

# Marin Women's Commission — Business Meeting Minutes Draft

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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## AGENDA

### I. Call to Order/Established Quorum at 7:03pm

#### Present:

Barbara Anderson (BA)  
Laura Anderson (LA)  
Magali Limeta (ML)  
Leslie Belingheri (LB)  
Samantha Ramirez (SR)  
Amy Schroeder (AS)  
Elizabeth Davis (ED)  
Sally Stocks (SS)

II. Motion to approve the August 27, 2022 drafted Minutes SS/AS m/s/p

III. Motion to approve the September 27, 2022 drafted Agenda LA/LB m/s/p

### IV. Speaker – Lori Frugoli and Kari Cordero, update on SART (SART – Sexual Assault Response Team)

- 6 month pilot time
- Overview
  - Want to honor everyone including Commission members & Dr. Santora who helped us get to this point
  - Background
    - 2005 – Kaiser in Vallejo began providing facilities + services for other counties (utilizing Napa Solano SANE SART organization)
    - Prior to 2011, SART exams performed at Marin General Hospital
    - 2011 – Marin County entered into contract with Napa Solano SANE SART to provide forensic exams
    - 2017-2018 Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
Sexual assault in Marin evidence collection, processing & backlog
      - Key findings
        - low number of reported assaults
        - Insufficient resources to support local program
        - Identifying, training, & retaining qualified SANE nurses in North Bay exceedingly challenging

- Kaiser Permanente Vallejo Medical Center is central location with good access and efficient operation
  - Recommendation
    - Renew contract with Napa Solano SANE SART
- 2017-2018 Marin County Women's Commission
  - Preliminary study to understand impact of conducting out of County SART exams on victims
  - 2018 presented findings to Board for review
  - Task force assembled to determine if SANE SART was meeting stated objectives and explore feasibility of alternative models
- 2019 Staff Review
  - Spring 2019 - Interview SART program managers of 3 other counties + outreach to UCSF
  - Summer 2019 – Visited Sonoma Family Justice Center
  - Late summer 2019 – Exploratory conversations with MarinHealth & KP (San Rafael)
  - Fall 2019 – developed draft pilot proposal; revisions requested
- 2019 Staff Findings
  - Family Justice Centers are the gold standard for providing access to coordinated, comprehensive victim resources
  - Counties with public health care systems & large urban areas are able to support SANE/SART programs
  - Medium & Small counties have difficulty sustaining SANE/SART programs
  - Pediatric forensic examinations are not feasible in Marin County
  - Regional approach/partnership with Sonoma County not feasible because of Sonoma County's need to staff forensic examiners with competencies in adult, adolescent, and pediatric examinations
- Feasibility Study Concept
  - 4 Marin nurses will complete 6-month Vallejo-based training to acquire competency in forensic evidence collection & expert testimony
- Options
  - No change (not recommended)
  - Convene short-term Task Force re: Women's Commission 5/2019 Recommendation (Recommended) to discuss and review Feasibility Study
  - 6-month feasibility study July 2021 (pending Task Force report back to BOS; BOS review & approval)
- Decision
  - 6 month pilot
    - Community Collaboration
      - Dr Lisa Santora (HHS)
      - Napa-Solano SART-SANE program
      - Kaiser Permanente
      - Community
      - Center for Domestic Peace
      - Community Violence Solutions
  - Update

- April 1, 2022 – Program launch
  - Concerns:
    - Number of exams done in Marin
    - Retention of Qualified/Competent nurses
  - 24 cases this year (as of September)
  - 22 of these done in San Rafael (all but pediatric and operating room case)
  - Positive feedback – keeping the victims local helps get the evidentiary evidence
  - 3 other examiners – will drive to SR – have been on the team for 5 yrs and are committed to providing this resource/those services
  - Want to build up the Marin base even more – anticipate increasing numbers as awareness increases

**BA** – Continued funding?

**Lori** – That is next step & appreciate your support. Pandemic has prevented the opportunity to promote this 100%. Will share with more people, including youth. Will work w/schools on outreach. Will ask for another 6 mos pilot.

**BA** – Will support

**SS** – Grateful for your work

**LA** - Pilot alone stipulates 4 nurses to be trained/ Do we have only 2 in Marin

**Kari** – Not a “job” have to be doing this work for the right reasons

Money is not enough to incentivize this work.

**LA** – Barbara & I are on SART subcommittee – mtg w/Crystal Martinez – August 9<sup>th</sup> doc – extends contract w/Napa Solano til July 2023 – when we hit 7/24 date next summer – would like you on our calendar again so we can hear what is next

**Kari** – Happy to report back. Because go live date was pushed back – the excess money in the contract will take us through October, not July. Meeting w/Sonoma on Thursday but not sure what that will look like (and if we can share financial responsibility). Priority is Marin.

Happy to report back as needed and when needed

Thanks for your time!

## V. **Open Time for Members of the Public to Speak on Items not on the Agenda**

**Susannah Mrzaek:** = Worked w/Obama administration & Mary Sackett inspired her to be more involved. Passionate about the SART program.

**Aliya Mottos:** Participated in event a long time ago – global career focused on girls and philanthropy. Wanted to meet all of you and keep a finger to the pulse of commission

## VI. **Get to Know You – Samantha to Lead**

Samantha led an ice-breaker activity where each commissioner shared more about themselves.

## VII. **Listening Tour Committee Update**

- 1st tour will be in Marin City

- trying to reach out to Felecia Gaston
  - She will let us know when/where is best time/place
  - Want to partner w/her and others who are involved in other communities
- **BA** - Some delays in getting funding

#### VIII. **Marin Teen Girl Committee Update (ML)**

- Chose 26 girls as teen ambassadors (Rejection letters to others)
- \$5 for video used to promote conference
- Whatever is left work w/Erin Lacey will help take teen girl conference to next level
- First mtg this Sunday
- We will meet Friday to determine what is needed
- Also going to conference in Oakland to learn what others are doing
- MTGC 3/26 – same location as last year

#### IX. **Grant committee Update**

**LB** – Shireen & I met last week

- Awarded 25K in March – have not yet rec'd funding
- Trying to get info as to **why**
- Rec'd email – having back end issues with distribution of funds
- What does that mean in terms of reporting?
  - CA commission for status of women & girls – grantor body - \$\$ comes from state – they are tasked w/disbursing this money
  - Timing did not line up well
  - Awarded money to grantees – as it got closer to budgeting in state, funding was put on hold
  - Can't begin projects/planning until we receive \$\$
  - Can't tell us when we will get the money - We are in the queue
  - As soon as legislature moves through what they need to move through, we will get the money
  - Will get an extension on spending that money since we haven't rec'd it yet
- Report submitted in drop box that you can all read
  - \$5K for video and \$5K for hiring Erin – 2 blocks of money for MTGC
  - CSWG – granting body – excited about MTGC
    - Reproductive justice was also another passion
    - Want to be invited to conference
    - Very interested in what we're doing

#### **Questions?**

**BA** – Listening tour came up and the training for committee members that we were planning to use this money to fund these events. Can't schedule it on the calendar.

Can't spend it now & then be reimbursed – causes delay.

**LB** – March deadline is extended. They want to extend this program going forward.

Not explicitly stated, but got sense that this may become multi-year program.

**ED** – Grant has to be built directly for services rendered? Discussion around if we could front the money for food, etc. – cannot do that - typically cannot backfill the grant.

Cannot front the money for a service.

**LB** – Have to receive the money first before it is spent/allocated & hope this will be received soon.

## **X. Consent Decree Update**

**AS** – Consent Decree – County of Marin put under consent decree in 1980(s) – 14 things that they had to meet. In favor that county has met all of those requirements.

Trying to help the county be released from the consent decree. Barbara working w/ outside counsel – Madeline Miller – regarding a declaration from MWC in support of removing Marin's Consent Decree

## **XI. CEDAW committee update**

**AS:**

- Convention on elimination of discrimination of all women – UN convention
- US is one of 3 countries who have not ratified
- Going smaller – league of women voters came to us a while back
  - Approving at smaller level
  - Currently drafting a resolution
  - Hoping to have completed draft in October
  - Once commission edits/approves, it will be presented to BOS and ask them to approve and have Marin become a CEDAW county
- Will present to BOS aides
  - Will talk to Crystal about this and then talk to her about getting on calendar w/BOS
  - Resolution will not be very long. Must be concise and intentional.

## **XII. Board/Commission Community Training committee update**

**ML** – 2-part event after talking w/many different people

**SR** – 1<sup>st</sup> part women who just ran for office. Who won/who lost. Feb 16<sup>th</sup> date we're looking at.

- Submit proposal to receive money for food – whatever is easy to cater
- Need a location & would like suggestions
  - Would like an organization and can use their setting
  - 25-30 people
  - Marin promise may be a potential
  - Youth commission will ask the questions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> part – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in March
  - Hoping this may open eyes to run for office
  - Pipeline to run for office (create)

**ML** – Asking about making a connect at Dominican (Leslie may have contact)

**LA** – Have you reached out to League of Women Voters?

**ML** – Not yet

**AS** – Bio Marin has great rooms for small events. Have been to event Shireen did there – she would know cost.

**LB** – This is a separate thing from - board commission training – not in the grant – would have to rewrite it and include it.

**ML** – Need funding

**SR** – Sol food? Few hundred dollars.

**BA** – Work on that budget so we know what plans are and make sure we have way of covering if it happens before funding comes through

**BA** – @Roger – Could there be funding available through the County?

**Roger** – What Chris used to do is access the funds through Solange. Solange controls funds through commissions. If there is certain amount you're looking for, let me know & I will connect with Solange to facilitate.

Different processes for vendors versus CalCard.

**LB** – How can we find out which vendors are in the system?

**Roger** – I can go to Solange and ask which vendors the Women's Commission has used in the past.

**LB** – Could it be a vendor we have used in the past – or could we use a County vendor?

**BA** – Chris used to put it on the CalCard in the past.

**Roger** – Solange would be the person.

**ML** – What is the process for reimbursement?

**Roger** – We'll need to get a receipt. Let me confirm that the reimbursement will work the same way for a commissioner as it would be for an employee.

**BA** – For Commissioner reimbursement, there may be a substantial delay.

**BA** – We could get the process started w/vendors.

### **XIII. Open Time for Commissioners**

**SR** - Recognition - Need to follow up w/Shireen on what existed before.

**BA** - @ Laura - I'm not able to make 10/25 meeting. Will you be able to step in as Chair for that meeting? Could move in-person meeting to November. Is that ok w/ everyone to move in-person meeting to November?

**LB** - Thanks to Samantha for Icebreaker.

**SR** - Think we should keep building that out & continue to have Icebreakers - call meeting to order, approve minutes and then have Icebreaker to build community.

**ML** will lead the next Icebreaker - bring an item that is meaningful to you and share why in less than a minute.

**LB** - Community speaker - serious community project

Article on IJ front page - food security forum (First 5 Marin)

Did anyone attend?

Feel like we could have known about that and it would have been a good opportunity for our Commission.

Katherine Couch - Write up in Marin Voice - working on getting food identified as medical treatment. Medically supervised meals would be provided/partially covered through insurance.

May be able to get one of the chefs to come speak on what they do and why they're doing it.

**SR**- You can email Michelle (First 5 Marin) and get on the email list. They have rotating events every 3 months. Contact/email Michelle Fadelli of First 5 Marin. (michelle@first5marin.org)

**BA** - let me know if you have ideas for speakers

### **XIV. Next meeting October 25**

### **XV. Adjournment**

**8:36pm**