

The Health Council of Marin

Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Conference Center 1st Floor, MarinHealth Medical Center, 250 Bon Air Rd., Kentfield

Zoom Option was available.

Members Present: Kevin Hogan (President), Roberta Anthes, Sandy Ross, Connie Barker, Pranav Bhanushali, Bobby Moske, Ginger Souders-Mason, Barbara Wientjes

Members Absent: Jennifer Rienks

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

Handouts: *Agenda; Minutes of June 25, 2024, HCM meeting*

1. **Call to Order:** President Kevin Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 Barbara Wientjes, and passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 25, 2024, Health Council of Marin Meeting.** President Kevin Hogan asked members to review and approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024, meeting. The motion was made by Roberta Anthes, seconded by Ginger Souders-Mason, and passed unanimously with one abstention.
4. **Presentation: Marin County Health & Human Services: “HHS Overview.”**
 1. The original scheduled presenter, Dr. Lisa Santora, did not arrive, so Julia Dorman stepped in.
 2. Julia Dorman shared her screen and reviewed the HHS org chart, providing descriptions of each program. She then answered questions.
5. **Report from the Nominating Committee:** Sandy Ross reported that there was no meeting of the Nominating Committee and therefore no report. There were several questions about the Nominating process which Sandy Ross answered. There was brief general discussion.
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 medium. Increased infectivity is due to increased gatherings and travel. The current variants are JN.1 and KP.2. On June 5, 2024, the FDA decided that the vaccine for this fall will be based on the JN.1 variant.
 2. **H5N1 Bird Flu:** There have been no human cases in California. The CDC and Marin Public Health continue to monitor.
 3. She reviewed a few other items.
 4. **Public Health Officer (PHO) Transition:** She reminded HCM members that Dr. Matt Willis’ last day is September 30, 2024. Dr. Lisa Santora’s first day as PHO is September 3, 2024.
8. **Dialogue on HCM Meeting Location:** There was general discussion of whether or not the Health Council of Marin will relocate for its meetings to the Health & Wellness Campus at 3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901 and whether it will change its meeting time. Concerns about health impact and convenience were expressed. Connie Barker pointed out that the Kerner Campus is more easily available via public transit than MarinHealth Medical Center. President Hogan decided that the September 24, 2024, Health Council of Marin meeting will be at the Kerner Campus, beginning at 6:00 pm. Loretta Rogers will send an email to Jennifer Rienks, asking her if she can meet at 6:00 pm.

9. **President's Update:** President Kevin Hogan had no updates.
10. **Members Updates:** President Kevin Hogan asked for member updates.
 1. Ginger Souders-Mason reported on a new study showing glyphosates lowering male fertility.
 2. Robert Anthes announced that the Marin County Board of Supervisors will review the HCM's document at their meeting on August 20, 2024.
 3. Barbara Wientjes reported on an incident in her neighborhood involving glyphosates.
 4. Sandy Ross brought to the attention of the HCM members a newly published book by Dr. Devra Davis, "Environmental Health Trust - DISCONNECT -A Scientist's Solutions for Safer Technology." She provided Dr. Davis' credentials and gave the book a very strong recommendation.
11. **Public Comment:** None.
12. **Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn was made seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at the Kerner Campus, at 3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901, beginning at 6:00 pm.