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MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

June 14, 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 3:14 PM.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: Linda Dobra, Julie Dowling, Elaine Flores, Wade Flores (chair), James Frazier, Bobby Moske, Alex Nizovskikh, Ken Travirca

Council Members Arriving Late: Jennifer Malone (3:34pm)

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Kevin Lee

Public Present: Jami Ellermann, Esmeralda Garcia, Deborah Gallagher

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

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

Public Comment: None

IV. Review and approval of Minutes – VOTE

CM Dobra pointed out a grammatical error that needed to be fixed.

CM Travirca motioned to approve the draft minutes with the proposed changes, seconded by CM Frazier, approved unanimously by the Council.

Public Comment: None

V. General Announcements

- CM Frazier:

- Open House is having a senior citizen HIV prom this Saturday (6/17) from 3-5pm on Laguna Street in San Francisco. The event is for people who are 50 and over.
- CM Malone:
 - “Inflammation and HIV” session hosted by The Spahr Center with presentation from Keith Waltrip at Gilead Sciences. Event is on Wednesday, July 12 at 6pm at Joe’s of San Rafael on 931 4th Street, San Rafael. Dinner and presentation included. RSVP with Andy Fyne at afyne@thespahrcenter.org.
 - Senior Home Visit Program at The Spahr Center. Matches volunteers with seniors in an effort to decrease social isolation. Volunteers are needed. Contact Bri Silva at 415-457-2487 ext 115 for more information.
 - Pride Picnic happening on Saturday, June 17 from 11:30-2pm at Lagoon Park on Armory Drive in San Rafael.
- CM Moske: I spoke to Panera Bread and the cost of sandwiches for the community forum will be around \$200.

VI. Public Comment

Public Comment: None

VII. Co-Chair Report

- CM W. Flores: I spoke to Anne Donnelly from Project Infrom and either she or someone else will be available to talk about ADAP and ACA during the community forum.

VIII. Prevention Program Report

- Outreach team met today. The Spahr Center has a volunteer from San Francisco who originally is from Idaho, and is helping with doing online outreach and updating of online media. The Spahr Center also has Will Boemer who’s doing education for The Spahr Center in jails and schools.
- National HIV Testing Day is June 27, and we’re working on rolling out the Determine test, which will test for both antigen and antibody with a shorter window period. In the process of rolling out the kit, we’re hoping to do a press release about the new test kit. Andy will also be doing testing all day and offering incentives and lube.
- We are working on surveillance and STD in order to better link people who have positive STD results to HIV testing, PrEP, or engaged in services especially if they are HIV positive.

IX. Division of Public Health Report

- Cicily: The County is exploring closing clinical services – HIV, STD, and Dental Clinic, which has been on review for a while now. The goal is to support patients to have a patient centered home with the current plan of moving services over to Marin Community Clinic (MCC), which has been a community partner. We’ll be working with staff, community partners, and

MCC in this direction. This process would be a formal process that would require a formal vote, and would therefore go through the Board of Supervisors (BOS).

- CM Moske: I heard it was a done deal.
 - CM Dobra: It still needs to go through many processes, and hasn't gone through a final decision.
- CM Moske: is MCC able to absorb all the people?
 - CM Dobra: My assumption is that since that was decided on an administrative level, that they have the capacity; it wouldn't be a one-sided/unilateral decision. What I understand is that they don't have the space, and it may be a possibility that clinic space will be used.
 - Cicily: What's happening with individual staff is still in exploration whether that's hiring staff into MCC or reassigning staff into other positions. Still undetermined, and there's been lots of union and staff involvement.
 - CM Dobra: Unions, staff, and BOS have all been notified. The bottom line is keeping what's best for clients, which also means that if there are any concerns from community and clients, that should be addressed.
 - Cicily: There will be opportunities for public comment. There's a rationale of moving people to a whole person patient centered medical home. It's thinking about how patients are in a system of care.
- CM Frazier: Are the benefits counselors and case managers briefed on this?
 - Cicily: The goal is to communicate with clients. Since the decision hasn't been finalized, a communication hasn't come out. I will make sure that we'll work to liaise with the community during this transition period and that any concerns from the community will be voiced and raised to the County.
- CM Moske: Will clients be transferred to providers with no HIV training?
 - Cicily: I don't believe that'd happen. Whether HHS providers are working with MCC or they're hiring providers with adequate training, their providers will have to understand how to work with patients living with HIV. We want to make sure we involve patients and community members in having a say. As recipients of Ryan White, we also have the opportunity to do quality assurance and make sure that the quality of services is there.
- Cicily: My hope is that rather than thinking of this as a bad transition, we can think about how to make this a smooth transition, and how we might see this as an opportunity.
- CM Malone: If I understand correctly, some of the provider with the clinic now may still remain with MCC?
 - Cicily: we don't know what kinds of decisions will be made, but that could be an option. From a patient point of view, the hope is that this process could be as seamless as possible.
- CM Frazier: How do you feel about this change Cicily?
- CM W. Flores: Will this change how we fund Ryan White services?
 - Cicily: No.
 - CM Malone: I think we should look at that because the reimbursement for primary care at FQHCs is much greater than has been for the clinic. It may be worthwhile to consider how and where funds are being distributed.

- Cicily: Currently, HHS Clinics gets only \$25,000, which is very minimal amount compared to the services they provide. We anticipate that a similar amount may be needed for the provision of primary care services to patients who are uninsured.
- Cicily: Something related to the closing of the clinics is the strategic plan. We've developed a comment card that will be offered to clients to provide feedback, which is just for clients or consumer of HHS. We'll be sending it out by the end of the month. We'll then have community input.
- CM Malone: Is this decision to close the clinics related to the strategic plan?
 - Cicily: No, it's a parallel process. The strategic plan is not driven by cost savings, but about quality measures. The County is focused on what needs to happen given changing landscapes.
 - CM Dobra: One of the purposes for the strategic planning process as far as I understand are areas of need that have come up such as IT infrastructure or cultural competency.
- Cicily: As it gets closer, I'll present on findings from the strategic plan, probably later in the fall.
- CM Moske: I hope that County staff are considered in this period of change and are supported in their transition process.
- CM Dowling: From a client perspective, when I left Tom Steel, I almost came to HHS, but went to Kaiser instead. It'll be traumatic for some clients who have strong relationships with their doctors. I want to make sure that the transition will be as smooth as possible.
- CM Malone: We ought to be looking at the whole model of care, especially case management, and how we can keep that in tack.
- CM Nizovskikh: Is there anything that we can do?
 - Cicily: Right now, I think we're in a phase of collecting information. And then when the comment and feedback opportunity comes across, you can share your thoughts about the news and Ryan White. I want to see what the transition plan and team looks like and where clients can fit in to ensure that there's transparency and accountability. We'll make sure to keep this item as a public health report item.
- CM Malone: There might be some new ways to give input and stay involved with these new developments.
- CM W. Flores: This is something we can inform clients of during the community forum.

- Kevin presented on an overview of prioritization and allocation.
- Kevin reviewed Conflict of Interest provisions as outlined in his PowerPoint presentation. Recusal doesn't impact the quorum while abstention counts as a "no" vote. Everyone was provided a Conflict of Interest form to complete, and name placards will be updated to reflect this.

X. Membership Discussion – VOTE

- Members up for renewal of membership: CM E. Flores and CM Frazier

CM Malone: motion to renew CM E. Flores and CM Frazier's Care Council membership for another two years. Seconded by CM Travirca. Approved unanimously by the Council.

- CM Dobra: We should consider and review our procedure for renewing Council memberships. As a process, there should an opportunity for councilmembers who may have concerns to speak up or share their concerns.
 - CM W. Flores: It used to be that councilmembers who were up for renewal would complete an application indicating their interest to renew their membership. That hasn't been the practice for the past couple years with the dwindling of Council membership. Now that the Council has been growing again, that is something we can consider.
- Review of Esmeralda Garcia's Care Council application – copies of applications were distributed to councilmembers for review. Julie Dowling was present to answer questions.

CM E. Flores: motion to accept Esmeralda Garcia's application, and invite her to be interviewed. Seconded by CM Travirca. Approved unanimously by the Council.

Public Comment: None

XI. New Business – None

XII. Adjourn

CM W. Flores adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Next Meeting: **July 19, 2017**
Marin County Health & Wellness Campus
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3:00 p.m. – 6:00 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!