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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

September 11, 2019

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

20 N. San Pedro, Pt. Reyes Room

San Rafael, CA 94903

3:00 – 5:00 pm

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I. Call to Order

CM Wade Flores called meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: James Frazier, Elaine Flores, Wade Flores, Esmeralda Garcia, Julie Dowling, Linda Dobra

Council Members Arriving Late: Ken Travirca, Bobby Moske

Council Members Absent: Alex Nizovskikh

Staff Present: Nga Le, Cicily Emerson, Loretta Rogers,

Public Present: Dana Van Gorder (Spahr Center), Leslie Gallen (Spahr Center), Susan Kim, Spencer Kraynik, Maureen “Mo” Denieva-Marsh, Lydia Arellano, Kevin Lee

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 Linda Dobra. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes – VOTE

a. July 24, 2019 meeting minutes – CM Linda Dobra moved to approve the July 24, 2019 minutes without amendment. CM Elaine Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements:

a. Nga Le announced that there will be a Binational Event on Sunday, October 27, in the parking lot of Cardenas Market from 10:00 am to

2:00 pm. Nga asked if the Care Council wanted to have a table at this event. CM James Frazier and CM Esmeralda Garcia agreed to help and table along with Nga Le. Dana Van Gorder stated that the Spahr Center would help. The Care Council will have a table at the event to spread awareness about National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day which is on October 15th in addition to recruiting new members.

- b. The Lions Club of Marin is doing vision screening on October 27th at the Connection Center from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Binational event.
- c. The Resilient Neighborhoods Climate Action Team is holding free 5-meeting workshops. Nga Le has flyers. These workshops will be held at the San Rafael Community Center.

VI. Public Comment:

- a. Dana Van Gorder announced that the HIV Advisory Council of the Spahr Center is planning an event for World AIDS Day that will be focused on the “Getting to Zero” initiative. There will be a planning meeting on September 19th, at 4:00 pm at the Spahr Center. Anyone interested in joining can contact Dana. He asked if the Council would be willing to co-sponsor this event. Bobby Moske moved that the Council co-sponsor this event. Ken Travirca seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Lydia Arellano announced that Marin Community Clinics offers vision testing. It has a vision center.
- c. Maureen “Mo” Denieva-Marsh announced that there will be a presentation by Nic and David Sheff regarding drugs, alcohol and addiction on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Dominican University in Angelico Hall. Nic and David Sheff’s story was told in the recent movie, “Beautiful Boy,” starring Steve Carrell. Mo handed out flyers about this event.
- d. Dana Van Gorder announced that on October 11, 2019, National “Coming Out” Day, the film “And Then We Danced” will be shown at 3:00 pm at the Sequoia Theater. A reception will follow at the Arts Center.
- e. Cicily Emerson announced that tomorrow there will be a free presentation on Suicide Prevention at the Marin County Office of Education at 1111 Las Gallinas, San Rafael, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

VII. Co-Chair Report: None.

VIII. Prevention Program Report: CM Linda Dobra reported that work is being done to refine the programs. She is working to have seamless interaction between Marin Community Clinics and the Jail. Other efforts include testing, refining the PrEP program, etc. We now have five locations for the needle exchange: The Health and Wellness Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings; the Manzanita Parking Lot on Tuesdays; West Marin Multi-Service Center and the 4th Street Underpass

on Thursdays; and 1682 Novato Blvd., Suite 104 on Fridays. A flyer about the needle exchange program with locations, dates and times was passed out.

IX. Division of Public Health Report:

- a. Cicily Emerson reported that the County has been receiving supplemental Part B funding, the grant extending from October 1 to September 30th. The County submitted a supplemental Part B application this year to fund early intervention services, mental health, and food bank/home delivered meals and will find out at the end of the month if the funding will be granted.
- b. Cicily Emerson reported that eligibility guidelines are changing for Ryan White. The new guidelines went into effect on July 1st; we have 9 months to implement.
- c. Health & Human Services has a new director, Benita McLarin. She began on Monday, September 9th. We will invite her to attend one of the HIV/AIDS Care Council meetings.
- d. Cicily Emerson announced that the Care Council needs to nominate new co-chairs for the next year. This is a one-year commitment. The following nominations were made:
 - i. CM Elaine Flores nominated CM Wade Flores. CM Esmeralda Garcia seconded.
 - ii. CM Bobby Moske nominated CM Elaine Flores. CM Ken Trvirca seconded.
 - iii. CM Linda Dobra nominated CM James Frazier. CM Bobby Moske seconded.Voting will take place at the next meeting. More nominations can be made then as well.
- e. CM Bobby Moske announced that UCSF is doing a study on mindfulness and HIV. It has been going on for five years. Bobby has been participating.

X. Presentation regarding RxSafe Marin: Maureen “Mo” Denieva-Marsh gave a PowerPoint presentation on RxSafe Marin. She also introduced the two AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers, Spencer Kraynik and Susan Kim, who are working on the opioid crisis. She passed out copies of the presentation to all attendees. She stated that more information can be found on the RxSafe Marin website. Susan Kim then gave a short presentation on Narcan kits and fentanyl testing strips. She gave out Narcan kits to all attendees who requested them. Kevin Lee then said “good-bye” to the Council and thanked them for the experience of working with them.

XI. Break

XII. Membership / Recruitment / Attendance:

- a. Nga Le presented the attendance records of all current Council Members which showed that all members are in compliance.
- b. Nga Le announced that the Care Council's Community Forum will be on November 19th. She presented a draft agenda. It will be at the Connection Center at the Campus from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Food will come from Panera. Nga asked the members if the dot exercise should be included in this year's forum and all agreed to that. Nga will send out a flyer, the draft of which the Council approved. A \$20.00 gift card will be given to all attendees. CM Wade Flores stated that he will take flyers to Kaiser. The advertising will begin at the beginning of November. There was brief discussion of how to recruit new Council members. It was suggested that a few Council members share at the Forum about their experience being a Council member and why they felt it was worthwhile. The new HHS Director, Benita McLarin, will be invited. Interpreter services can be made available for this event. CM Linda Dobra asked that a question be added to the evaluation about barriers to becoming a Council member.
- c. Nga Le presented a calendar of Council meetings for the 2019-20 year. As she will be on vacation for two weeks in November, she suggested that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, October 30th. This was accepted by the Council. The next meeting will be held at 3240 Kerner, as usual.

XIII. Adjourn

CM Wade Flores adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, October 30, 2019**
 Health & Wellness Campus
 3240 Kerner Blvd, Room 109
 San Rafael, CA 94903
 3:00 – 5:00 pm