

The Health Council of Marin

Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Rooms 109/110 at 3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA

Zoom Option was available.

Members Present: Kevin Hogan (President), Roberta Anthes, Sandy Ross (via Zoom), Bobby Moske, Ginger Souders-Mason, Barbara Wientjes (arriving at 6:58), Connie Barker (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Jennifer Rienks, Pranav Bhanushali

Guests: Lisa Santora (HHS), Julia Dorman (HHS), Loretta Rogers (Secretary)

Members of the Public: Janine Pera, Mary Fraser

Handouts: *Agenda; Minutes of July 23, 2024, HCM meeting*

1. **Call to Order:** President Kevin Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** President Hogan asked members to review and approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Roberta Anthes, seconded by Bobby Moske and passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the July 23, 2024, Health Council of Marin Meeting.** President Kevin Hogan asked members to review and approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024, meeting. The motion was made by Ginger Souders-Mason, seconded by Roberta Anthes, and passed unanimously.
4. **Presentation: Marin County Health & Human Services: “HHS Overview.” Presenter: Lisa Santora, MD, MPH** – Dr. Santora shared her screen and gave a PowerPoint presentation. This presentation will be sent to HCM members via email. She reported the following:
 1. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) – All Marin County hospitals make a unified report / plan. Community members are consulted which is why she is giving this presentation to the HCM. The plan is still in development but will be published by November 2024.
 2. Marin County Public Health (MCPH) is preparing PH Accreditation by the national accreditation body, and the CHIP is one of the requirements. Federal funding may be contingent on being accredited. Half of the counties in California are already accredited. MCPH is hoping to be accredited by 2025. The CHIP can be found at www.healthymarin.org.
 3. The process includes a needs assessment, a determination of key priorities, the development of a work plan, and a results-based accountability plan.
 4. She reviewed each of the key priorities, which include (1) Overdose Prevention; (2) Life Expectancy improvement; (3) Climate Change; (4) Outbreak Prevention and Control.
 5. She then answered questions from HCM members.
5. **Report from the Nominating Committee:** Sandy Ross reported that there was no meeting of the Nominating Committee and therefore no report.
6. **Report from Executive Committee.** President Kevin Hogan reported that there was no Executive Committee meeting this month and therefore no report.
7. **HHS Update:** Loretta Rogers reported the following:
 1. **COVID:** The current rate of infection in Marin County is low. The current variants are LB.1 and KP.3.
 2. **H5N1 Bird Flu:** There have been no human cases in California. It has been detected in 17 dairy herds in California. The CDC and Marin Public Health continue to monitor.

3. September is National Disaster Preparedness Month. Residents are encouraged to have a go-bag, a stay-bag and a communications plan.
4. **Public Health Officer (PHO) Transition:** She reminded HCM members that Dr. Matt Willis.' last day is September 27, 2024. Dr. Lisa Santora's first day as PHO was September 3, 2024.
8. **President's Update:** President Kevin Hogan had no updates.
9. **Members Updates:** President Kevin Hogan asked for member updates.
 1. Ginger Souders-Mason reported that geo-engineering over flights in our skies are dispersing plastic coated nano-aluminum particles which fall to earth. Autopsies are now finding aluminum and plastic in the brains of people.
 2. Barbara Wientjes reported on the book "Wired for Healing, Remapping the Brain to Recover from Chronic and Mysterious Illnesses," by Annie Hopper. She stated that the book is about limbic system injuries that can lead to fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple chemical sensitivities, electro-magnetic hypersensitivity syndrome and other illnesses.
 3. Ginger Souders-Mason reported that Teflon is a "forever chemical" of the PFOS family. She discovered Teflon in dental floss she recently purchased. She urged attendees to be aware of this ingredient in products.
 4. Connie Barker reported that there will be another bill next year at the state level regarding improving compensation for IHHS workers. Jan took a bad fall weeks ago and broke her pelvis. She went to Smith Ranch for rehabilitation and didn't have any problem bringing in scent-free products, etc. which is great.
 5. Sandy Ross thanked Connie Barker for all her efforts.
10. **Public Comment:** Kevin asked for comments from the public, limited to 3 minutes each.
 1. Mary Fraser reported on a group of attorneys that work on issues regarding medical access. Hospitals are being sued for giving Hep C vaccine to newborns without notification and consent of the parents.
 2. Janine Pera reported that COVID vaccinated persons have had negative reactions to the vaccine, including five people who died. She urged that vaccines be more thoroughly tested for safety before being placed on the market. She also referred to a study called "Funding Postauthorization Vaccine Safety-Science," published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by four authors, including Stanley Plotkin.
11. **Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn was made seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the Kerner Campus, at 3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901, beginning at 6:00 pm.