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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

July 19, 2017

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 107

San Rafael, CA 94901

3:00PM – 6:00PM

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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), Jennifer Malone, Bobby Moske (left 5:43), Alex Nizovskikh, Ken Travirca

Council Members Arriving Late:

Council Members Absent: James Frazier (excused)

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Kevin Lee

Public Present: Barbara Cobb (MAPE), Miles Aiello (MAPE), Esmeralda Garcia

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.

IV. Review and approval of Minutes – VOTE

CM Malone suggested changing “we” to “The Spahr Center” in Prevention Report. CM E. Flores pointed out a grammatical error that needed to be fixed.

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

V. General Announcements

- CM Moske: Embarking on campaign to save the HHS Clinics and its employees. Working with the unions and other organizations to appear before the Board of Supervisors every Tuesday morning at 9am. Matthew Willis is moving forward with this because of better compensation through MCC than the HHS Clinics; people will have coverage, but they won't receive care

because there will be too many patients to provide appropriate care. So if you're interested in helping, I have cards that I'll pass around, and you can have people contact me so that they can speak in front of the Board of Supervisors.

- CM Travirca: There are two people who are interested in the community forum. One is from the SF-Marine Food Bank, and the other is from Green and Healthy Homes, which helps triage the different needs of individuals in homes, especially aging elders.
 - Cicily: I think that'll be okay.
 - Kevin: I'll reconvene a planning meeting since the meeting is coming up in a month on August 16, and we can discuss the logistics of this.

VI. Public Comment

- Barbara Cobb: I'm with the Marin Association of Public Employees (MAPE) and we heard, around the same time as the employees, that the County has proposed to close the Specialty – HIV, TB, STD, immunization – and dental clinics. We got in contact with the County and shared that we don't believe it's a good decision on behalf of patients, and started a process called meet and confer where we meet with the County. There hasn't been a real plan, and none of the employees nor patients had been contacted. We've asked for a feasibility study and there isn't one, and isn't a plan to have one. There's also no data to support this decision. The County is required to do a Beilenson Hearing, which is a public hearing, when a public health agency is closed. The County is required to work with us and we'll file unfair labor practices if we get our information requests, which is in regards to what this decision and proposal is based on; financial and medical data. We have some actions that we'll be doing if you're interested including flyers that will be distributed to the public, contact sheets for anyone who's interested in contacting the Board of Supervisors and County management, sample sheets for letter writing. There's an assumption that providers will move to MCC and that's not true. MCC also charges a \$30 co-pay for TB clients. We're asking that if you have an option and support staff and the patients who have been coming to the clinics, you let your voices be heard. Feel free to contact Linda who's been involved with the meet and confer, or any of us and our number is 415-479-MAPE. We'll come to any meeting because we feel this is a bad decision for the employees, patients, and the county at large.

VII. Co-Chair Report

- CM W. Flores: For prioritization and allocation, please turn off your cell phones and be courteous to one another, no wrong answers, be mindful of your time, give everyone the chance to speak, be respectful, and refrain from correcting people.

VIII. Prevention Program Report

- National HIV Testing Day was June 27, and we had our article in the IJ around Determin, which is the 4th generation antigen/antibody test. That got us publicity about the new technology, PrEP, and new interventions. We didn't get very many tests that as a result of the article, but our antibody/antigen is getting people in who are asking for the test.

- Cicily: We've been funded as a pass-through through San Francisco for the past six years for our prevention work. The new FOA has come out through the CDC and we'll no longer be funded through San Francis as a jurisdiction, and instead will be funded through the State based on an allocation that will be passed down to the counties. I'm working with Matt Geltmaker at San Mateo and Tracey Packard at San Francisco to speak with the State and advocate against cuts. We don't know what the funding will look like, but we'll be funded through 2017.
 - CM Malone: is funding through State guaranteed?
 - Cicily: No.
 - Cicily: We'll have a call with Karen Mark, the Office of AIDS Chief, and Steve Gibson, the HIV Prevention Branch Chief, to advocate for funding and maintenance of prevention services. There are strong arguments for our funding since we've been funded for the past five years, and we can't maintain continuity of services without funding.
- Cicily: I'm interim Communicable Diseases Program Manager, and we're working on integrating STD and HIV prevention.

IX. Division of Public Health Report

- Cicily: Thanks to Jennifer for coming out to the strategic planning meeting. We got some good input and that's moving along, and we'll probably have more opportunities for input.
 - CM Malone: More than one of us were interested in why there wasn't anyone from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS).
 - Cicily: It could have been because that meeting was staffed by members of the Community Facilitation team, and I don't think there's anything from BHRS from that group.
- Cicily: In terms of the clinic closures, they're still in the meet and confer, and meeting with the unions. Lisa wanted to be here, and what we'll do is schedule an adequate time for discussion, to answer questions and make comments, to share concerns, and to hear from Lisa.
 - CM Moske: Jennifer and I spoke and believe that the Care Council should be a part of the process and the transition if this does happen.
 - Cicily: Absolutely. My understanding is that the transition process fully happened because they're still in the meet and confer with the unions. So nothing new to report, but we do want to engage this group, and will keep it as an item for discussion.
- Cicily: Point-in-Time reports came out, and there's a small handout. In speaking with Kimberly Carroll with HOPWA, my understanding is that there are 21 individuals living with HIV. The full report is on the website. Kimberly has been in contact with me and Kevin, and has mentioned changing the criteria for HOPWA to make it more out of necessity; it'll be a good thing for this Council and providers to weigh in on.
 - Linda: It'd be interesting to see where people hang out who are homeless.
 - Cicily: I encourage you to contact Carrie Sager who's the homeless Senior Program Coordinator who can probably provide more data.
- CM E. Flores: I have a friend who is does work with homeless youth along with her father. They go out in the field and gather information about how many homeless youth are in the community, and she wants to help us.

X. FY17/18 Budget Reallocation

- Kevin: We've received our final award amount from San Francisco for the 2017-18 fiscal year, which is the current year, and the amount is \$474,480. Because the amount is \$9,298 more than what we had allocated last year, we're bringing this back to the Council to reallocate. The proposals are based on what's already spent in the first quarter (March through May), and what likely will be needed for the year based on first quarter spendings. Here is our proposal:

	Current FY17/18 Budget	Proposed FY17/18 Budget
CORE SERVICES		
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Care		
Oral Health Care		
Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance	\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000
Mental Health Services	\$ 80,000	\$ 85,000
Medical Case Management	\$ 153,000	\$ 153,000
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Non-medical Case Management	\$ 119,000	\$ 124,530
Emergency Financial Assistance	\$ 50,000	\$ 42,000
Food Vouchers		
Medical Transportation	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,000
Psychosocial Support Services	\$ 21,082	\$ 16,000
Council Support	\$ 400	\$ 250
TOTALS	\$ 465,482	\$ 474,780

- CM W. Flores asked about why Emergency Financial Assistance had decreased, and was told that this is based on first quarter spending and that the Council has often allocated higher amounts for this service category, but the demand for the service is often less than the demand and therefore needs to be readjusted.
- CM Moske asked if Medical Case Management would be impacted due to potential clinic closures and was assured that the amount would continue to be allocated to the service category unless the Council decides to reallocate the funds.

CM Travirca motioned to accept the proposed motion made by the County. Seconded by CM Moske.

CM Dobra (non-voting)
 CM Dowling: Recuse
 CM E. Flores: Yes
 CM W. Flores: Yes
 CM Malone: Recuse
 CM Moske: Yes
 CM Nizovskikh: Yes
 CM Travirca: Yes

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Motion passes with 100% of votes.

Public Comment: None

XI. FY18/19 Annual Prioritization – VOTE

- Prioritization is based on what councilmembers believe is the greatest priority within the community. The prioritization worksheet had 11 service categories listed, all which are funded across Ryan White Part A and Part B. Added to the list this year is “Housing Services” since it’s been funded through Part B. The Council was provided a list of HRSA service category definitions at the last Council meeting, and is welcome to add any service categories that are not listed here.
- Since prioritization is not linked directly to funding, it’s not considered a conflict of interest, and therefore all councilmembers can participate in ranking priorities and voting.

FY2018-19 Marin HIV/AIDS Care Council Service Category Prioritization

	Service Category	2018-19 Rank
j.	Mental Health Services	1
i.	Medical Case Management (including Treatment Adherence)	2
n.	Case Management (Non-Medical) aka Benefits Counseling	3
f.	Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing	4
d.	Oral Health Care	5
a.	Outpatient /Ambulatory Health Care	6
r.	Food Bank/Home-delivered Meals	7
q.	Emergency Financial Assistance	8
t.	Housing Services	9
w.	Medical Transportation Services	10
z.	Psychosocial Support Services	11

CM Travirca motioned to approve the Ryan White service category priority rankings for FY2018-19. Seconded by CM Malone.

Yes: CM Dobra, CM Dowling, CM E. Flores, CM W. Flores, CM Malone, CM Moske, CM Nizovskikh, CM Travirca

No: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

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Motion passes with 100% of votes.

Public Comment: None

XII. Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Allocation – VOTE

- The proposed FY18/19 Ryan White Part A budget assumes that the award amount will remain flat-funded. It reduces the amount in Medical Case Management, that difference which will instead be funded in Part B. It increases the funding for the food vouchers, which will be reduced in Part B where it's currently funded. Finally, it increases the amount in Psychosocial Support Services, which is currently funded in both Part A and B, so that the service category is funded only under one funding stream.

	County Proposed FY18/19 Budget
CORE SERVICES	
Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Care	
Oral Health Care	
Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance	\$ 40,000
Mental Health Services	\$ 85,000
Medical Case Management	\$ 93,000
SUPPORT SERVICES	
Non-Medical Case Management	\$ 118,000
Emergency Financial Assistance	\$ 40,000
Food Vouchers	\$ 59,500
Medical Transportation	\$ 14,000
Psychosocial Support Services	\$ 25,000
Council Support	\$ 280
TOTALS	\$ 474,780

- CM Malone asked why the proposed FY18/19 Non-Medical Case Management decreased from the FY17/18 amount, and was told that this amount is based on looking at historical trends from the past five years, which has never exceeded this amount.
- CM W. Flores shared that diet and healthy eating have become a greater issue for people living with HIV and that the cost of healthy foods is a barrier.
- No decisions were made so discussion and vote on allocation tabled for Wednesday, July 24 from 4-5:30pm.

Public Comment: None

XIII. Membership Discussion – VOTE

- Esmeralda Garcia’s interviewed for membership into the Care Council. Esmeralda was present to answer questions.

CM Dobra motion to approve Esmeralda Garcia’s as a member of the Care Council for a two year term. Seconded by CM Dowling. Unanimously approved by the Council.

Public Comment: None

XIV. New Business – None

XV. Adjourn

CM W. Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Next Meeting:

July 26, 2017

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 109

San Rafael, CA

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 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!