



**Public Disaster Education and Preparedness (PDE+P) Committee  
of the Marin Operational Area Disaster & Citizens Corps  
Council (DC3) Committee Meeting**

**PDE+P Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2020**

*Approved at PDEP meeting 6-1-2020*

**Members Present:**

Catherine Way	CoChair, DC3 City of Larkspur Councilmember, MCCMC
Adriana Rabkin	CoChair, DC3 Member, Coordinator Marin VOAD
Jay Hubert	ACS/RACES / OES / Firewise Community / Red Cross
Maggie Lang	Mill Valley Fire, Emergency Prep Coordinator
Anne Carta	Marin Medical Reserve Corps
Tom Cromwell, MD	Marin Medical Reserve Corps
Peter Mendoza	DC3 / AFN representative, CoChair Marin VOAD
Michael Huynh	County Disaster Preparedness Coordinator / CERT Coordinator
Garry Lion	DC3 member, Marin Economic Forum
Vincent Valenzuela	Red Cross Marin / Solano Disaster Program Manager
Quinn Gardner	SRFD Emergency Manager

**Members Excused or Absent:**

James Wickham	PG&E Safety & Preparedness Specialist, MV Mayor
Amber Davis	HHS Public Health Preparedness Manager

**Members Public Present**

Lisa Santora	Deputy Health Director, Marin HHS, <a href="mailto:lsantoray@marincounty.org">lsantoray@marincounty.org</a>
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The Emailed Digital Agenda notice attached copies of the following documents:

- PDEP\_Agenda 2020-05-04a.pdf
- PDEP\_Minutes 2020-04-06\_DRAFTa.pdf
- PDEP\_Minutes 2020-04-06\_DRAFTb.pdf (draft to be reviewed)
- PDEP Members Contact Sheet 04-29-2020.pdf

- I. Welcome, Introductions, Zoom Instructions. Review of Minutes**
  - Catherine welcomed attendees and introductions were made
  - Draft PDEP Minutes 4/06/2020(b).pdf as they were revised were approved
  
- II. COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing, Dr. Lisa Santora, Deputy Health Director, Marin County Health & Human Services (HHS)**



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### Testing

- They are expecting an increased number of cases and hospitalizations
- HHS just partnered with Marin Community Clinics, Sutter Health, Marin Health, and Kaiser to set up mobile clinics. They opened their first site in the Canal and were able to test 116 people in one day. They have the capacity to test 132 people daily at this new site and their goal is to test 500 people a week. They are almost there.
- They will test 120 people at the skilled nursing facility
- They also tested 72 people at the drive through County Point of Testing (POT)
- Health care providers will also likely increase testing capability
- Testing is so important as it allows early detection and with the ability to isolate and quarantine, they can help slow the spread of hospitalizations and surge.
  
- Garry Lion asked if the testing is for people infected or if there is also antibody testing? Lisa responded that the County is not doing antibody testing. This is getting a lot of press but it is not a reliable or validated test right now as C-19+ people have tested negative on antibody tests and vice versa. We need herd immunity when enough people have been infected that the spread is not as big a concern.
  
- Frank Cox asked what is the plan for the prison and jail? Lisa shared that every inmate is in his own space and there is screening for staff and inmates. There are currently no C+ staff or inmates. For San Quentin they need to have their own quarantine plan in place. They are working with CDC and Senator Mark Maguire for a surge plan on their own site.
  
- Catherine asked: how many people are getting testing? Dr. Santora outlined current COVID testing is now used by County HHS, in partnership with Kaiser Hospital, the Marin Clinic, Marin Healthcare, and Sutter Medical Services. A particular focus is on testing patients and staff in congregate housing, such as Skilled Nursing Facilities (there has been an outbreak at 10 skilled nursing facilities), adult retirement homes, and residences for persons with Access and Functional Needs (AFN), working with ombudsman behind the scenes. About 70 such facilities are licensed care, while still others are local residential clusters.
- The testing program also provides staff with opportunities to aid in educating facility staff in COVID-19 preventive protocols, and improving facility disaster / emergency plans. If one resident or staff person tests positive in a facility, all are thereafter tested. The testing staff work closely with staff from the HHS Aging and Adult Services Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program<sup>1</sup>, which is a patient advocate service provided by the County.
  
- Question: Is the testing rapid testing? Lisa: no, the results are seen in 24-48 hours with testing. This is not the rapid testing. Rapid test is not very reliable as it has lots of false negatives.
- Tom Cromwell: Does the County have any valid serology test? Answer: It is just research. We don't know how long immunity lasts and how effective it is.

### Contact Tracing

<sup>1</sup> Marin H&HS Ombudsman Program: <https://www.marinhhs.org/long-term-care-ombudsman-program>



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- Contact Investigation is the most important piece, even more so than testing. Public health nurses and other trained staff are making direct contact with individuals who have tested positive. There is a deepening of C+ in lower income communities where there are multifamily, crowded living situations. Focus on HHS Care and Shelter branch to focus on communities that need help.
- Expanding contact investigation capability; Working with Dr. Stephen McCurdy from UC Davis. They are also working with Santa Clara and a SF Software vendor. They need to be aligned with the State.
- Tom Cromwell asked if Marin is participating with the UCSF and UCLA program in teaching contact investigation<sup>2</sup>. Lisa replied that Marin will participate in this in the next round.
- MMRC are doing contact tracing and are doing a great job. An MMRC member identified one of the outbreaks at a skilled nursing facility while working over the weekend and staying in touch with this facility.
- Peter Mendoza: commends HHS on messaging for the AFN community and the town hall meetings. Lisa: they have made improvements on website accessibility. Now they have a data surveillance website as well.
- Frank: Suggestion for HHS COVID site is to replace the word “today” which is not as useful as an actual date.
- Marin Recovers.com: launching with other Bay Area counties to help businesses with recovery. County is investing significantly in this effort. Website will provide safety and guidance. Marin will look at what State says with easing restrictions. We have to go with the most restrictive measures.
- Catherine: What can we do to help you in public messaging? Lisa: reassure community about benefits of shelter-in-place (SIP). Encourage members and constituents to do everything they can to prepare for fire season. We expect to see C+ in waves as SIP is lifted. More cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Help community see this is new normal. We are not going back to what we had in November. When defining the new normal it needs to be aligned with equity, resilience and sustainability (green approaches).
- Frank: 2018 HHS Equity Report is great: Strategic Plan to Achieve Health & Wellness Equity.<sup>3</sup>
- Alissa; What can older people do who are CERT trained, etc. to help with upcoming disasters? Would the health dept. say what older CERT members are able to do? Catherine suggested looking at [FireSafe Marin](#) website.
- Michael Huynh: Official activation for CERT would come from the Fire department. Over 65+ are at higher risk. If you want to volunteer you can, just not as a CERT. Some dire circumstances may alter the need to use these older CERT, but we wouldn't want to put these people at greater risk.
- Quinn: Encourage CERT to think about how to be involved virtually; MMRC is mostly over 65 as well.
- We will recommend that Lisa provide this update to DC3 at the next meeting

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/coronavirus/ucsf-partnering-with-state-on-contact-tracing-training/2284931/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.marincounty.org/-/media/files/maringov/boaractions/2019/february/1902127hhsstrategicplanpresentation.pdf?la=en>



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### III. Updates from PDEP members

#### MCCMC Marin County Council Mayors + City Councilmembers

- North Bay League of CA Cities putting out a lot of updates, sometimes twice a day. Marin Mayors and councilmembers met on Friday about economic resiliency and helping support businesses. Participates on OES call for mayors. They discussed feeding seniors and the CA Great Plates restaurant program. Not sure if cities will jump in.

#### Marin VOAD

- HHS submitted a letter of intent for the Great plates program and requested a 2 week trial program beginning May 18. 11,000 residents fit the profile of over age 65 or between ages of 60-64 at high health risk. People cannot be on any existing program. HHS would work with Whistlestop who would provide the call center and handle the intake from restaurants. Restaurants need to be local not chains and must have background checked drivers to do the delivery. The program is for 3 meals a day, which is a lot of meals for older adults.
- Garry: be aware that a lot of restaurants are local franchises and have a local identify and are not really chains.

#### West Marin

- Brian McCarthy: no update

#### Red Cross

- Vincent Valenzuela: Red Cross is transitioning to mass care planning if there is some large disaster that needs a shelter. Looking into motels and hotels to partner with. Second option is campsites with individual tents or structures. Congregant sites are their last resort. Also looking into restaurants that can provide individually packaged meals for feeding in a mass evacuation situation. ARC has been affected by C-19 as their workforce is in the at-risk group and many are not comfortable responding to volunteer. Shelter work will be done virtually right now.
- Catherine: Is Red Cross involved in the shelter at the civic center? Vincent: No. They are able to provide cots and blankets if needed, but would only deploy supplies if a shelter is set up, not in anticipation of it being needed. EOC acquired supplies elsewhere.

#### Southern Marin / Business Community

- Garry Lyon: Everything is pretty much on lock down. Garry invited Mike Blakely Marin Economic Forum to join the call.
- Mike Blakely: He has been with the Marin Economic Forum for 2.5 years now.
- Businesses are still in survival mode. Small businesses may have 1-2 month cash reserves. San Anselmo did a survey and found that many had 2-3 weeks of reserves. Working closely with all Chambers of Commerce. Businesses are starting to shut down for good, some are moving out at night. Unemployment numbers for Marin are higher than they have ever been. Unemployment claims are going up. The large impact is seen at lower wage jobs.
- Companies are receiving PPP loans. No patterns are seen: some are getting it, others are not. Data does not show that it is big banks giving to big companies. CA has rec'd a significant amount of funding. Money is getting into the hands of businesses. Several Marin banks are making these loans. Average loan size is \$79,000.
- What kind of demand will businesses have when they reopen? Businesses are set up for residents, so how consumers feel will be the biggest predictor of how businesses do. For example, some people will not go to restaurants until there is a vaccine.



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- Engaged with County on MarinRecovers.com. Governor Newsom announced we are moving into phase 2 starting Friday with some businesses opening. Supply chain of PPE equipment that stores need for workforce is very limited.
- Garry: Will MarinRecovers.com coordinate the varied efforts of chambers and mayors? Yes. Mike: Cities and chambers have individual efforts to help businesses like in Tiburon and Sausalito. Cities have also put together grant efforts (small grants of \$1k or \$5K) to help businesses like San Rafael and Novato.

### Mill Valley Preparedness, community efforts:

- Maggie Lang: Started a support hotline last Friday in greater Mill Valley for anyone who needs help with groceries, tech help, friendly phone calls. They are trying to reach folks at home who are not connected. Already receiving calls. Reaching out to find block captains for NRGs. Evacuation drill was cancelled for end of May. Southern Marin summit for disaster councils will be scheduled. This will include Tiburon, Mill Valley, Sausalito, Marin City, and Sausalito floating homes. Topics: C-19, how people are supporting each other, building NRGs and block captains.
- Looking into online courses. See webpage: <https://readymarin.org/>.

### Public Health Preparedness and related programs

- Amber Davis was not present. No update.

### Access & Functional Needs (AFN) communities:

- Peter Mendoza: the Statewide AFN workgroup has a conference call every Thursday to support people with AFN: gives people opportunity to ask questions and State can respond. Community was concerned about medical rationing based on disabilities and perceived quality of life issues that would be a factor in medical care. Governor issued language addressing this. State has changed guidance allowing person with disability or C+ assigned 2 people to assist in hospital (one at a time), especially for long term stays. Many people with disabilities need assistance communicating with doctors and medical staff. This follows NY and NJ.
- Funding for emergency back up service
- Marin providing caregivers information about back up service
- Participating on county well-check community
- Providing remote service to EOC
- Preparing for PSPS: Starting battery loan program, getting people to sign up for PG&E medical baseline, helping them develop disaster plans and circles of support. Folks can reach out to Marin CIL<sup>4</sup> now to get batteries: Contact Peter Mendoza at: 415-234-3840

### Public Safety / Emergency Management

- Quinn Gardner: San Rafael is doing a lot of work assessing where they are missing vulnerable populations. They are concerned about specific populations like transgender youth as well as concerns about child abuse, substance and alcohol abuse. Numbers of reported cases for child abuse are down significantly (50%) and this is concerning. Other groups don't have digital access because they don't have wifi access or computers.
- Michael: There has been an increase in domestic violence in other places, NY City had an increase, we may suspect an increase here as well.
- Sara Lugaric: Pt San Pedro coalition is distributing masks to Canal Alliance. Perhaps they can be a resource for assessing this need.

<sup>4</sup> Marin Center for Independent Living: <https://www.marincil.org/>



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- Quinn: we are in touch with nonprofits, like Center for Domestic Peace<sup>5</sup>, and others. We are trying to implement a smaller neighbor to neighbor effort, utilizing NRGs and CERT to develop a comprehensive list of vulnerable groups. There is also a digital divide and we need to figure out how do we connect with these people?
- Maggie: based on this we are going to change our wording in our survey outreach: "if you see something, hear of something, please reach out and get help"
- Marco: Multicultural Center of Marin<sup>6</sup> checks in with people at food distribution sites and checks on safety concerns. Working with block captains as well.

### Utilities including PG&E

- Jim Wickham was not present.

### Marin Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC), etc.

- Anne Carta: MMRC volunteers staffing within the communicable disease unit to help with contract tracing. 14 volunteers. Requires a consistent volunteer effort, cannot change out volunteers. Want to expand it in a couple of weeks. Will offer more training. Onboarding more volunteers now.
- Other MMRC opportunities include going out into field in alternate care site. Volunteers will be part of staffing model; Looking into utilizing volunteers for point of testing and daily health screenings for homeless individuals at 3 motel locations.
- Meeting the needs of the disease unit now.
- Anne is only bringing on licensed volunteers. The County is looking into non-licensed volunteers. Field based operations limited to licensed clinical volunteers. Referring unlicensed volunteers to CVNL.
- Catherine: Have unlicensed volunteers considered reaching out to SAR? Anne: they are being utilized in other ways such as FD, Marin Community Clinics, hospitals. This will be a long operation.
- John Lenser: 2 FADR trainings were cancelled. Can this be done remotely? Anne; difficult to move this to remote because FADR is hands on. Will consider alternate forms of training in place of FADR.

Tom Cromwell, MMRC, Belvedere/Tiburon update:

- 90 block captains. Encouraging them to maintain contact with their residents, update their contact information and identify increased needs with PSPS and COVID. Meeting every Monday. Coordinated with mayor, police chief and city manager.
- 67% of Belvedere population is over 65

### Public Preparedness Coordinator / Get Ready Marin

- Michael Huynh: Ready Marin is now multilingual and available in Spanish and many other languages. Also updating information on the site: <https://readymarin.org/>
- Frank: are you going to offer classes online? Michael: we are running a pilot next week.

### OES RACES Chief Radio officer, San Rafael CERT steering and Firewise

<sup>5</sup> Center for Domestic Peace - part of a comprehensive community effort to end domestic violence in Marin County: <https://centerfordomesticpeace.org/>

<sup>6</sup> Multicultural Center of Marin: <http://multiculturalmarin.org/>





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- Jay Hubert: RACES / ACS<sup>7</sup> has no real communication issue right now. Communication has improved right now, rather than degraded. There may be a communication need if there are PSPS<sup>8</sup>. Concerned about vegetation management and fire safety. No evacuation drills likely for this year.

### Public Comment/Questions:

- Lori: What to do about people spraying pesticides now when you cannot leave your house? Where does this question go? Answer: talk to Lisa or Matt.
- Todd Lando: Firesafe Marin, Exec Coordinator: concerned about people's ability to maintain their properties due to their finances, non essential workers. Lots more grass, weeds. Check website for Living with Fire online seminars that start tonight, 6pm: <https://firesafemarin.org/events>
- Tom: we owe gratitude for Matt Willis and Lisa Santora. Give them a pat on the back.
- Sarah: Today is International Firefighter's Day. Thank you to the firefighters for all the work they're doing to help us prepare for what sounds like it's going to be a really rough fire season. 2020 will certainly be the year of first responders.

### IV. Closing Items

#### Minutes

- Catherine: please send corrections ASAP. These minutes get wide distribution. Maggie's change was to clarify her part.
- Minutes approved.

#### DC3 & PDEP Meetings

- Catherine: we will recommend DC3 include contact tracing and testing (Lisa's presentation). Maybe suggest the MarinRecovers.com site at DC3 too.
- We will still hold the 6/1 PDEP meeting to get ready for the 6/11 DC3 meeting (and possibly the August meeting)
- We will cancel the July PDEP meeting
- We will send suggestions to Dennis Rodoni

**Closure: 2:49 pm end of meeting**

#### Next Meetings:

**Dates may be flexible as circumstances require.**

**PDEP Meetings Year 2020: 6/1, (7/6 cancelled), 8/3, 9/14, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7/2020**

**Site: PDEP unless otherwise posted: Central Marin Police Community Rm.**

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**DC3 Meetings: 3-5pm: Board Chambers, Civic Center, Dates may be flexible**

**DC3 Year 2020: 6/11/2020, 9/10/2020, 12/10/2020 (may be adjusted)**

**Online:** <https://www.marinsheriff.org/about-us/field-service-bureau/office-of-emergency-services>

<sup>7</sup> Marin County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and Auxiliary Communications Services (ACS) are volunteers working under the authority of the Marin County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES). <https://www.marinraces.org/wp/>

<sup>8</sup> Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). See [https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/public-safety-power-shutoff-faq.page?WT.mc\\_id=Vanity\\_psp](https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/public-safety-power-shutoff-faq.page?WT.mc_id=Vanity_psp)



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