



DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

**November 13, 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 3:20 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

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

Council Members Arriving Late: Bobby Moske, Alex Nizovskikh

Council Members Absent: Ken Travirca, Esmeralda Garcia

Staff Present: Cicily Emerson, Loretta Rogers

Public Present: Dana Van Gorder (Spahr Center), Todd Paler (HHS – BHRS), Luis Quintanilla (HHS – BHRS), Stephen Spano (ALRP), Emily Heinzen (ALRP), Jodie Campbell (MCC), Lydia Arellano (MCC).

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

CM Wade Flores 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 – VOTE**

a. September 11, 2019 meeting minutes – CM Elaine Flores moved to approve the September 11, 2019, minutes without amendment. CM Julie Dowling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. General Announcements:**

a. CM Wade Flores announced that the HIV/AIDS Care Council will not be co-sponsoring any World AIDS Day events. Bobby Moske

reported that the Spahr Center had a good program planned for the day.

- b. CM Bobby Moske reported that November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Transgender Day of Remembrance; there will be a program at the Spahr Center. He asked that members encourage others to attend. World AIDS Day Celebration at the Spahr Center will take place on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7 p.m.
- c. CM Wade Flores announced that SB 159 will go into effect in January 2020. This law permits pharmacies to prescribe and furnish PrEP.

**VI. Public Comment:** None

**VII. Co-Chair Report:**

- a. CM Wade Flores stated that if a Council member misses two consecutive meetings, then one of the co-chairs will contact that member to inquire why the member is not attending. If a leave of absence is appropriate, that will be arranged.
- b. CM Wade Flores reminded Council members that they must let one of the co-chairs know first before they represent themselves to another council or meeting as a representative of the Council, speaking on behalf of the Council. Cicily Emerson suggested that the co-chairs review the members' rules at the next meeting.
- c. CM James Frasier reported that he will be making a presentation at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

**VIII. Prevention Program Report:** CM Linda Dobra reported that they are still working on the new HIV look-up system in CalREDIE . Cicily Emerson reported that the County has qualified for new Infectious Disease and Hepatitis C funding. The state needle exchange funding will be out through a competitive RFP process next year. The County qualified for Hep C screening funding amounting to \$180,000 per year, half will need to be contracted out. An RFP or LOI process needs to be created for this purpose. The Syringe Access program has moved to Ritter House on Thursday afternoons.

**IX. Division of Public Health Report:**

- a. Cicily Emerson reported that we discovered during the Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS) during October that the Campus has a back-up generator. Marin Community Clinics (MCC) also has a back-up generator.
- b. During the PSPS, about 600 people were accommodated at the shelter in Marin County. Special accommodations were made for the medically fragile, dependent on electronic medical devices.
- c. Cicily Emerson also reported that the HIV/AIDS program sent out a mailer to all listed HIV/AIDS clients. This mailer included alert

information, specifically how to sign up for alerts. Also, it included a flyer announcing the Care Council Forum on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

- d. Dana Van Gorder stated that the Spahr Center had power on Monday in the afternoon and all day on Tuesday. They were open both days, with or without power.

**X. Presentation – Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS):** Luis Quintanilla (program manager at BHRS) and Todd Paler (program manager at BHRS) gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding BHRS services. BHRS is one of four divisions in the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). It oversees a range of mental health and substance use programs for children, adults and seniors. BHRS services are primarily available to Marin County residents who meet medical necessity for services standards and are Medi-Cal beneficiaries or who are uninsured with low incomes. Emergency psychiatric services are provided regardless of insurance and income status at the County’s Crisis Stabilization Unit. Clients access BHRS services through the centralized Access Program which provides 24/7 information, screenings and referrals by phone as well as face-to-face assessments during business hours for adults and children who are Marin County Medi-Cal beneficiaries and low-income, uninsured. Luis Quintanilla then described the BHRS’ continuum of care, the Full-Service Partnerships treatment model and the BRIDGE program. They then answered questions from the Council members and distributed a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

**XI. Break**

**XII. Presentation - AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP):** Stephen Spano (Consumer Advocacy Project Attorney at ALRP) and Emily Heinzen (ALRP) gave a presentation on ALRP and its services. ALRP began in 1983 as a small group of attorneys willing to help people with AIDS with wills, advance directives, estate planning, etc. It has since grown to a full-time staff of fifteen and a panel of over 700 volunteer attorneys donating over \$1 million each year in pro bono legal services. ALRP is based in San Francisco and has an Oakland office as well. It serves seven Bay Area counties. ALRP services include housing, family law, employment, immigration, insurance, confidentiality matters, notaries, credit, government benefits or public accommodations, wills, power of attorney and guardianship contracts. All in-house services are free. Clients who call ALRP will get a call-back in one to two days. They will be given a one-hour free consultation with an attorney. The client will then make a decision to go forward and a fee or no fee will be negotiated with the attorney. The ALRP strives to resolve conflicts and avoid law suits. There was a brief question and answer period. ALRP

representatives will be attending the Care Council’s Community Forum on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**XIII. Community Forum Planning Update** – Cicily Emerson reviewed the agenda for the Forum. There were two changes made to the agenda. (1) Anna’s presentation will follow Jodie Campbell’s. (2) Two Council members, Julie Dowling and Alex Nizovskikh will each make a brief statement as to why they joined the Care Council and why they find the donation of their time beneficial. Cicily will email flyers to the Council and Care Providers for further promotion.

**XIV. Budget Update – VOTE** – The council approved amendments to the current Part A budget to reflect additional funding in Part B. New budget:

	Current	Revised		
Non-Medical Case Management	122,000	122,000		
Medical Case Management	103,000	103,000		
Mental Health	72,000	<b>40,768</b>	Decrease	(31,232)
Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance	46,000	<b>54,213</b>	Increase	8,213
Emergency Financial Assistance	42,000	<b>44,213</b>	Increase	2,213
Medical Transportation	18,000	<b>19,593</b>	Increase	1,593
Psychosocial Support Services	22,000	22,000		
Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals - Voucher	78,491	78,491		
Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals - Pantry	35,000	35,000		
Medical Nutrition Therapy				
Council Support	1,000	1,000		
Housing Assistance		<b>19,213</b>	Increase	19,213
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>539,491</b>	<b>539,491</b>		

**XV. Membership / Renewal / Application Review – VOTE** – Cicily Emerson passed out membership applications. It was proposed to invite Leslie Gallen of the Spahr Center to become a member. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Leslie will be invited to the January council meeting for interview.

**XVI. Co-Chair Nominations – VOTE:** At the September 11, 2019, meeting, the Care Council nominated three members for the co-chair position.

They were Wade Flores, Elaine Flores and James Frasier. A vote of the members was held. Wade Flores and Elaine Flores received the most votes. They will be co-chairs of the Council for the next year beginning in January.

**XVII. Next Steps – New Business**

**XVIII. Adjourn**

CM Wade Flores adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**            **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**  
                                 **Health & Wellness Campus**  
                                 **3240 Kerner Blvd, Room 110**  
                                 **San Rafael, CA 94903**  
                                 **3:00 – 5:00 pm**