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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



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

June 3, 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 3:06 pm.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: Lydia Arellano, Jodie Campbell, Julie Dowling, Linda Dobra, Elaine Flores, Wade Flores, Leslie Gallen, Esmeralda Garcia, Bobby Moske

Council Members Arriving Late: None.

Council Members Absent: James Frazier, Alex Nizovskikh, Ken Traverca,

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

Public Present: Dana Van Gorder (Spahr Center), Kathleen Nash, Julie Case

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

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

CM Julie Dowling 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. May 13, 2020 meeting minutes – CM Bobby Moske moved to approve the May 13, 2020, minutes without amendment. CM Linda Dobra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements: Council members discussed their support for the Black Lives Matter movement. CM Bobby Moske shared that the

Board of Supervisors had made statements on their commitments to make things better in Marin County.

VI. Public Comment: None.

VII. Co-Chair Report:

a. CM Wade Flores shared well wishes for an SF Council member that was sick and sympathies for a former Care Council member who recently passed away.

VIII. Prevention Program Report: CM Linda Dobra reported that she is working with The Spahr Center on how to safely provide HIV and HCV testing during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are looking at how to provide testing at a safe distance and using a different set of supplies to keep staff safe.

IX. Division of Public Health Report:

- a. Cicily Emerson reported on the COVID-19 response. Reopening the economy has put more essential workers at risk. They have found more positive COVID-19 cases among the Latino population and the Canal as many are working. We haven't seen an increase in hospitalizations so people are not getting as sick from COVID-19 in this subpopulation. The county is working hard to work with community partners to get the right messaging out about safety, services, and safe isolation and quarantine practices. There is free testing offered and the county is focusing on being strategic where we do test.
- b. People can self-refer themselves to the CDPH testing site which is confidential. You can make an appointment online, get your results online, and there is an online questionnaire that is collected but you don't have to answer all the questions. Cicily will share updated literature with the testing information. People should still be masked if they are in a public space.
- c. Visit marinrecovers.com to get updates and look at the indicators.
- d. We are working on getting the HCV grants up and running.

X. Epidemiology Data Presentation: Deborah Gallagher, epidemiologist and HIV Surveillance Coordinator for Marin County, gave a presentation on the annual HIV epidemiology report. The purpose of HIV surveillance is the track the epidemic. Information is collected from providers and labs and Marin County receives a quarter report from the state. From 1981-2019, the number of people diagnosed with HIV in Marin was 617 in the community and 285 in San Quentin for a total of 902. There were 46 new cases between 2017-2019, which is lower than the previous 3 years. The 25-39 age group is where half of the cases came from. This is the first

time that there are more cases from Latino/Latinx than Non-Hispanic Whites at 52% between 2017-2019. This number includes both people who are new arrivals but also people who were born in the United States. Continuum of care for newly diagnosed in 2018: 19 were diagnosed, all were linked to care, and 18 were virally suppressed within six months. Continuum of care for PLWH in 2018: 636 were diagnosed in Marin, 81% in HIV care, and 73% achieved viral suppression. These Marin County rates are all higher than the state data.

XI. FY 19/20 Service Category Summary Sheets: Nga Le gave a presentation on the Service Category Summary Sheets.

XII. Membership
Council members were asked to recruit more community members and consumers to join the council. Nga Le will update the attendance sheet and share with the co-chairs to check that council members are in good standing.

XIII. Next Steps – New Business:
The July meetings will be held virtually and will include the prioritization and allocation process.

XIV. Adjourn:
CM Wade Flores adjourned the meeting at 4:52 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 22, 2020**
 Location: Zoom Meeting
 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89125302962>
 Join by phone: 1 669 900 9128
 Meeting ID: 891 2530 2962
 3:00 – 5:30 pm