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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

February 11, 2026

Marin County Health & Wellness Campus, Room 109

Meeting conducted in person and via Zoom

3:00 – 5:00 pm

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I. Call to Order

CM Rosemary Lukholo called the meeting to order at 3:13 pm.

II. Roll Call

Alexey Nizovskikh (via Zoom), Bobby Moske, Emily Sims, Rosemary Lukholo, Wade Flores, Paul Edson (via Zoom), Julie Dowling

Council Members Arriving Late: Julie Case

Council Members Absent: James Frazier, Linda Dobra, Elaine Flores, Jimi Amos

Staff Present: Nga Le (HHS), Loretta Rogers (HHS)

Public Present: Joe Donohue

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

CM Rosemary Lukholo asked members to review and approve the draft agenda. The motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes – VOTE

- a. December 10, 2025, meeting minutes – CM Rosemary Lukholo asked members to review the December 10, 2025, meeting minutes. CM Wade Flores requested that the word “Latinx” be replaced with “Latino/Latina/Latine.” The motion to approve the December 10, 2025, meeting minutes as amended was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements:

- a. CM Bobby Moske reported that the Multicultural Center of Marin holds a monthly meeting, called the Marin Providers Family Circle. The meeting is for case managers, social service providers, nonprofits and county and community agencies. Its purpose is to share services, build collaborations, expand outreach and host guest speakers.

These meetings take place on the second Friday of the month at 11:00 am at 709 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael.

VI. Public Comment: None.

VII. Ryan White Services – AHF Update: Joe Donohue – Joe Donohue reported that he is getting a lot of positive feedback from the community. They now have four groups per month for their clients. The men’s group is meeting tomorrow night, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. They also have the Latinx group that Maria runs plus two women’s groups. For one, AHF provides the food and for the others, it is potluck. AHF recently had another CAB meeting and got feedback from the clients as to what they like and what kind of outreach they want. AHF provides food and transportation support. They are serving about 153 people and are hoping for more referrals. They are working more closely with Marin Community Clinic (MCC) for more transparency and for assuring continuity of care. He is happy to be working with this program in partnership with County of Marin Health & Human Services. We are almost at the end of the fiscal year, but funds for emergency payments will be renewed in March. They have been providing hygiene gifts for all clients. He stated that he is open to suggestions and requests from Council members and the community. CM Bobby Moske remarked that the program has come a long way from the time when the food cards provided only \$20 a month. Clients are now receiving \$100 per month. The next CAB meeting will be in March, but Joe Donohue does not have a specific date yet.

VIII. Ryan White Services – HHS Update: Nga Le reported that we are still providing case management services. There are still oral health specialty funds available, so if a member has need for that service, this can be obtained at one of the RW approved vendors. Clients must work with their case manager to access those funds. This service will be available next year; however, members should bear in mind that every year the funds will likely get smaller.

IX. Prevention Program Report: Since CM Linda Dobra was not present, Nga Le provided the report. She reported that on-demand testing is still available at the office. That means that anyone who needs to access rapid HIV testing, syphilis testing or lab-based testing for chlamydia can make an appointment online and then come to our office and speak with a testing counselor. If a client has access to a provider instead, they are encouraged to get their testing through their provider, but the RW program does not turn anyone away. For field testing, the County is partnering with Ritter Center, working at two sites: Home Depot and Grocery Outlet. In addition to the testing, information is being provided at these sites, such as red cards, Know Your Rights, etc. At the recent HIV/STD/STI providers meeting, updates about the new injectables were provided. The newest one is a six-month injectable. The one that has been available up to now is the two-month injectable. There are funds available to cover the medication and the provider visits. CM Paul Edson wanted to know if anonymous testing was available. Nga said that for

testing, a name is required but no other information. The client can provide any name they want.

- X. **Division of Public Health Report:** Nga Le reported that Israel Martinez has been promoted to a permanent position as a public health investigator. He replaces Alejandra Garcia Wood. Currently, the department is contracting in terms of staffing. Two nursing positions have been eliminated, and their tasks have been given to current staff. Some of the COVID funds are ending. We are monitoring how Ryan White funding is going, preparing for the worst but hoping for the best.
- XI. **Community Forum Planning:** Nga Le suggested that the Council prepare for their Community Forum early. Nga Le asked members when they wanted to hold the Forum this year. CM Wade Flores stated that the Council has always had the Forum in the fall and that worked. At one point, it was done in March or April and that was a little early. He suggested October might be the best time. CM Julie Case said that September would be too early and agreed that October would be the best month. She also would like to be supportive of the Hispanic community's event, Dia de los Muertos, celebrated on Nov. 1 and 2. CM Bobby Moske stated he would like the Forum to bring in a speaker to address the problem of lack of continuity of care and the difficulty in getting a provider, for medical, dental and psychiatric issues. The date of Wednesday, October 21, 2026, was selected for the Forum. Nga pointed out that the HIV Care Council will meet on Oct. 14. She suggested that the Council do the bulk of the planning in a regular meeting and not in an ad hoc committee. There are a lot of Council meetings before October and so there should be enough time in regular meetings to do the planning. She asked for other presentation topics. CM Emily Sims suggested a speaker from Huckleberry Youth programs to speak on what services are available. CM Wade Flores encouraged the Council to keep the number of speakers down to two and allow time for attendees to talk. CM Julie Dowling suggested having a speaker provide information about coverage, about the recent changes, addressing the fear that a lot of people are experiencing. CM Julie Case stated she wanted to hear from clients about what they want and that another topic would be how to deal with stress. CM Julie Case wanted to know where the Spahr Center files are located. Nga Le explained what happened when Spahr Center closed. Nga said that whatever was not specifically Ryan White related was probably discarded. CM Bobby Moske said he and colleagues went to Spahr Center after it closed and pulled out everything of interest. There was general discussion. CM Bobby Moske said that Andy Fyne would know where most of the files went. CM Julie Case asked that this issue be an agenda item for the next meeting. Nga Le said she would discuss this issue with the two co-chairs and other staff before the next meeting. CM Bobby Moske suggested that the Council send out an email "blast" at least a month in advance of the Forum, asking what people want to hear about. Nga said that this could be included in the annual Client Survey. She asked Council members to determine the time and location for the

Forum The Council agreed that the time would be 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and the location would be 3240 Kerner.

- XII. BREAK – 10 minutes**, allowing concerned members to fill out membership renewal paperwork and turn same in to Nga Le.
- XIII. Membership: Renewal – VOTE:** Nga Le reported that there are five Council members who need to renew their membership. The Break was used by the five Council members to fill out the Council membership renewal application form. Nga asked each of these members if they wanted to share why they wanted to continue with the Council. After these statements, the Council voted to confirm their renewed membership.
 - a. CM Alexey Nizovskikh:** At Alekey’s request, Nga read CM Alexey Nizovskikh’s statement on his renewal form as to why he wanted to continue serving on the Council. CM Rosemary Lukholo then called for a vote. The members unanimously approved Alexey’s continued membership on the Council.
 - b. CM Wade Flores:** CM Wade Flores stated his reasons for wanting to renew his membership. CM Rosemary Lukholo then called for a vote. The members unanimously approved Wade’s continued membership on the Council.
 - c. CM Julie Case:** CM Julie Case stated her reasons for wanting to renew her membership. CM Rosemary Lukholo then called for a vote. The members unanimously approved Julie’s continued membership on the Council.
 - d. CM Bobby Moske:** CM Bobby Moske stated his reasons for wanting to renew his membership. CM Rosemary Lukholo then called for a vote. The members unanimously approved Bobby’s continued membership on the Council.
 - e. CM Julie Dowling:** CM Julie Dowling stated her reasons for wanting to renew her membership. CM Rosemary Lukholo then called for a vote. The members unanimously approved Julie’s continued membership on the Council,
- XIV. Policy Overview:** Nga Le stated that her plan is to review only two or three policies with the Council at each meeting. However, during this meeting, Nga suggested that this item be postponed as so many Council members were absent. The Council members agreed.
- XV. Next Steps – New Business:** None
- XVI. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Next Meeting: **April 8, 2026, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**
Location: 3240 Kerner Blvd, Rooms 109/110
In Person and via Zoom

