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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
September 9, 2020
Marin County Health & Wellness Campus
Meeting conducted via Zoom
3:00 – 5:00 pm**

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I. Call to Order

CM Elaine Flores called meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Members Arriving Late: None.

Council Members Absent: Ken Travirca, Alex Nizovskikh, Julie Dowling

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

Public Present: Andy Fyne (Spahr Center), Madelyn Knowles

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

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

CM Esmeralda Garcia moved to approve the draft agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by CM Lydia Arellano. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes – VOTE

- a. July 22, 2020 meeting minutes – Leslie Gallen noted that she was not listed as one of the attendees in the draft minutes. Nga Le made the correction. CM Esmeralda Garcia moved to approve the minutes with the amendment. CM Lydia Arellano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements: None.

VI. Public Comment: None

- VII. Co-Chair Report:** None. However, CM Wade Flores wished Julie Dowling and her partner all the best.
- VIII. Prevention Program Report:** CM Linda Dobra reported that not much has changed since the last report. The Hepatitis C grant was used to buy test kits which are now in use. There is a high rate of COVID-19 infection in the Canal area. Testing is being done at the MCC clinic at 3260 Kerner Blvd., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The testing is free, does not need a doctor's referral and is on a first come, first served basis. Contact investigations continue and the backlog is now caught up. As the COVID-19 outbreak is a little more under control, more attention will be given to STD/HIV.
- IX. Division of Public Health Report:**
- a. Cicily Emerson reported COVID-19 infection rates have gone down in Marin County. The surge that we saw in mid-July appears to be over.
 - b. The state introduced a new system for ranking counties with regard to their COVID-19 status. It is a tier system, with Tier 1 being the most restricted status. Marin County was poised to move from Tier 1 to Tier 2 as of September 8th, but on Monday night, the move to Tier 2 was delayed. This new system moves a lot of decisions out of the county to the state level.
 - c. Regarding testing, we have drop-in testing at the MCC site at 3260 Kerner. The Color site is being reserved for health care workers, first responders, etc. and not the general public. We are now encouraging people who have private insurance to use that to get tested. We have sent an advisory to all facilities, asking them to have all their employees tested and to use insurance.
 - d. The County's Canal Outbreak Response Team has been working on developing new materials and new approaches to address the Canal infection rate. It appears to be declining.
 - e. There will be flu clinics this fall, starting next week.
 - f. We will be doing our San Francisco report this month. Nga Le will review with you in her presentation.
- X. Presentation: Substance Use Services Continuum:** Mr. Cody Milner, Senior Program Coordinator in Marin County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services gave a PowerPoint presentation on the substance use services offered by the County.
- a. Funding: He stated that the services are funded through two contacts, one is the DMC-ODS for \$4.5 million; the other is the SABG for \$1.8 million. An additional \$1.9 million comes from Probation, \$1.1 million from the General Fund and \$250,000 from other HHS sources.
 - b. Contractors: He stated that 90% of the services are contracted out.

- c. Clients: He stated that in the Substance Use area, services are only available to Medi-Cal beneficiaries or low-income uninsured persons. Some prevention services are available to all Marin residents.
- d. Types of Services: 9 hours per week for adults and 6 hours per week for youth are provided on an outpatient basis for early intervention. More than 9 hours for adults and more than 6 hours per week for youth are provided for Intensive Outpatient treatment. Providers for these services are Ritter House, Marin Treatment Center, Center Point and County of Marin. Residential treatment is provided to stabilize clients in multi-dimensional imminent danger and to prepare them for outpatient treatment. Providers for residential treatment include Helen Vine, Center Point and HealthRight 360 in San Francisco. Outpatient Withdrawal Management is provided by Marin Treatment Center and Helen Vine. This includes MAT (Medication for Addiction Treatment).
- e. Access Line: The general line that clients can call is 1-888-818-1115.
- f. Questions: CM Bobby Moske stated that he had not heard of Cody's group before. Cody stated that his supervisor is Cat Condon. Formerly, it had been D. J. Pierce. It has been in existence for years.

XI. HIV/AIDS in Marin Fact Sheet: Nga Le gave a PowerPoint presentation on the HIV/AIDS Fact Sheet. It summarizes what has been accomplished / decided in the last two meetings of the Care Council. This will be presented at the San Francisco meeting. She will email a copy of the presentation to all members.

XII. Community Forum Planning: CM Wade Flores reported that earlier the Council had decided on an October date for the annual Community Forum. Given the COVID-19 epidemic, this year the forum cannot be held in person, but will have to be conducted via Zoom. He asked the Council if the forum should go ahead on the currently planned date or if there should be a delay. There was general discussion. It was decided to revisit the date in January and set up a committee to plan the content. The committee consists of Wade Flores, Elaine Flores, Lydia Arellano, Bobby Moske, Esmeralda Garcia and James Frazier. They will meet separately to plan.

XIII. Membership: Nga Le presented the following issues:

- a. Attendance Review for Ken Travirca: Nga Le reported that Ken has missed a number of meetings this year. She has called him and he has stated that he wishes to continue to serve on the Council. CM Wade Flores stated that if the problem is health issues, he can be granted a leave of absence. There was brief discussion. It was decided that Nga Le will contact Ken again to get a clearer idea of his current situation.

- b. Renewal of Membership: Nga Le reported that Linda Dobra, Wade Flores and Bobby Moske are due to have the membership renewed. She reported that all three are in good standing and all have sent in their renewal form. There was a roll call vote on each of the three candidates for renewal and all three were approved unanimously by the Council members.
- c. Review Handbook for Agency Representatives: Nga Le pointed out that Lydia Arellano had originally attended the Council as a representative of Marin Community Clinics (MCC) but as a Council member, she represents them no longer. She stated that she will ask MCC to send another representative, specifically asking for someone from the dental clinic. CM Wade Flores stated that the Council needs to develop a strategy for recruiting more members and agency representatives. The Council needs to determine what representation it currently lacks.

XIV. Co-Chair Nominations and Policy Review: Nga Le reported that the terms of CM Wade Flores and CM Elaine Flores as co-chairs of the Council were coming to an end. Generally, nominations for new co-chairs would be made at this meeting and the election would be held in November. There was general discussion. CM James Frazier moved that Wade Flores and Elaine Flores' terms be extended to January. CM Bobby Moske seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously.

XV. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**
 Location: Via Zoom
 3:00 – 5:00 pm