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

May 11, 2022

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus

Meeting conducted via Zoom and in person

3:00 – 5:00 pm

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I. Call to Order

CM Esmeralda Garcia called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Members Arriving Late: James Frazier

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nga Le (HHS), Cicily Emerson (HHS), Alejandra Garcia (HHS), Loretta Rogers (HHS)

Public Present: Racquel Beltran (MCC-Dental), Lisa Dexter (Hepatitis C Division of Gilead Sciences)

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

CM Esmeralda Garcia asked members to review and approve the draft agenda. CM Linda Dobra moved to approve the agenda. CM Lydia Arellano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes – VOTE

a. March 9, 2022, meeting minutes – CM Esmeralda Garcia asked members to review the March 9, 2022, meeting minutes. CM Leslie Gallen requested a change under General Announcements as her last name is incorrect there. CM Linda Dobra moved to approve the minutes with the amendment. CM Julie Dowling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements: CM Esmeralda Garcia asked for any announcements.

- a. CM Elaine Flores announced that on April 25th San Francisco had its first SF Planning Council meeting in-person. It was very successful.
- b. CM Wade Flores announced that CM Leslie Gallen was awarded the LGBTQ+ Pride Leadership Business Award by the North Bay Business Journal. The award ceremony is in mid-June.

VI. Public Comment: None.

VII. Co-Chair Report: CM Wade Flores reminded members to use their name card when they want to speak and a reminder to stay on the subject at hand.

VIII. Prevention Program Report: CM Linda Dobra reported the following:

- a. Alejandra Garcia passed her certification and can now do HIV/HCV testing. She will have an orientation at the jail this week and then in June begin to shadow with RN at the jail and provide testing. She will also work with Will Boemer at Spahr Center to do Hep C education as part of the community programs in the jail. Alejandra is bilingual in Spanish/English.
- b. We are also supporting the Ritter Mobile Medicine van in the community to keep that up and running to reach the encampments.

IX. Division of Public Health Report: Cicily Emerson shared her screen and gave a PowerPoint presentation, reporting the following

- a. Marin is seeing an uptick in cases. Marin is still at the medium community level of infection. She reviewed masking recommendations.
- b. Younger residents are getting more COVID infections.
- c. Regarding testing, people with COVID symptoms who test negative should re-test in one to two days. She repeated that vaccination decreases infectivity. Asymptomatic persons are less infectious. In California, there are presently no quarantine requirements.
- d. She explained the difference between natural immunity, vaccine immunity and hybrid immunity.
- e. She reviewed the current recommendations regarding vaccination for children and adults. Pfizer vaccination for individuals aged 6 months to four years is still being studied. There is Emergency Authorization for a booster dose for individuals aged 5 – 11 years. She also reviewed pediatric recommendations for Moderna vaccine. All pediatric Moderna booster shots are under evaluation. The FDA is set to review Novavax on June 7th.
- f. She stated that Medi-Cal renewals and negative actions were delayed as of March 2020. They will resume after the emergency ends. When it does end, Public Assistance will start processing redeterminations for approximately 50,500 beneficiaries.

- X. Rules of Respectful Engagement Policy Review:** Cicily Emerson stated that it is important to recommit to follow the rules of respectful engagement. Nga Le shared her screen and reviewed the policy with attendees. The policy was also provided as a hand-out to the members prior to the meeting. The rules were also displayed on poster board and will be displayed at every meeting. There was general discussion.
- XI. Conflict Resolution Policy Review:** Nga Le shared her screen and reviewed the policy with attendees. The policy was also provided as a hand-out to the members prior to the meeting via email. There was brief general discussion.
- XII. Robert’s Rules of Order Review:** Nga Le had sent these rules out as a hand-out to all members via email prior to the meeting. There was a brief review of the purpose of following these rules of order and of the rules themselves. There was brief discussion.
- XIII. Oral Health Update:** Racquel Beltran gave a very brief update.

 - a.** MCC’s manager at their Fourth Street location is going on maternity leave. Racquel will be at the Fourth Street location on Mondays and Wednesdays and other managers will be helping to manage that location for the next five months while the regular manager is out on leave.
 - b.** All communications are being funneled through a central email that she has access to. This email address has been sent out and is on MCC flyers and brochures. It is rwidental@marinclinic.org It is checked by several staff members. The best way to contact MCC Dental is through this email address.
 - c.** There will be construction going on, probably starting in August. It should not disrupt operations too much.
 - d.** This past month, MCC Dental has started its new way of tracking for specialty referrals and make sure that transportation is handled.
 - e.** They have a new intern from UC Berkeley, partnering with Racquel. She is a dental hygienist who has a lot of experience working with patients with HIV. She has worked at both FQHC’s and private offices, doing “lunch and learn” events. She has done training regarding infectious disease, compassionate training and empathy communication. She will be with MCC for about ten weeks. She will be with Racquel at Fourth Street next week and she will be updated regarding Ryan White and MCC’s contract with the County.
 - f.** They are changing their electronic health system in October. This will help MCC Dental to be integrated with MCC Medical. This will allow a patient’s entire medical record to be in one chart.
 - g.** CM Bobby Moske thanked Racquel for all the improvements in Ryan White patient service. Much appreciated.
- XIV. Break – None.**

- XV. Future Meetings:** CM Esmeralda Garcia asked about future meetings. CM Bobby Moske made a motion to have hybrid meetings (both in-person and virtual option) for the next six meetings. CM Lydia Arellano seconded the motion. The motion passed with twelve in favor and one abstention. For in-person attendance, masking was highly recommended.
- XVI. Membership, Application Review – VOTE** The Council began reviewing Mikoyan Lagrimas’s application and had discussion. CM Bobby Moske made a motion to offer an interview and CM James Frazier seconded the motion. The Council wanted to have more discussion but ran out of time, so a decision was not made. The vote will be added to the next meeting’s agenda.
- XVII. ARIES Presentation:** The ARIES presentation will be added to the next meeting’s agenda.
- XVIII. Client Satisfaction Survey Presentation:** The Client Satisfaction Survey presentation will be added to the next meeting’s agenda.
- XIX. Next Steps – New Business** None.
- XX. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**
Location: 3240 Kerner, Room 109 and via Zoom