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

May 13, 2020

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

Meeting conducted via Zoom

3:00 – 5:00 pm

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I. Call to Order

CM Wade Flores called meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Members Arriving Late: None.

Council Members Absent: Ken Travirca, Julie Dowling, Leslie Gallen

Staff Present: Nga Le, Cicily Emerson, Loretta Rogers

Public Present: Jodie Campbell (MCC), Lydia Arellano (MCC), Kathleen Nash, Julie Case, Jimi Amos

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 Esmeralda Garcia. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes – VOTE

a. January 8, 2020 meeting minutes – CM Linda Dobra moved to approve the January 8, 2020, minutes without amendment. CM Esmeralda Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements: None.

VI. Public Comment: None

VII. Co-Chair Report:

- a. CM Wade Flores expressed happiness that all members were well.

VIII. Prevention Program Report: CM Linda Dobra reported that the work plan has been reviewed. The needle exchange program is continuing. HIV/AIDS patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 are being linked to care by Juan Jimenez and Adrian Acosta. We are working with the jail to link patients to care as they are released from the jail.

IX. Division of Public Health Report:

- a. Cicily Emerson reported that the EOC has been activated since March. Nga Le, Juan Jimenez and Adrian Acosta have continued regular work during this time. We have made calls to providers, promoting the various testing sites for COVID-19.
- b. There is a new testing site in the Canal area at 1177 Francisco. Patients can self-refer to this site using an online application form or by calling an 888 number. They show up by appointment only, however. There is drop-in testing for those Canal residents who cannot navigate the website. This site is now in its second week of operation.
- c. CM Linda Dobra also noted that it is hard to reach certain communities, especially in the Canal area where people tend to have multiple jobs. What is needed is financial assistance for people affected by the shut-down, especially for food, rent, particularly if they are quarantined. We are also doing street outreach for day laborers.
- d. Cicily Emerson also reported that we are getting a lot of calls / questions from the worried well. The next phase of our COVID-19 response started Monday, May 18, 2020.
- e. CM Bobby Moske asked if there are any COVID-19 hot spots in Marin and if any HIV+ people have been affected. Cicily responded that there are no hot spots in Marin; infection seems to be dispersed throughout the County. There has been one death of an HIV+ person. CM Linda Dobra added that high density housing and senior living sites are areas of higher infection rates. About 100 medically fragile homeless are being housed.

X. Robert's Rules of Order Review: Nga Le gave a PowerPoint presentation, reviewing the Robert's Rules of Order with the membership. This presentation was distributed to all members and attendees prior to the meeting via email.

XI. FY 19/20 Annual Client Satisfaction Survey: Nga Le gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the recent Client Satisfaction Survey. A copy of the presentation was sent to all members via email.

Nga reported that this survey was funded by Ryan White grants. The survey was confidential. The clients had the option of responding via paper or online. They were given a \$20.00 gift card incentive to complete the survey. There were 81 respondents, 67% of whom were over 50 years of age. In general, the satisfaction with services expressed by respondents was slightly lower than that of last year. There was some discussion as to why that may be. One member asked that there be a breakdown by ethnic group, at least in the future if it is not available for this survey. It was suggested that in the future the County work more with the Spahr Center and Marin Community Clinics to distribute the surveys more widely and get a larger response.

- XII. ARIES Data Presentation:** Nga Le gave a PowerPoint presentation on the ARIES FY19/20 data overview. There were 298 unduplicated clients. The client demographics were similar to that of the last fiscal year. 70% of clients were over the age of 45, 80% male, 51% white and 32% Hispanic/Latino, and 64% under 138% of the federal poverty level.
- XIII. Membership Discussion / Interview #1 – VOTE**
The Council members interviewed Lydia Arellano for membership. The members unanimously voted to accept Lydia Arellano as a member of the HIV/AIDS Care Council.
- XIV. Membership Discussion / Interview #2 – VOTE**
The Council members interviewed Jodie Campbell for membership. The members unanimously voted to accept Jodie Campbell as a member of the HIV/AIDS Care Council.
- XV. Next Steps – New Business:**
The June and July meetings will be held virtually. Council members expressed interest in continuing to meet virtually at least quarterly so that the meetings can be more accessible to community members.
- XVI. Adjourn:**
CM Elaine Flores adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 3, 2020**
 Location: TBD
 3:00 – 5:00 pm