

## The Health Council of Marin

Minutes of Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Meeting via Zoom; the meeting was recorded

**Members Present:** Ginger Souders-Mason (President), Roberta Anthes, Connie Barker, Kevin Hogan, Sandy Ross, Derice Seid Tao, Barbara Wientjes

**\*\* - Members Absent:** Jennifer Rienks EXCUSED, Bobby Moske

**Guests:** Jolie Diane (presenter), Vicki Sievers, Andrew Kislik, Loretta Rogers (Secretary)

**Handouts:** *Agenda*

1. **Call to Order:** President Ginger Souders-Mason called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** President Ginger Souders-Mason asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Sandy Ross moved to approve the agenda. Kevin Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Resolution regarding Tele/Video Conference Meetings during the COVID-19 State of Emergency:** Roberta Anthes moved to pass the resolution. Connie Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Public Comment:** PARLIAMENTARIAN Sandy Ross reported that she had contacted County Counsel regarding whether or not the comments made by the public at the Health Council during Public Comment time should be recorded in the minutes as they were not in the official minutes of Board of Supervisors meetings. County Council informed Sandy Ross that they were not. There was brief discussion. President Souders-Mason asked if any members of the public had a comment. She confirmed that these comments will not be recorded in the minutes. Each person was given three minutes.
  1. One person asked about the purpose of the Health Council of Marin and listed questions requested to be on the agenda of future HCM meetings.
  2. One person spoke in support of comments by President Ginger Souders-Mason
5. **Approval of Minutes of the May 24, 2022, Health Council of Marin Meeting.** President Souders-Mason asked members to review the May 24, 2022, Health Council of Marin meeting minutes. Barbara Wientjes asked that this sentence be added to Item 7, subsection 1: "Barbara Wientjes reported that she and her husband will purchase some directional meters for tracing sources of EMF, as advised by Erich Windheim." Derice Seid Tao moved to approve the minutes as amended. Barbara Wientjes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Report from Executive Committee.** Sandy Ross reported on the Executive Committee meeting of June 14, 2022. Committee members are Sandy Ross, Ginger Souders-Mason, Kevin Hogan and Roberta Anthes. Sandy Ross reported the following:
  1. Kevin Hogan reviewed the HCM by-laws and read out Article XII, which states that members can only represent themselves as speaking for the Council when they have been specifically instructed to do so by a vote of the majority of Council members.
  2. It was agreed that all communications with the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Health & Human Services or any other outside entity must be approved by a majority of HCM members.
  3. Current HCM members who have applied for continued membership are Barbara Wientjes, Kevin Hogan and Constance Barker. Provider Seat 11 is open and three people have applied for it. The Nominating Committee, recommended that the full council chose Brad Jacobs, MD. This item will be on the agenda for the July 12 or 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.
  4. The HCM has no budget. However, the County does supply the services of a secretary, Loretta Rogers, which is paid for out of the County's general fund.

5. The HHS representative to the HCM is Kathy Koblick. However, Kathy asked Loretta Rogers to supply the HCM with HHS updates as Kathy was solely focused on pandemic response.
  6. Sandy Ross appointed Kevin Hogan secondary parliamentarian. He is putting together a packet of appropriate County protocol materials to be distributed to HCM members at the September 2022 meeting.
  7. A review of current HCM goals and projects was postponed until the next Executive Committee meeting due to lack of time.
  8. The Executive Committee agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of every month. One of the standing agenda items will be to determine the agenda for the regular meeting.
  9. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.
7. **Request that County Administrator add Health Council of Marin to the draft Board of Supervisors Resolution to extend the Sunset Date of various Commissions to August 15, 2026.** Sandy Ross reported that the Health Council is one of a number of County councils and commissions whose sunset date it up for renewal by the Board of Supervisors. Sandy Ross read out a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting this extension. She moved that she send this letter to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the HCM. Roberta Anthes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Presentation: Clean Atmosphere Act: What will that mean to the health of the people of Marin and California by Jolie Diane:** Jolie Diane is the founder and director of Americans for a Clean Atmosphere. She works with communities around the nation to get laws enacted to protect public health and safety. The first state she worked in was Rhode Island where a bill was introduced in March 2022, called the Clean Atmosphere Act. Her goal now is to get a similar bill introduced in California. She and her colleagues are proud of the fact that this effort is bipartisan. She is looking to gain support for this effort in California. She shared her screen and gave a PowerPoint presentation.
1. The precedent for this legislation is laws passed in Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia in the 1960's regulation weather modification / rain making. New Hampshire passed a weak bill in 2021 regarding cloud-seeding. The first sponsor of this type of legislation in 2017 was Rosalind Peterson (died in 2018), head of the Agriculture Defense Coalition, which was formed to protect agriculture from a wide variety of experimental weather and atmospheric testing programs.
  2. The value of passing strong legislation in California will be improved health, lower health care costs, and clearer soil, water, air and atmosphere. It will reduce the incidence of wildfires. She listed various illnesses associated with pollutants. She provided a letter from a Prof. Mark Jacobson, supporting this type of bill and listing the long-term negative consequences of cloud-seeding.
  3. According to Environment California, there is no safe level of air pollution; therefore, they recommend strengthening air quality standards to levels fully protective of public health, ensuring strong enforcement capabilities, and specifying strong penalties for violations. This is what the Clean Atmosphere Act proposes.
  4. She reviewed the history of weather modification in California. Weather modification and cloud-seeding has been conducted in California since the 1950's. Santa Barbara has been doing it for the longest time. Cloud-seeding releases silver iodide or solid dry ice (CO2). Cloud-seeding increased drought and fire hazards. She stated that silver iodide is listed as an environmental hazard. She reviewed current weather modification activities in California. Santa Barbara is proposing a program for 2022-23. There are also cloud-seeding proposals for Marin County. Cloud-seeding is part of the state's water plan. She cited several studies which found that cloud-seeding actually prevents rain. She also reviewed the various delivery systems.
  5. She reviewed the harmful effects of RF RMF radiation and its presence throughout Marin County. This contributes to drought and harmful health effects.
  6. Question and Answer:
    1. Sandy Ross stated that the County has finally stopped using Roundup. The County is now using another product about which not much is known. Therefore, she wanted to know if this proposed law was passed, what would

replace the cloud-seeding, etc. Jolie Diane stated that the studies show that these techniques actually prevent rain, and the proposed law allows for a natural climate.

2. Roberta Anthes referred to all the cell towers around the Civic Center. She stated that she and colleagues had personally measured microwatts per square meter around the Civic Center and found that the highest measurement was 52.2 which is way above the recommended 6.0. Highest levels were around College of Marin. Jolie Diane thanked her for collecting this data. She also pointed out the effect of this radiation on the bee population which is collapsing.
  3. Barbara Wientjes reported on measurements taken by Eric Windheim around her home. The measurements were above 6.0. She referred to the presentation by Paul Hogan earlier in the year about climate change and the various efforts to mitigate its effects. She also asked about the effects of radiation and cloud-seeding on microorganisms. Jolie Diane stated that what is left out in environmental protection efforts is weather modification. The bill prevents adding pollutants into the atmosphere. It's important to draw a distinction between the CO2 we all breathe out which is natural and necessary versus solid dry ice which is a pollutant. The bill has a large section which provides scientific backup for its claims and prescriptions. She stated that the solution for the radiation problem is fiber optic cables to residences.
  4. Sandy Ross asked how it is that this practice has gone on for so long. Why do these agencies still think cloud-seeding makes rain? Jolie Diane stated that these programs are being coordinated and financed internationally at the U.N. World Meteorological Association. China, Russia, India, Afghanistan, the U.A.E., Saudi Arabia, etc. are involved. China doesn't care about the environment or public health. There are 193 nations and over 60 of them are doing weather modification without regulatory oversight. It will only be the U.S. that will address this. The goal is to stop all weather modification and let nature regulate itself.
  5. Roberta Anthes stated that she would like Jolie Diane to return with specifics about what sort of proposal the HCM could bring to the Board of Supervisors. Perhaps the HCM can influence them to lobby Sacramento for this bill. Jolie Diane agreed. She would like to do that particularly as Marin County can be very influential. She could bring with her the author of the current legislation. The author's name is Susan Clark, who has a degree in Public Health Science from Harvard and her expertise is radio frequency microwave radiation bioeffects plus toxicology. Sandy Ross asked if Jolie had presented this already to the Marin County Board of Supervisors. Jolie said that she has not but would be happy to do so. She will send her materials to Loretta Rogers who will forward them to the Council members. Barbara Wientjes suggested having Susan Clark come to the July meeting. The meeting agenda will be set by the Executive Committee which meets next on July 12, 2022.
9. **Update from Council Members:** President Souders-Mason asked for updates from members.
1. Sandy Ross reported that she had listened to the MMWD operations meeting where AMI meters were discussed. A contact informed Sandy that it will be a while before implemented because the MMWD must obtain a better water supply first. In Sebastopol, they put in the Badger Orion meters which are reported to be twice as strong as PG&E's electric meters. They are in trouble-shooting mode, so they are constantly transmitting. However, this is not a topic that the HCM can delve into as the Board of Supervisors does not have jurisdiction over the MMWD. It is something that HCM members can act on individually.
  2. Barbara Wientjes reported that she is receiving a lot of reports of COVID vaccine adverse reactions. She tells them to report to their provider. They can also report directly to the FDA online. It is necessary to distinguish between side effects of the vaccine and adverse reactions. They are two different things.

3. Connie Barker echoed Barbara Wientjes' remarks about vaccine side effects. She hears a lot about it and she feels it is not taken as seriously as it should be.
10. **Update from Council President:** President Souders-Mason recommended the book "Count Down: How Our Modern World is Threatening Sperm Counts, Altering Male and Female Reproductive Development and Imperiling the Future of the Human Race" by Shanna H. Swan. There was brief discussion.
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be on July 26, 2022.