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

June 8, 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 Wade Flores called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm.

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present at Roll Call: Bobby Moske, Elaine Flores, Wade Flores, Linda Dobra, Alexey Nizovskikh, Julie Dowling, Jimi Amos, Julie Case, James Frazier

Council Members Arriving Late: Jodie Campbell, Esmeralda Garcia

Council Members Absent: Leslie Gallen, Lydia Arellano

Staff Present: Nga Le (HHS), Cicily Emerson (HHS), Alejandra Garcia (Public Health Investigator II-Bil), Loretta Rogers (HHS)

Public Present: None

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

CM Wade Flores asked members to review and approve the draft agenda. CM James Frazier moved to approve the agenda. CM Julia Dowling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes – VOTE

a. May 11, 2022, meeting minutes – CM Wade Flores asked members to review the May 11, 2022, meeting minutes. CM Linda Dobra moved to approve the minutes. CM James Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements: CM Wade Flores asked for any announcements.

a. CM Linda Dobra announced that there will be a virtual Community Informational Session on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. During this virtual meeting, presenters will address the

upcoming national launch of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. She will send out a flyer about this event to all members.

- b. Nga Le asked that all attendees who are physically present to keep their masks on throughout the meeting but also to speak loudly.

VI. Public Comment: None.

VII. Co-Chair Report: CM Wade Flores encouraged members to be aware of and follow the rules of respectful engagement.

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

- a. She reported on Hep C testing at the jail.
- b. Syringe access has expanded to a site in Fairfax and will be at the Fairfax Festival.
- c. Ritter medical mobile van is continuing to provide services in the community and working in tandem with HHS.
- d. We are cross training our staff and have a staff member who attended the HIV/HCV test counselor training.

IX. Division of Public Health Report: Cicily Emerson reported the following:

- a. If a person tests positive for COVID, there is a treatment available called Paxlovid. Marin Public Health is encouraging people who have tested positive to get in touch with their provider to see if they are eligible for that treatment. It has side-effects which is why patients are encouraged to talk to their provider. CM Bobby Moske stated that if the patient does not receive Paxlovid within 2 – 3 days of infection, it won't work.
- b. Monkeypox is here in California. There have been several cases. There are about 800 cases in the world now. Those affected are largely men who have sex with men, people who have had contact with them or who have traveled to events where it was spread. It can cause lesions that look like syphilis lesions. They are small, non-painful lesions. Persons who are experiencing these symptoms are encouraged to go to an STD clinic or their provider and be tested. Informational fact sheets have been developed in English and Spanish. They will be distributed to providers plus the Spahr Center and Marin Community Clinics (MCC). There is post-exposure prophylaxis for it, only available if the person has been exposed. There is treatment for monkeypox.

X. Oral Health Update: Nga Le reported that MCC is not in attendance, so there is no report. CD Wade Flores reported that transportation of patients to appointments was promised by MCC and to date that has not occurred. Nga Le said that she would follow up with MCC on this issue.

XI. Membership: Nga Le reviewed what had happened at the last meeting.

- a. At the last meeting, the members had reviewed the application of Mikoyan Lagrimas and discussed same. CM Bobby Moske moved to offer Mikoyan Lagrimas an interview. CM James Frazier seconded the motion. The Council wanted to have more discussion but ran out of time; therefore, a vote was not held. The discussion continued. A roll call vote was taken on the motion with eight voting in favor of the interview. The motion passed. Nga will contact Mr. Lagrimas to schedule his interview for the next meeting.

XII. ARIES Data Presentation: Nga Le shared her screen and presented current ARIES data. She explained that ARIES is the system used to document the services and clients for people in Marin County who are receiving Ryan White services. The information was specific to the grant year 2021/22 i.e., from 3/1/2021 to 2/28/2022. There are 266 unduplicated clients receiving Ryan White services, 16% of whom are new or re-enrolled clients. Four client deaths were recorded in this grant year. She showed the breakdown of clients by age, gender and ethnicity, as well as poverty level, insurance status and HIV status. There is not much change from last year. Several Council members had questions which Nga Le stated could be answer by the epidemiologist presentation at a later meeting.

XIII. Annual Client Satisfaction Survey FY 2021-2022: Nga Le gave a PowerPoint presentation, presenting the results of this year's client satisfaction survey. She explained the process i.e. how the surveys are mailed out to Ryan White clients and their responses are solicited for only those services that they received during the year.

- a. She reported that there are 266 Ryan White clients. 171 surveys were mailed out to those clients who had addresses on file and who had agreed to receive mailings. 79 surveys were returned. Those who returned surveys were given a \$20 gift card. The response this year was 7% higher than last year.
- b. She reviewed the demographics of the clients who responded i.e by age, ethnicity and gender.
- c. She reviewed the core services and support services that were provided to Ryan White clients. These were the services that clients were asked to rate. She then reviewed the responses on each service plus the comments received for each, such as Medical Case Management, Benefits Counseling, and other. There were questions about the Food Card program. Loretta Rogers explained the process and CM Jodi Campbell stated that the process on her end was very cumbersome i.e. the ordering, tracking, sending out notices, etc.
- d. She also reviewed findings on clients' self-reported health status. She noted that according to the self-reports, clients' overall health is a little lower than last year.

- e. The clients' top five health concerns were the same as those reported in the last five years; they included fatigue, depression/anxiety, lack of funds for daily living, chronic pain and medication side effects.
- f. She reviewed how the clients ranked the importance of each service offered. The food cards ranked highest, followed by benefits advocacy, emergency financial assistance and oral health care. Last year, the ranking was similar, but last year primary care was among the top four. There was brief general discussion.

XIV. Calendar Review: Nga Le reviewed the HIV Care Council meetings for the rest of 2022. There are three meetings left. The next meeting will be on July 13th. It will be 2 hours long. Its agenda will include the epidemiology data presentation and then Nga Le will present on the service categories. Also, Community Forum planning will begin at that meeting. Finally, Mr. Lagrimas will be interviewed at this meeting. Nga will send Council members his resume and interview questions. Suggested questions from members can be sent to Nga. The September 14 meeting will be 2.5 hours long as it will be the meeting at which priorities and allocations are determined. Community Forum planning will be finalized, and co-chair nominations will be made. The final meeting will be on November 9th and will consist of a program presentation.

XV. Policy Review – Absences and Proxy: CM Wade Flores reviewed the excused/unexcused absences policy and the proxy policy. Members are entitled to one excused absence per quarter. Members who are living with HIV are allowed to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf if they cannot attend a Council meeting. Members can contact Nga about absences and to designate a proxy.

XVI. Next Steps – New Business: None.

XVII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**
Location: 3240 Kerner, Room 109 and via Zoom