



DEPARTMENT OF
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, February 25, 2025

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

Zoom Option was available.

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Members Present: Kevin Hogan (President), Connie Barker, Jennifer Rienks, Ginger Souders-Mason, Roberta Anthes, Bobby Moske, Pranav Bhanushali

Members Absent: Sandy Ross

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

Members of the Public: None

Handouts: *Agenda; Minutes of January 28, 2026, HCM meeting; Health Council of Marin bylaws*

1. **Call to Order:** President Kevin Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** President Hogan asked Loretta Rogers to call the roll.
3. **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.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 28, 2025, Health Council of Marin Meeting.** President Kevin Hogan asked members to review and approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Roberta Anthes, seconded by Pranav Bhanushali and passed unanimously.
5. **HCM Council President's Report:** None.
6. **Review of Health Council of Marin By-laws:** President Kevin Hogan asked the members to review the bylaws, copies of which were distributed to the members. He explained the meaning of the different colored highlighted text in the copies provided to them. The blue highlighted text is from County Counsel. The pink highlighted text is from HHS. CM Bobby Moske suggested that President Kevin Hogan go over each section and the members will state any questions or comments or concerns.
 1. Article IV, Section 3b: Regarding applications, Cicily Emerson clarified that they would be collected and distributed by Loretta Rogers to all council members and voting would be done with paper ballots. Any applicants interviewed would be asked to leave the room before voting takes place.
 2. Article IV, Section 3c: CM Bobby Moske stated he would like to have new members have a full two-year term and not just fill out a partial term of a previous member. There was brief discussion. It was decided that if the partial term is more than one year, then it will count as one term. It will be referred to County Counsel by Julia Dorman for appropriate language in the bylaws.

3. Article IV, Section 4a: CM Bobby Moske asked if approval of the Board of Supervisors is required for removing a member. There was brief discussion, and the section was kept as is. Also, regarding attendance, Cicily Emerson clarified that the two permitted Zoom meetings would not count as absences.
4. Article V, Section 1: There was brief discussion of when nominations for new officers should take place. It was decided that this discussion should be held at the September meeting and not the July meeting. There is no meeting in August.
5. In Section IX, the members would like to remove the word “federal.” County Counsel will be consulted.
7. **Health & Human Services Update:** Cicily Emerson reported that the County is completing its application for accreditation which will be submitted on March 15, 2025. She noted how large the undertaking was and how much work had been done. HHS is developing an action plan for the next two years which will be shared with the HCM members.
8. **Nominating Committee report:** None.
9. **HCM Members Updates:** President Hogan stated that in future, this will be a membership item which will include reporting on applicants, recruitment efforts, etc. The new applicants will be considered at the April or May meetings.
 1. CM Connie Barker stated that there is no higher priority than to preserve Medicaid. She is concerned about the status of transgender persons and about care for disabled persons under this new administration.
 2. CM Ginger Souders-Mason referred to Executive Order 14212, establishing the President’s Make America Healthy Again Commission. The order establishes the membership, priorities and timeline of the commission. It is nearly beyond being realistic in scope. There will be public hearings, and all information will be publicized. The US population is very sick in comparison to the other industrialized countries.
 3. Jennifer Rienks stated that Marin Health Care District is holding its Spring Health & Wellness Symposium on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Embassy Suites, 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael. The four topics are aquablation, preventing and beating breast cancer, menopause and longevity, and preventing diabetes. This is a free event, but it requires registration. Members can sign up at the Marin Health Care District website.
10. **Public Comment:** None.
11. **Adjournment:** The motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Kerner Campus, at 3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901, beginning at 6:00 pm.

