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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



The Health Council of Marin

Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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

Zoom Option was available.

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Members Present: Roberta Anthes (Chair), Connie Barker, Bobby Moske, Pranav Bhanushali, Lura Jones, Pranay Gupta

Members Absent: Tanya Phares, Jennifer Rienks, Ginger Souders-Mason

Guests: Cicily Emerson (HHS), Julia Dorman (HHS), Loretta Rogers (HHS - Secretary)

Members of the Public: None

Handouts: *Agenda; Draft Minutes of December 2, 2025, meeting; List of Proposed Goals for 2026-2027 from Roberta Anthes; membership application for John Quigley; supplemental information about John Quigley*

1. **Call to Order:** Roberta Anthes called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Loretta Rogers called the roll.
3. **Approval of the Agenda - VOTE:** Roberta Anthes asked members to review and approve the agenda. She reported that the scheduled speaker, Kristin McGee, is ill and will not be speaking tonight; therefore, Item 6 is removed. The motion to approve the amended agenda was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 2, 2025, Health Council of Marin Meeting – VOTE:** Roberta Anthes asked members to review and approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
5. **HCM Council Chair's Report:** Roberta Anthes reported that tonight the Council will go over the Council's process for interviewing new applicants for membership. Bobby Moske requested that members should be able to ask one or two specific questions of the candidate in addition to the standard, scripted questions.
6. **Health & Human Services Updates:** Cicily Emerson gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the Public Health Accreditation process. A copy of the presentation will be sent to Council members after the meeting. Cicily reported that the virtual site visit by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) took place on December 4, 2025. The in-person site visit was on December 18, 2025. The accreditation report was received on Jan. 23, 2026. The accreditation decision should be received in February or March 2026. Cicily Emerson reported that she anticipates a positive decision. She provided some details from the PHAB report:
 1. **Strengths:** The PHAB staff were impressed by the CHA and CHIP which center the work of partners and Public Health. They noted Marin's strong infrastructure in documentation and dedication to equity.
 2. **Areas of Growth:** The PHAB staff recommended that Marin improve performance management, continue to build and improve policy and procedure documentation and storage, and improve marketing and branding.

3. **Overall Impressions:** The PHAB staff noted that Marin has passionate staff, dedicated to serving the public, to quality improvement, and to radical collaboration
4. **Community Health Assessment Priorities, action teams and action plans** were reviewed. Cicily reported that the first wave of action teams has been launched.
5. **PH Status Updates** – Cicily Emerson urged members to subscribe to these updates.
7. **Guest Speaker: Kristin McGee, Elementary Educator re Behavioral Health Challenges** – The speaker could not attend as she was ill. Roberta Anthes moved that the Council invite Ms. McGee to speak at the HCM February meeting. The motion was seconded by Lura Jones and passed unanimously. Cicily Emerson urged the Council to invite a member of the Epidemiology team to explain behavioral health data and why some kinds of data are difficult to obtain or not available. Roberta Anthes also asked members to recruit future speakers. Bobby Moske will provide Roberta with a list of possible speakers. He also suggested that the Council invite a speaker from Vivalon. He reported that Vivalon is now offering a 2-hour seminar on how to be a caregiver.
8. **Membership Update – VOTE:** Roberta Anthes invited HCM members to review the interview process for new applicants. She passed out a list of the standard questions asked of all new applicants. She stated that all of the Council’s business is public. She asked for reactions from the newest members who were recently interviewed.
 1. Pranav Gupta and Lura Jones gave their reactions. Bobby Moske stated that during the interviews he had wanted to ask questions not on the list. Cicily Emerson stated that going off script is okay after the standard questions have been asked. There was general discussion. A new list of questions was developed in the meeting. Roberta Anthes moved to accept the new list of questions. Bobby Moske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the revised list of questions will be sent to the members.
 2. Roberta Anthes asked the HCM members to review the application of John Quigley. Then, Roberta Anthes moved that the Council members interview him. Bobby Moske seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. **Continued Discussion of HCM Biennial Goals for 2026-27:** Roberta Anthes invited members to discuss the goals she proposed. There was general discussion and the list of goals was revised. Bobby Moske moved to accept the revised list of goals. Roberta Anthes seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the revised list will be sent to the members after this meeting.
10. **HCM Council Members:** Connie Barker reported that tomorrow she is taking a training on providing accommodations for the disabled. She will report back. Connie also reported that she is ending her membership on the Health Council of Marin as of the end of April as she has now served the total number of consecutive terms allowed in the by-laws. Finally, she reminded members of the importance of indoor environmental quality. She reported that her partner, Jan, had been in an excellent day care program but had to leave because of the lack of proper cleaning. Jan was greatly affected by the products used to clean surfaces and on several occasions needed hospitalization as a result. Requests to use unscented cleaning products were ignored by the day care staff. There used to be a list of environmentally preferred products, (unscented), that was available to cities and counties. The use of these unscented products needs to be promoted.
11. **Public Comment:** None.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at the Kerner Campus, at 3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901, beginning at 6:00 pm.