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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

**June 12, 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 Wade Flores called meeting to order at 3:12 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

Council Members Present at Roll Call: Wade Flores, Elaine Flores, Esmeralda Garcia, Alex Nizovskikh, Bobby Moske, Linda Dobra

Council Members Arriving Late: None

Council Members Absent: Ken Travirca, James Frazier, Julie Dowling

Staff Present: Nga Le, Cicily Emerson, Loretta Rogers

Public Present: Dana Van Gorder (Spahr Center), Maria Camacho, Leslie Gallen (Spahr Center), Deborah Gallagher, Steve Daly

**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. May 8, 2019 meeting minutes – CM Wade Flores pointed out that on Page 2, Item V, Sub-Item c, the last two sentences should read as follows: “The group will leave from the Spahr Center at 7:30 am. The Spahr Center is the contact.”

With the above change, CM Elaine Flores moved to approve the May 8, 2019 minutes. CM Esmeralda Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. General Announcements:**

- a. Dana Van Gorder announced that there is a Spahr Center picnic at Piper Park, 250 Doherty Drive, Larkspur on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from noon to 3:00 pm.
- b. CM Bobby Moske requested that members go to the June 18, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting, at 9:00 am, and speak during Public Comment time in support of the LGBTQ community, asking the Board to recognize its contributions to Marin County residents and recognize the services of the Spahr Center.
- c. CM Wade Flores announced that Saturday, June 22, 2019 is Pride Day in Marin County.

**VI. Public Comment:** None.

**VII. Co-Chair Report:** None.

**VIII. Prevention Program Report:** Linda Dobra reported that the County Public Health has the authority to use surveillance data for linkage to care. She is working to educate providers on this. If they have an HIV case, they and the patient will be contacted by Public Health. Linda also said that she attended the STD Directors Conference on May 21 – 22, 2019. The focus was on the pros and cons of data-to-care and the yield of linking patients back in to care. Locally, we are doing outreach to get people into testing. We are reinventing our prevention program, focusing on testing and needle exchange. Besides the needle exchange/testing at the Campus, there are additional sites at Fourth and Heatherton in San Rafael and in Mill Valley. An additional testing/needle exchange site is planned for Novato. At these sites, we promote MCC's STD clinic. If no positive test is obtained at a site in one year, the state requires the site to be closed. Lastly, Linda announced that June 27<sup>th</sup> is National HIV Testing Day.

**IX. Division of Public Health Report:** Cicily Emerson introduced Nga Le, who replaces Kevin Lee as Senior Program Coordinator for the HIV/AIDS program.

- a. **FY 18/19 Annual Client Satisfaction Survey:** Nga Le gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the annual client satisfaction survey. She distributed copies of the presentation to Council members. She stated that there are 286 Ryan White clients on the books; 176 surveys were mailed out and 82 surveys were returned. This is a 47% response rate which is relatively good. A \$20.00 gift certificate was offered as an incentive to complete the survey. The survey could be responded to either via mail or email. Nga reviewed the services that respondents were asked to rate plus the results for each category. A minority of respondents included

comments on the survey; Nga presented all of those. She reviewed how respondents rated their own health and their top five concerns. The concerns were: (1) Depression or Anxiety (50%); (2) Fatigue (45%); (3) Lack of money for daily living (43%); (4) Chronic pain (33%); and (5) Medication side effects (24%). The Spahr Center is working on their own client satisfaction survey. Nga then answered a few questions from the membership.

**b. Conflict of Interest Review:** Cicily Emerson reviewed definitions of “conflict of interest” and the disclosure requirements for the HIV/AIDS Care Council members. The disclosure form was passed out to all members and time was given for all the members to fill out and sign the form. Cicily Emerson collected the completed forms.

**X. 2018 HIV Epidemiology Presentation.:** Deborah Gallagher gave a PowerPoint presentation, entitled, “HIV Surveillance & Epidemiology in Marin.” She passed out copies of the presentation to all Council members. Deborah stated that her task as epidemiologist is to track the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Marin County. This is required by law and is regulated by the state. Data is received from the providers via case reports and from laboratories via lab results. Both are automatically provided to local health departments who in turn pass on the information to the California Department of Public Health – Office of AIDS and from there the data is relayed to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She reviewed the number of Marin County residents diagnosed with HIV infections from 1981 to 2018, the number of new diagnoses and deaths from 2010 to 2018 plus the demographics of HIV patients by age, race, gender and source of infection. She then went over the characteristics of people living with HIV who are current Marin residents along with an analysis of their continuum of care. Finally, she listed the limitations of the HIV surveillance data she just presented. She then answered questions from members.

**XI. Next Steps – New Business: None.**

**XII. Adjourn**

CM Wade Flores adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

**Next Meeting:**                    **Wednesday, July 10, 2019**  
   **Health & Wellness Campus**  
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   **3:00 – 6:00 pm**