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MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

May 9, 2018

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 Moske and CM E. Flores called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: Linda Dobra, Elaine Flores (co-chair), Wade Flores, Bobby Moske (co-chair), Alex Nizovskikh, Ken Trvirca, James Frazier

Council Members Arriving Late: Julie Dowling (3:14pm)

Council Members Absent: Jennifer Malone (excused), Esmeralda Garcia (excused)

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Kevin Lee, Lisa Santora

Public Present: David, Suzanne, Alex Diefenbach, Leslie Gallen, Steve Merjavy, Thomas Knoble

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

CM Trvirca motioned to approve the draft agenda, seconded by CM Frazier, approved unanimously by the Council.

IV. Review and approval of Minutes – VOTE

CM W. Flores motioned to approve the draft minutes, seconded by CM Frazier, approved by the Council.

V. General Announcements

- CM W. Flores: I will be interviewing for the MCC board. It requires a face-to-face meeting, attendance at one of their meetings, and a six year commitment.
 - CM Trvirca: I recently received dental care at MCC, and thought that it went well.

VI. Public Comment

- Leslie Gallen: The Spahr Center is establishing an HIV Client Advisory Committee, and will hold a meeting on May 29 from 3-5pm, facilitated by

Jeremey Tsuchitani-Watson from the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, to learn more about the committee and to pick up an application to be on the committee.

- Alex Diefenbach: The San Francisco EMA “shared values and vision” indicates that in order to meet the needs of people living with HIV, clients in the service system should be fully involved in the design, implementation, and governance of the system. This is the opposite to what The Spahr Center has done. They have only recently worked on developing an HIV client advisory committee, but without the participation of clients. The Spahr Center has indicated that no one living with HIV has served on their Board of Directors since 2011, yet they have recently recruited three new members without notice to stakeholders, one of the appointed members self-described as a conservative evangelical with homophobic values, which is antithetical to the agency’s mission. The Spahr Center recently posted that the Board is seeking an HIV advocate, not client, to fill one seat only. Given all these reasons, it’s believed that The Spahr Center is out of compliance with Ryan White funding requirements, and should be investigated by the Marin Care Council and the San Francisco EMA.
- David: I want to ditto the fact that I received dental services at MCC a number of times and it was excellent. Last week, I spoke to Rick Dean, the Executive Director of Face-to-Face in Sonoma County. He said that he’s always had HIV-positive clients on their Board and currently have two clients, and if one leaves, their position is replaced with someone living with HIV. 30 The Spahr Center clients submitted a petition to The Spahr Center on February 23 asking to eliminate the policy excluding clients from the Board, and that there be a change in the administration.

VII. Co-Chair Report

- CM E. Flores: last month, I attended the steering retreat in San Francisco. There are many changes happening, and someone from San Francisco will check in with San Mateo and Marin counties every other month.
- CM Moske: there will be a Pride picnic in Marin County, sponsored by The Spahr Center. The picnic will be on the second Sunday of June, and anyone interested should reach out to The Spahr Center for more information.

VIII. Prevention Program Report

- We continue to merge and integrate our HIV and STD programs, and are working hard on data-to-care. Many of you may have seen the bus shelter posters – Get Yourself Tested (GYT) – related to STD awareness, mostly focused on youth.
- Adrian Acosta who’s the outreach worker is being trained to do more disease investigation work, and being entrenched more in STD work given its relationship to HIV.
- With the clinic transition, we’ve been doing more linkage of clients who have been out of care and those transitioning into care. We’re also designing new programs where people who are HIV-negative and STD-positive are linked to providers and PrEP, while those who are HIV- and STD-positive are supported in their maintenance of care. We’re seeing an uptick in STDs, but also that those at risk of HIV are getting on PrEP and testing more often.
- CM Moske: how’s the PrEP program in Marin?

- CM Dobra: it's pretty static. Most people interested in PrEP have been getting it San Francisco, or communities that they're comfortable in. MCC, Kaiser, and Planned Parenthood are all doing PrEP, but there's less of a demand in Marin.
- Cicily: we'll be working with linkage and testing in the jails as well.
- CM Frazier: do we know about STD numbers in the region?
 - Cicily: CDPH has numbers for the state and counties, and information can be found on their website.

IX. Division of Public Health Report

- Cicily: we're continuing to work with Marin Community Clinics on the clinic transition, and are working with The Spahr Center to ensure coordination of care. We'll have Sarah King and their staff come in at a future meeting, and you all can ask questions about how things are going.
 - Kevin: because Sarah and Lydia, who works with the dental clinic, weren't able to make it today, they'll be here during the June meeting.
- Lisa Santora: I met with Dr. Sandra Wallace yesterday, and things are coming along, and they're continuing to work together to make sure their services are in place and meeting the needs of clients.
 - CM Moske: what they've done with the building and their clinics is spectacular.
- Kevin: I'd like to announce that I will be leaving the County sometime later in the year because I'll be going back to graduate school for my doctorate. I'll still be here in the few months and possibly a little longer, but I will be transitioning out of the County and this role.

X. Division of Public Health Report – FY17/18 Annual Client Satisfaction Survey

- Kevin presented on the FY17/18 Client Satisfaction Survey
 - 82 clients filled out the survey with a 43% response rate:
 - Overall, clients were satisfied with services with food cards having the highest satisfaction and Oral Health Care with the lowest satisfaction
 - Qualitatively, clients shared having challenges with the food pantry and the options and quality of foods offered.
 - Provided the transition of care, we'll be paying attention to next year's results and how satisfaction may change as a result of these changes.
 - Clients ranked fatigue, depression or anxiety, chronic pain, lack of money, and medication side effects as their greatest health concern, which is consistent with responses from previous years and something to consider for future planning.
 - The vast majority of clients rated their health as excellent or good.
 - A full report is still in the works and will be sent out once that's complete.

Public Comment:

- David: thank you for sharing. Whenever requests to share information have been made, you all have provided information. The Spahr Center Board was surprised to learn that there was a Client Satisfaction Survey when we brought it up to them in the past.

XI. Division of Public Health Report – FY17/18 Service Category Summary Sheets

- Kevin presented on the FY17/18 Service Category Summary Sheets
 - Less was spent on Medical Case Management and Emergency Financial Assistance while more was spent on Benefits Counseling and Medical Transportation.
 - Increasing utilization in Benefits Counseling, while decreasing utilization in Mental Health, and relatively flat utilization across Medical Case Management and Medical Transportation.

Public Comment: None

XII. 2017 HIV Epidemiology Presentation – Deborah Gallagher

- Deaths and new diagnoses have been decreasing over time while people living with HIV increases.
- 24 new cases in 2016, everyone linked into care and 22 were virally suppressed; 92% virally suppressed which is pretty good. In terms of total number of people living with HIV in Marin, 74% viral suppression.

Public Comment: None

XIII. New Business – None

- CM Nizovskikh: is it possible to have a training on budgets?
 - Cicily: as we get all of this information, we can do a training for all members to review data and information.
- Kevin: because Cicily and I will be out in August, we're proposing to have both prioritization and allocation in July like last year. Prioritization would be on July 11 and allocation would be on July 25, tentatively 3-6pm.
- CM Frazier: should we expect any changes from our president with everything happening in the federal government?
 - Cicily: we don't see any changes with the budget and Ryan White services, and we're still also waiting on our funding award from San Francisco. We'll make sure to keep the Council informed of any changes.
- CM Moske: last month, we decided to put together a by-laws work group and we should set a date. People who are interested include myself, Wade, Elaine, and James.
 - Kevin: I can contact people who are interested and set up a date and time.

XIV. Adjourn

CM Moske and CM E. Flores adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2018
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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!