The Health Council of Marin
Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Meeting via Zoom; the meeting was recorded

Members Present: Kevin Hogan (President), Roberta Anthes, Connie Barker, Sandy Ross, Jennifer Rienks, Ginger Souders-Mason,

Members Absent: Bobby Moske, Barbara Wientjes

Guests: Julia Elkin, Loretta Rogers (Secretary)

Handouts: Agenda

1. Call to Order: President Kevin Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda: President Kevin Hogan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Resolution regarding Tele/Video Conference Meetings during the COVID-19 State of Emergency: President Kevin Hogan asked for a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes of the October 4, 2022, Health Council of Marin Meeting. President Kevin Hogan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022, Health Council of Marin meeting. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Report from the Nominating Committee: Sandy Ross reported the following:
   1. Connie Barker was reappointed to membership on the Health Council of Marin by the Board of Supervisors.
   2. Kawa Chiu was appointed to membership on the Health Council of Marin as a Consumer by the Board of Supervisors. She was not able to attend this meeting as she had a prior commitment but will attend the November 2022 meeting.
   3. Barbara Wientjes was unable to attend this meeting as she was in Canada. She was not able to show up for her interview with the Board of Supervisors as she was sick. The four applicants for the three Provider seats did not show up for their interviews. This may have been because they had applied earlier and there were many delays because the Board of Supervisors had many agenda items to get to first. The interviews are now scheduled for November 18th. There may be confusion as to the date, but Sandy Ross will assure the date is confirmed to all applicants.
6. Report from Executive Committee. President Kevin Hogan reported that there was no Executive Committee meeting and so nothing to report.
7. HHS Update: Loretta Rogers reported that COVID-19 infection transmission rate continues at a low level in Marin County. An After-Action Report was done on Marin County’s COVID-19 response, finding many positives, including Marin being among the counties with the lowest death rates and highest rates of vaccination. One area for improvement was the low rate of response from disaster service workers. Monkeypox risk continues low as well. In future, HHS will be focusing on climate change, overdose prevention, Marin City health issues and more.
8. Presentation: Julia Elkin, Senior Planner at the Marin County Department of Public Works, gave a presentation on “Sea Level Rise Adaptation in Marin County.” She shared her screen and gave a PowerPoint presentation.
   1. She stated that her presentation focuses on sea level rise which impacts the economy, infrastructure, physical assets, equity, social and physical well-being and safety of residents.
   2. She described her background in this area. She has been with the County for about one year but has studied and worked on this issue for about fifteen years.
   3. Her presentation was divided into four topics:
1. How Marin is vulnerable to sea level rise.
2. Adaptation efforts that are now underway in Marin.
3. A review of relevant state policy and how that affects Marin.
4. Adaptation funding sources

4. Julia then answered questions from Council members. She will send relevant resources to Loretta Rogers for distribution to Council members.

9. **Update from Council Members:** President Hogan asked for updates from members.
   1. Ginger Souders-Mason reported on the Soil Not Oil Conference, held in Petaluma on September 17 and 18, 2022. The presentations are already available on the web at the Soil Not Oil Coalition website: [https://soilnotoilcoalition.org/](https://soilnotoilcoalition.org/)
   2. Roberta Anthes reported on problems a friend of hers is experiencing getting treatment. The friend has severe mental illness. When hospitalized, the doctors treat her with the same medications that did not work or caused problems in previous hospitalizations as her health records were not available to the doctors. This was recognized as an important issue and there was brief discussion.
   3. Connie Barker reported that she has had great difficulty getting medical and dental appointments at Marin Community Clinics (MCC) due to implementation of new medical records software.
   4. Sandy Ross reported that she was a field associate with the California Academy of Sciences in the entomology department for fifty years. She reported that one of her former colleagues reported on the disappearance of butterflies due to the introduction of pesticides in the 1990s. In the early 2000s, about twenty different pesticide compounds were found in plants that butterflies generally feed on.
   5. Jennifer Rienks reported that MCC is transitioning to Epic electronic medical records software which will make record keeping and consulting much easier for providers and free up more time for them to attend to patients. MarinHealth uses Epic. Also, she is lobbying to have providers screen for food insecurity in patients.
   6. Sandy Ross also asked that Roberta Anthes schedule Larry Bragman of the Marin Municipal Water District to be a presenter at the November meeting. It does not matter if he is re-elected or not.

10. **President’s Updates:** Kevin Hogan reported that he did introduce the new executive committee to the Board of Supervisors at the last meeting. He had two minutes to do so. He also connected with Benita McLarin, Dr. Lisa Santora and Kathy Koblick.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm. The next meeting will be on November 29, 2022.