report**

- CM W. Flores: No new updates.

**VIII. Prevention Program Report**

- Adrian Acosta is our new outreach worker with the HIV/AIDS Services Program, and will conduct street outreach, linkage to care, and HIV testing. He’s been in the County for some time now.

- Adrian: I've worked with the County for 13 years, have volunteered with RotaCare for 10 years, and used to volunteer with MAP.
- There's been a rise in syphilis cases in Marin County.
- The PrEP posters are still up at bus shelters although it sounds like there hasn't been an increase in PrEP uptake.
  - Cicily: Media campaigns can be difficult to measure, and with this campaign, we're also working on looking at general awareness
  - Kevin: I've been doing some surveying at bus stops related to whether people's awareness has changed. Will try to share the findings at our next Care Council meeting.
- Hepatitis C:
  - There's been a big push in San Francisco and Marin for Hepatitis C testing due to baby boomers.
  - MCC will now treat their own patients for Hepatitis C rather than referring out.
  - The State is doing a community forum and might do more advertising, and hopefully will come up with a HCV campaign.

#### **IX. Division of Public Health Report**

- We were on a 5 year CDC prevention grant – to provide HIV testing and outreach – as part of the San Francisco Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). The 5 years has ended and our contract has been extended an additional year, but we're not sure what's going to happen after this year. We're paying attention to what happens, and will continue to advocate for being included in the EMA, which offers more prevention funds that we've been able to contract out to The Spahr Center.
- The fiscal year 2016-2017 Ryan White Part A contract ended on February 28, and the new 2017-2018 contract began March 1. The fiscal year 2016-2017 Ryan White Part B contract will end on March 31, and the new contract starts April 1.
- The State Office of AIDS terminated their contract with AJ Boggs who had been handling the contracts for ADAP. Instead, the Office of AIDS will do this themselves, but Magellan will still work on the pharmaceuticals piece. A client communication letter is supposed to go out informing clients about the change.
- Kevin and Cicily relocated to the Wellness Campus, and are now working more formally with the Communicable Disease team.
- The Health & Human Services strategic plan will undergo a community input process, and there may be an opportunity to bring members of the Council and community to this process.
- Marin County is applying for a state demonstration grant called Whole Person Care that works with people with Medi-Cal, and is for people who receive multiple services in different systems.

#### **X. Community Forum/Needs Assessment Planning**

- Kevin shared client questionnaire data from the past couple community forums.
- CM W. Flores: in past conversations, we had talked about not having a community forum this year because we've had back-to-back forums, and people may not want it. I'm in favor of having community forums, but others may not.

- Kevin: part of the discussion today is to determine whether we want to hold another community forum, and keep in mind that we can always structure it however we want. This is also one of the ways in which we gather input from the general community. It's not always representative of everyone's views, but is one piece of the information that we provide to the Council to help inform the prioritization and allocation process.
- CM Malone: since our contract with the County requires gaining client input, I would support that the County/Council collaborate with The Spahr Center. I could ask Andy Fyne to participate in this process.
- CM Moske: I support what general suggested and believe that collaborating will get more people interested. We may want to consider doing multiple community forums at different times.
- CM W. Flores and CM Frazier: the community forum can be an opportunity for the County to share updates relevant to clients such as ACA.
- CM Travirca: the term community forum sounds like you'll be talked at rather; maybe we can call it a town hall instead.
- CM Dobra: perhaps we can do a town hall that includes both an informational and input-gathering session.
- CM Moske volunteered to head the town hall planning committee. James also volunteered to be on the committee. CM Malone will ask Andy to be on the committee, and CM Travirca and CM E. Flores will help with the planning as time permits.
- Kevin: When do we want to hold this town hall?
  - CM W. Flores: early June.

CM Moske: motion to collaborate with The Spahr Center on putting together a town hall this year.

Seconded by CM Frazier.

Unanimously approved by the Council.

*Public Comment:* None

**XI. Membership Discussion – VOTE**

- Review of Alexey (Alex) Nizovskikh Care Council application – copies of applications were distributed to councilmembers for review. Alexey Nizovskikh was present to answer questions. The Council unanimously agreed to approve his application, and interview him the same day for membership to the Council.

CM Frazier: motion to accept Alexey Nizovskikh's application, and invite him to be interviewed.

Seconded by CM Travirca.

Unanimously approved by the Council.

- Alex Nizovskikh was invited to be interviewed.

CM Frazier: motion to approve Alexey Nizovskikh as a member of the Care Council.

Seconded by CM Trvirca.

Unanimously approved by the Council.

*Public Comment:* None

**XII. New Business**

- CM Trvirca: I'd like to introduce Julie Dowling who is interested in joining the Care Council.
- CM Trvirca: I didn't have the chance to discuss this during general announcements, but I work for Community Action Marin as the director for their energy program. One of the programs, medical baseline, provides a 15% discount for any electronic device used for medical purposes, or heating and cooling. I have paperwork with guidance on how to complete the form if anyone refers them to me.

**XIII. Adjourn**

CM W. Flores adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**           **May 10, 2017**  
 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!