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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES  
March 13, 2019**

**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 James Frazier called meeting to order at 3:10pm.

**II. Roll Call**

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

Council Members Arriving Late: Esmeralda Garcia

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kevin Lee, Cicily Emerson, Loretta Rogers

Public Present: Dana Van Gorder (Acting Director of the Spahr Center)

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

CM James Frazier requested that members review the draft agenda. No amendments were requested.

CM Linda Dobra moved to approve the draft agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by CM Elaine Flores. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

**IV. Review and approval of Minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting – VOTE**

CM James Frazier requested that members review the draft minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting.

CM Ken Travirca moved to approve the draft minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Julie Dowling. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

**V. General Announcements**

CM Elaine Flores announced that there is a new service available called “Fuzzy Pet Health” which provides for in-home veterinary service which would be a great convenience. It is a membership. Their headquarters are in San Francisco and they service as far north as Marin and as far south as San Jose. She passed out a flyer.

CM Bobby Moske alerted the Council members to California SB 58, introduced by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco). If passed, this bill would allow liquor stores and bars to stay open until 4:00 am, instead of the current 2:00 am. Initially, this would only affect nine California cities, including San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Cathedral City, Sacramento and a few others. These cities have the highest rates of alcoholism in the state. He urges the Council members to be active in opposing this bill.

CM James Frazier announced an event called the “Black Brothers Esteem Club” this Friday, March 15, 2019, put on by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. It will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Castro Country Club.

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

None, as there were no members of the public present.

**VII. Co-Chair Report**

CM Wade Flores thanked Bobby Moske and Elaine Flores for their past service as co-chairs. CM Wade Flores also thanked the Council members for the get-well card he received. He gave a brief description of the long bout of illness he suffered, resulting in the loss of 42 lbs. CD Wade Flores also informed the Council members that Jennifer Malone has resigned from the Council after 12 years of service.

CM James Frazier reported that he had been diagnosed with shingles, received a medication from his provider and the shingles was resolved the same day.

**VIII. Prevention Program Report**

Linda Dobra reported that April is STD Awareness month. There will be a campaign to promote this awareness, consisting of posters in bus shelters around Marin County.

Marin Community Clinics (MCC) has started an STD clinic, operating on Monday and Thursday evenings. This will provide patients with easier access to treatment and it will be a good place for them to obtain PrEP.

Needle Exchange / Syringe Access will be available at the Campus on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Breezeway rooms.

There will be an “Educators of Youth” training for educators of sexual health regarding the revised program. This will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Room 110. It will be for 3.5 hours.

There is a new testing schedule at Spahr Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The intent is to make testing as easy and user-friendly as possible.

Supplemental funds are being sought to start a needle exchange at MCC. There is a new provider at MCC, Phyllis Cohen.

**IX. Division of Public Health Report**

Cicily Emerson reported that Dr. Grant Colfax has resigned as Director of Health & Human Services (HHS). Hy Hinojosa is now serving as Acting Director. Recruitment for a replacement for Dr. Colfax has now begun. She reviewed some of Dr. Colfax’s accomplishments and contributions to HHS during his tenure, including the Strategic Plan and an increased focus on equity. She will provide the Council members with copies of the Strategic Plan.

HIV funding looks stable for the next year.

The annual client satisfaction survey will go out before the end of March. It will be available via paper form and online. It will include a new question, asking clients to prioritize services.

MCC will hire a new LCSW for case management. The Complex case management team will work with Whole Person Care (WPC) case managers. Their scope will include Hep C and HIV clients.

There will be a Behavioral Health update at the next meeting.

CalFresh enrollment team is being trained by the State. MCC will be doing CalFresh enrollment. It is important to emphasize to clients that the entire CalFresh allotment for the month must be used during that month. Clients cannot hoard cards and hold them over to the next month.

**X. Meet & Greet: Dana Van Gorder (Spahr Center)**

Mr. Dana Van Gorder, new acting director of the Spahr Center, introduced himself and provided some of his professional background. He reported that the Spahr Center Board is currently recruiting a new permanent director. His foci during his tenure will be on listening to

clients and partners, fund-raising and recruiting more volunteers. He stated the following concerns:

1. Needle exchange is a concern as it cannot be done at the new office in Corte Madera. A mobile unit is probably the answer.
2. Rapid connection of newly diagnosed patients to treatment and support
3. More outreach to the African-American and Latino men in response to rising transmission rates. They need to be provided with PrEP.
4. Mental health services are experiencing a transition in staff. Spahr Center is looking to increase services.
5. Meth use is a concern and he is looking to make contact with others who have worked in this area. Mark Dale and RxSafe Marin were suggested.
6. He would like to increase Hep Ce testing, working with partners on this effort.
7. He would like to piggyback on the County's client satisfaction survey to find out how Spahr Center clients are feeling about the services.
8. The HIV Advisory Committee is considering what the Spahr Center can do better.

There will be an Open House at the Spahr Center on April 17<sup>th</sup>. More information about this event will be sent to the Council members.

CM Elaine Flores suggested more attention needs to be paid to the fact that HIV and diabetes occur together frequently, particularly in the African-American and Latino communities. Linda Dobra stated that Pacific AIDS Training and Education Center has training on this, specifically about nutrition.

**XI. FY 18/19 Ryan White Budget Update**

Kevin Lee gave a PowerPoint presentation and passed out copies of the presentation to Council members.

**XII. AIRES Data Presentation**

The Council voted to table this agenda item, but Kevin Lee assured the Council that the information was brief. He went over a few PowerPoint slides and explained same. These slides were included in the hand-out given to members.

**XIII. Membership – Alexey Novozskikh**

CM James Frazier asked for a member to move to renew Alexey Novozskikh's membership on the Council. CM Ken Travirca so moved. CM Elaine Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XIV. New Business - None**

**XV. Adjourn**

CM James Frazier declared the meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2019  
Health & Wellness Campus  
3240 Kerner Blvd.  
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3:00 – 5:00 pm**