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**MARIN HIV/AIDS CARE COUNCIL
MINUTES**

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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 Linda Dobra called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm. She announced that CM James Frazier moved to southern California and therefore will no longer be a member of the Council. She also announced that there will be a brief memorial for CM Jimi Amos who passed a few weeks ago after the close of the meeting.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Members Arriving Late: None.

Council Members Absent: None.

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

Public Present: Joe Donohue, Steve Daly

III. Review and approval of Agenda – VOTE

CM Linda Dobra 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. February 11, 2026, meeting minutes – CM Linda Dobra asked members to review the February 11, 2026, meeting minutes. CM Wade Flores moved to approve the minutes. CM Elaine Flores seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Announcements:

- a. CM Bobby Moske reported that on Friday at 11:00 am, there will be a meeting of the All Marin Providers Community Circle at the

Multicultural Center of Marin, 709 Fifth Ave. San Rafael, CA 94901,
Tel: 415.526.248.

- b. Joe Donohue announced that there will be a CAB meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm at 851 Irwin Street, San Rafael. The topic will be changes to Medicare / MediCal coverage. He said it would be helpful for people who wish to attend to RSVP.
- c. CM Julie Dowling wanted the issue of food cards and eligibility for same to be brought up at the next meeting. CM Linda Dobra stated that this issue can be addressed when the Council determines the reallocation of funds.
- d. CM Elaine Flores reported that the Food Bank would like to do a presentation at a future HIV Care Council meeting. Elaine will provide the contact.

VI. Public Comment: None.

VII. Ryan White Services – AHF Update: Joe Donohue – Joe Donohue reported that there will be a CAB meeting tomorrow. The topic will be the changes to MediCare and MediCal coverage enacted by the Big Beautiful Bill. Mostly, the changes will affect the undocumented. He reported that AHF has two women's groups that meet every Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. There is one men's group. The HHS Ryan White Client Satisfaction Survey has been sent out and the deadline to complete is 4/27. Each survey respondent will receive a food card valued at \$40.00. CM Emily Sims reported that Safeway vouchers for gas are available for a particular gas station at the Nave Drive Safeway.

VIII. Ryan White Services – HHS Update: Nga Le reported that HHS is conducting its annual client survey of Ryan White clients. The surveys have been sent out via regular mail as well as via email. She told Council members that if they have not yet received the survey, they are to contact their case manager. The survey can be filled out online or via regular mail. It can also be handed in to the case manager. The survey runs through April 27th. There is a \$40.00 food card as incentive. Ryan White Part B ended March 31. Oral health services and case management will continue to be funded.

IX. Prevention Program Report: CM Linda Dobra reported that jail testing for Hep C, HIV and STDs continues. Ritter House is doing testing outreach at Home Depot and Grocery Outlet. On demand testing is provided for HIV, HCV, and syphilis. Home HIV testing kits are available in vending machines along with Narcan, free of charge. "Take me home" testing kits are available online and can be sent to the home. This is to make testing confidential and easy.

X. Division of Public Health Report: Nga Le reported that Marin will receive flat funding for RW Part A for FY 2026-27. However, San Francisco is experiencing some reductions in funding. Part B for Marin is also flat funding. Communicable Disease is recruiting for a new Senior Public Health Nurse - Bilingual for the TB program; recruitment closes on April 17th. They are also recruiting a Program Coordinator. Nga Le announced that Marin County Public Health has been awarded national

accreditation through the nonprofit Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This means that Marin County Public Health meets national standards in best practices in public health. There was a press release about it. Finally, a reconstruction of the Communicable Disease suite of offices 3240 Kerner is in process. This will continue for at least a month.

XI. HCC Data Presentation: Maritza Martin gave a PowerPoint presentation which was provided to Council members in hard copy. She reported that HIV Care Connect (HCC) Data has replaced ARIES as of March 1, 2025. She then reported the HCC data for the first year, covering March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026. During this first year, there were 183 active unduplicated clients. She reviewed the demographics of the clients, including age, gender, race, living situation, insurance coverage and HIV status. CM Bobby Moske stated he did not see how HCC is an improvement over ARIES; HCC is not providing a lot of the reports that were routinely provided by ARIES in the past. Nga Le stated that HCC is not yet finished creating the requested reports. It will take less than a year for HCC to provide all the reports needed. CM Bobby Moske requested that HCC produce a report showing the number of people affected by changes in MediCare / MediCal eligibility.

XII. Service Category Summary Sheets: Maritza Martin reviewed each of the service category summary sheets. Copies of the sheets had been provided in hard copy and pdf format to all Council members before the meeting. CM Bobby Moske noted that fewer people are using the general emergency funds, but the ones using it are doing so to the fullest extent. He said that many clients are not aware of what services are available. He asked that a blast email be sent out to clients to inform / remind clients of available services. Nga Le stated that she understands the need for multiple opportunities for clients to learn about services and enroll. CM Bobby Moske stated that the AHF groups are not well attended and there has not been enough outreach. He requested more men's groups. This need will be discussed at the next CAB meeting. At present, there is only one men's group, meeting once a month. Bobby said that the Zoom option allows more clients to attend.

XIII. Community Forum Planning: CM Linda Dobra reviewed what had already been decided regarding the Community Forum, i.e. the date, location, etc. Nga Le stated that an announcement of the Community Forum as well as a request for topics was included in the client satisfaction survey. The topics received from the survey responders will be available at the June HIV Care Council meeting. CM Bobby Moske suggested as a topic the inability of clients to access services, i.e. the lack of enough providers, the difficulty in getting services as well as problems with accessing care at long distances. CM Wade Flores reported on his own difficulties and suggested a presenter be invited to speak on cuts in funding and how that affects our clients. CM Julie Case reported on the difficulties of getting adequate care for Jimi Amos and the fact that people who are ill need advocates. CM Linda Dobra stated that case management can advocate for clients. She also remarked that the

results of the survey will be available at the next meeting. CM Julie Dowling suggested role playing and setting up scenarios, suggesting ways clients can be their own advocates. CM Bobby Moske brought up the problem of accessing behavioral health. This is a bigger problem than getting medical care. CM Emily Sims brought up Buckelew, a mental health service provider.

XIV. Membership – Renewal – VOTE – CM Rosemary Lukholo led the vote for renewed membership on the HIV Care Council. CM Linda Dobra gave her reasons for wanting to continue her membership. The motion to confirm Linda Dobra's continued membership was made, seconded and passed unanimously. CM Elaine Flores gave her reasons for wanting to continue her membership on the Council. The motion to confirm Eliane Flores' continued membership was made, seconded and passed unanimously. Nga Le and Maritza Martin created a flyer for recruitment which is being sent to all clients who complete the client satisfaction survey.

XV. Next Steps – New Business: CM Linda Dobra brought up the need for recruitment. CM Bobby Moske said that he can distribute the recruitment flyer. Nga Le and Maritza Martin will send him the flyer.

XVI. Adjourn at 4:37 pm

XVII. Remembering James Amos

Next Meeting: **June 10, 2026, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**
 Location: 3240 Kerner Blvd, Rooms 109/110
 In Person and via Zoom