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**MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES**

November 14, 2018

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 110

San Rafael, CA 94901

3:00 – 5:00 pm

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I. Call to Order

CM Bobby Moske called meeting to order at 3:19 pm.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: Bobby Moske, Elaine Flores, James Frazier, Julie Dowling, Ken Travirca, Jennifer Malone, Esmeralda Garcia, Alex Nizovskikh

Council Members Arriving Late: None.

Council Members Absent: Linda Dobra, Wade Flores, Jennifer Malone

Staff Present: Ken Shapiro, Cicily Emerson, Loretta Rogers (secretary)

Public Present: Andy Fyne (Spahr Center)

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

CM Elaine Flores requested that members review the draft agenda. No amendments were requested.

CM Julie Dowling moved to approve the draft agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by CM Ken Travirca. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

IV. Review and approval of Minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting – VOTE

CM Bobby Moske requested that members review the draft minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting.

CM Esmeralda Garcia moved to approve the draft minutes of the July 25, 2018, meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Elaine Flores. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

V. General Announcements

Andy Fyne of Spahr Center informed the Council that the Center will be closed November 29 and 30 in order make the move to their new location in offices next to Fitness SF off of Lucky Drive. They will re-open on Monday, December 3, 2018. There is plenty of parking at the new location and all personnel have been retained. There will be limited receptionist hours but a nearby office will be available to greet visitors and clients when a receptionist is not on duty. Andy Fyne answered several questions from the Council members about the new location.

Andy Fyne also announced that Thanksgiving turkeys have been ordered for distribution. CM James Frazier brought up the problem he had with his turkey last year. Andy Fyne assured him that this problem has been addressed and will not recur.

CM E. Flores recommended the Spahr Center for their work and commitment to the community.

VI. Public Comment – Each member of the public has 2.5 minutes to speak

None.

Ken Shapiro introduced himself. He is the Marin County Public Health Division Director in charge of the Whole Person Care pilot project. In turn, all attendees introduced themselves to him.

VII. Co-Chair Report

None from CM Bobby Moske.

CM Elaine Flores reported that the annual Marin Presentation for FY 19-20 was approved by the San Francisco Planning Council was well received and approved unanimously.

VIII. Prevention Program Report

Cicity Emerson reported that CM Linda Dobra is attending an STD conference and will report on this program at the next meeting. Cicity stated that the program has been able to be sustained with a variety of funding. There be some changes in the new year now that the Spahr Center has moved and there may be shifts in the testing program.

IX. Division of Public Health Report

Ken Shapiro gave a presentation on the Whole Person Care (WPC) program. He stated that it is a pilot program, authorized under California's Medi-Cal 2020 waiver. Up to \$1.5 billion in federal funds is available to California over five years to match local public funds for the WPC pilots.

The purpose of a WPC pilot is to create a locally-based program that coordinates medical, behavioral health, and social services for vulnerable Medi-Cal clients who are high users of multiple health care systems but continue to have poor outcomes. WPC pilots coordinate among public and private entities to identify target populations, share data between systems, coordinate care and evaluate individual and population health outcomes. Counties and cities can apply to the state to fund a pilot.

Marin County's pilot has achieved the following:

1. Made progress in building systems for coordinating care and sharing data for Medi-Cal recipients.
2. Adopted a "housing first" model. There are cost savings as a result of housing the homeless.
3. Hired a former property manager to contact and negotiate with landlords to make available housing for the homeless. Currently, 70 previously-homeless people have been placed in housing. This constitutes 20% of our homeless population.
4. All clients must first sign a "release of information" document which allows their information to be shared among all relevant agencies. Their privacy will be respected as much as possible.
5. Worked with the San Rafael Police Department to do outreach to the homeless.
6. Initiated comprehensive case management. 30 clients are being handled by Ritter House. 45 clients are being handled by MCC. We are in the process of setting up case management at Marin City Health and Wellness.
7. 25 patients with severe mental illness are being managed by the County. 12 with mild to moderate mental illness are being managed by MCC.

There was a brief Q&A with members of the Council.

X. Needle Exchange Report

Cicily Emerson gave a brief PowerPoint presentation, reviewing the history of the needle exchange program in Marin County. The Board of Supervisors approved the syringe exchange in 2001. At present, pharmacies can sell syringes without a prescription. The County provides sharps containers. The Spahr Center has provided needle exchange since 1999.

Andy Fyne handed out copies of his "Syringe Access Site Narrative Report for 2017" to the Council members. He then reported that the demand for syringes has increased with the opioid crisis. In 2014, 58,000 syringes were handed out. In 2017, 130,819 syringes were handed out. In 2017, Spahr Center initiated a count of returned syringes and found that they have a 68% return rate. Spahr Center has 90 unduplicated

clients per month, 200 unique clients per year. Spahr Center also provides other supplies, such as tests for fentanyl, Narcan, etc. They are working to develop more locations and times, and establish a county-wide program. The program has not had adequate funding.

XI. Policies and Procedures Review

Cicity Emerson reviewed some of the outstanding issues, such as Council members designating a proxy in case of illness. Cicity will draft the changes for the Council Members to review. These will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

XII. 2018 Community Forum Planning, continued

CM Bobby Moske reminded the Council that this forum will take place on the Thursday, November 29, 2018. The location will be San Rafael Community Center at 618 B Street in San Rafael. The time will be from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. CM Bobby Moske reported that he intends to recreate what was done last year.

- There will be food for 25 people; Bobby will have basically the same menu as last year.
- Bobby had written an announcement which he read out to the Council for approval. It will be 10 seconds long. The Council approved.
- There will be a presentation on all the services offered by the Spahr Center. Attendees will be asked the top three things they would like to add or change about the Spahr Center. There will be a facilitated discussion and a prioritizing exercise with dots. Cicity will talk to Kevin Lee about the dot exercise.
- There will be a short discussion of people's experience transitioning from the County Clinic to Marin Community Clinics.
- There will be a commemoration of the clients who passed, including names and dates. A poster board with the names and dates will be on hand. There will be time for personal sharing.

XIII. Co-Chair Nominations

Cicity Emerson asked for nominations for Co-Chair for next year. CM Elaine Flores nominated CM Wade Flores and CM James Frazier. CM James Frazier accepted the nomination. CM James Frazier also nominated CM Bobby Moske who accepted. There will be time for more nominations at the January 2019 meeting and a vote will be taken then.

XIV. Next Steps – New Business – CM Ken Traverca inquired about the SSI cash-out. Cicity said clarified that people living on SSI/SSP will be eligible for CalFRESH in June of 2019. SSDI recipients have always been eligible, but are subject to financial eligibility requirements and may make too much income to qualify. Cicity will work to develop a fact sheet for clients to get ready for this change. Discussion on food resources, Cicity urged people to download the Marin Food Now app and find out about

local pantries. Cicily will update on CalFRESH changes at the next meeting.

XV. Adjourn

CM Ken Trvirca moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Julie Dowling seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, January 9, 2018
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3:00 – 5:00 pm**