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**MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
May 8, 2019**

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

3240 Kerner Blvd., Room 110

San Rafael, CA 94901

3:00 – 4:30 pm

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I. Call to Order

CM Wade Flores called meeting informally to order at 3:14 pm.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: James Frazier, Elaine Flores, Julie Dowling, Alex Nizovskikh, Bobby Moske

Council Members Arriving Late: None

Council Members Absent: Ken Travirca, Esmeralda Garcia, Linda Dobra

Staff Present: Kevin Lee, Cicily Emerson, Loretta Rogers

Public Present: Dana Van Gorder (Spahr Center)

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

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

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

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes – VOTE

- a. March 13, 2019 meeting minutes – CM Wade Flores pointed out that CM James Frazier called the meeting to order. Also, in Item IV, CM James Frazier requested members to review the draft minutes. CM Bobby Moske request that in Item V, second paragraph, that SB 905 be changed to SB 58.

With the above changes, CM Bobby Moske moved to approve the March 13, 2019 minutes. CM Julie Dowling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. April 17, 2019 meeting minutes: CM Elaine Flores moved to approve the minutes. CM Julie Dowling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements:

- a. CM James Frazier announced that he had traveled to Sacramento to alert legislators that President Trump intends to take away Medicare Part D. He said that the assemblymen and senators assured him that President Trump would not succeed.
- b. CM Bobby Moske reported that he attended a Leadership Conference on Monday and Tuesday of last week. On National Representative Day, activists will be heading for Sacramento to advocate on behalf of the legislation they favor. They will meet with legislators on May 23rd. CM Bobby Moske will send out an email to Council Members regarding this event.
- c. CM Wade Flores reported that he and CM Elaine Flores will travel to Sacramento to advocate for people with HIV/AIDS. The group will leave from the Spahr Center at 7:30 am. The Spahr Center is the contact.

VI. Public Comment: None.

VII. Co-Chair Report: None.

VIII. Prevention Program Report: Cicily Emerson stated that she would give this report as Linda Dobra is not present. Linda is working on access with Andy Fyne. The Needle Exchange program is up and running. Adrian Acosta is staffing it on Monday and Wednesday nights; this will change to Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are working to set up needle exchange locations in Novato, near Goodwill, and southern Marin in the Manzanita parking lot. A vehicle has been bought to provide mobile access to needle exchange. Numbers accessing the needle exchange program are increasing. Testing numbers are down, but there were four positives last week. Deborah Gallagher can give an update. Once we get the new locations, we will do promotion. We find that lots of people are doing testing with their providers now. Kevin Lee reported that National Testing Day is next month. This month is STD Awareness Month. Std rates are trending down. There has been lots of condom distribution.

IX. Division of Public Health Report: Cicily Emerson distributed to Council members a CalFresh Key Messaging hand-out. She reported that SSI/SSP recipients can now apply for CalFresh, beginning June 1, 2019. This has been announced at the HIV Service Provider meeting. A line list is being drawn up. Great outreach is being done. Marin Community Clinics has a CalFresh specialist to help clients apply. However, the Spahr Center does not have such a specialist; however, they are going through their roles to contact people about this newly available benefit.

Cicily Emerson also reported that recruitment is underway to replace Dr. Grant Colfax as Director of Health and Human Services. Dr. Hy Hinojosa is Interim Director.

A replacement for Kevin Lee has been selected and has accepted the position. Her name is Nga Le. No start date has been determined yet. Kevin Lee reported that he has worked with Nga before and found her a good and knowledgeable person; she should be a good fit for this position.

This is Kevin Lee's last meeting with the HIV/AIDS Care Council. He will travel to Washington, DC during the summer, but will return to help orient Nga Le. Members of the Council expressed their appreciation for Kevin's hard work with the Council.

Kevin Lee reported that Deborah Gallagher will present next month with surveillance data and other information. Cicily Emerson will send the survey to all Council members for their review. The results of the survey will be presented to the Council. The response rate is similar to last year's rate.

Cicily Emerson reported that the Conflict of Interest review will be done at the next meeting. Also, Cicily will be attending the HIV/AIDS Controllers' meeting this month.

Cicily Emerson reported that there has been a change in how supplemental funds are being spent. There was brief discussion.

Jennifer Malone has been contacted. Cicily Emerson will provide her with a certificate.

X. Service Category Summary Sheets: Kevin Lee passed out the "County of Marin Ryan White Fiscal Year 2018/19 Service Category Summary Sheets." He reviewed each category and answered questions from the Council members.

XI.

XII. Next Steps – New Business: CM Alex Nozovskikh reported that many clients are having problems with housing due to rising rents, scarcity of affordable housing, etc. He will send an email to the Council members detailing his concerns. He is wondering if funds can be provided to clients for rent. Cicily Emerson reported that Ryan White funds cannot be used for rent. There was brief discussion of the challenges facing people living in Marin with regard to housing.

CM Wade Flores briefly reviewed the meeting schedule for the next few months. The June meeting will be on the 12th. There will be meetings on July 10 and 24 but no meeting in August.

XIII. Adjourn

CM Wade Flores adjourned the meeting at 4:34 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**
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 3:00 – 5:00 pm