



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 June 1, 2020

Approved at PDEP meeting 8-3-2020

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 / CERT Coordinator
Garry Lion	DC3 member, Marin Economic Forum
Vincent Valenzuela	Red Cross Marin / Solano Disaster Program Manager

Members Excused or Absent:

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

Members Public Present

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The following documents were emailed to PDEP in advance:

- PDEP_Agenda 2020-06-01a.pdf
- PDEP_Minutes 2020-05-04_DRAFTa.pdf (draft to be reviewed)

I. Welcome, Introductions, Review of Minutes

- Catherine welcomed attendees.
- Draft PDEP Minutes 5/04/2020(a).pdf were approved.
- Members provided updates prior to Angela Nicholson joining.



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II. Marin Recovers: Angela Nicholson, Assistant County Administrator

- Angela serves as the Emergency Operations Director for the County EOC. Today is the 91st day of operation in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Marin Recovers has 16 different industry advisory groups from retail, hotels, art galleries; incorporating local business feedback.
- Today they are opening outside dining, sidewalk retail, beaches and parks, and office space.
- Marin is ahead of other Bay Area counties. SF is limiting these activities because they don't want people coming in on mass transit.
- Next phase will involve outdoor church gatherings and peaceful protests. Guidance is expected in a week. Indoor retail could open on June 15th if they do not see a spike in new cases.
- We know people are frustrated with the slow opening; we are walking a fine line and basing decisions on epidemiology. We have a partnership with many groups.
- We have seen a surge in low income essential workers (grocery stores, skilled nursing facilities). There has been significant growth in the past 8 days, with the number of cases growing 25% up to 400 Covid positive cases.
- We are responding by doing a lot of testing. Adding more testing locations: a mobile site is now in Piper park, next week it is going to Sausalito, and then will be in other communities as well. We are encouraging all workers to get tested. Testing is not comfortable but it is essential.
- Catherine: I walked around downtown Larkspur and spoke with local businesses. They could not download signage for their stores.
- Angela: On MarinRecovers.com website, select the business tab and then select Reopening Resources on the left: [Signage for Business](#). We are working on the "We mask" campaign right now which shows when you must wear a mask vs when you should wear a mask. SF put out guidance: any time you are within 30 feet of people you should wear a mask.
- Catherine: How did the 16 advisory groups come about?
- Angela: We focused on big, small, East, West, businesses that represented all aspects of the county. Leaders of each group were selected, somewhat of a first come basis. For example, the childcare advisory group included the YMCA and San Rafael because they have been active in the EOC this whole time. Coordination of documents was an enormous lift.
- Patti, MCF: We have heard questions from people in the Canal re: testing. What are implications if they are positive? What are guidelines for employers? Where is information for employers? Will Marin Recovers address these? Angela: We are working with local grocery stores and CBOs to get that information out: when you test positive you are required to stay home. That isn't happening in every community, employees don't always stay home. The ability to not work for 14 days is not a reality; There is concern about getting fired. We are focusing on Social support right now. The only way to incentivize people to stay home when sick is to pay them. We are housing people and providing 3 meals; There is a rental assistance fund with County and Marin Community Foundation funding. We are providing targeted testing. We tested at Sol Food this week and at United Market last week. Local markets are more willing to work with us, rather than larger markets. HHS Covid site is probably the best place to go for information about this.
- Adriana: To the extent the VOAD can help spread the message to CBO's, let us know. Angela: There are 180 people in HHS care and shelter working on this issue now. Canal Alliance has a hotline for people testing positive.



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- Catherine: If organizations have questions where can they go? Angela: Marin Recovers site; there is a question box at the bottom. People can also go to Kevin Wright, Max Cordon, from Parks and Rec, or Angela.
- Tom Cromwell: There is substantial confusion about masks; teenagers don't wear them. We need clear messaging around this. There was an increase of 53 cases last week -- how do we know if that is a surge vs new testing? Angela: Most of the positives are coming off contact tracing. Testing is more targeted right now. Tom: How close are we to a saliva test and does Marin have a credited serology test? Angela: We are a few months from a saliva test. There is no reliable date right now. There is also no reliability with antibody testing yet.
- Comment from the chat: I signed up for testing last week and didn't get a response. Angela: If you go through the self referral at the Canal site you sign up and go. For the Larkspur test you need to sign up in advance.
- John Lenser: It would be nice to see data that indicates where new cases came from. More messaging might motivate people to wear masks. Angela: watch the videos from Dr. Willis. The people who have been working the front lines and protecting us are the ones now getting sick. We are looking at cases by industry. Grocery stores and construction have seen surges over the last 2 weeks. Catherine: There is a deep dive of data on the HHS Coronavirus website.
- Adriana: How often should essential workers get tested? Angela: they are working on this. Trying to get tests into skilled nursing facilities. They are trying to figure this out for front line workers, schools, etc.
- Lori Schiffrin: Do the numbers represent people in Marin hospitals or Marin people who are in hospitals anywhere? For example, I know people who won't go to Marin General so they go to San Francisco. Angela: Hospital numbers come from Marin hospitals. We don't get numbers from SF or other hospitals. All Marin County testing stays in Marin. Catherine: If I go to UCSF and test positive, where does the record go? Angela: Tests for Marin residents come to Marin EOC, but we might not get the hospital numbers if Marin residents go to SF.
- Catherine: MarinRecovers.com has lots of information and resources. Governor is looking to put lots of control at the local level; Angela: We are asking businesses to act like the public health officer: post your site specific guidelines; this is a self certification process and it is up to the businesses to determine how they will keep staff and customers safe.

III. Updates from PDEP members

MCCMC Marin County Council Mayors + City Councilmembers

- Economic Recovery is the main focus.
- Catherine and Adriana met with Supervisor Rodoni about how PDEP can support DC3 and work collaboratively to get agenda items and topics for DC3 meetings. They encouraged agenda items for the 6/11 DC3 meeting to include contact tracing and economic recovery. They also encouraged renewed examination of DSW focus and training.

Marin VOAD

- Focus has been on food distribution with homeless shelters and then the Great Plates program (feeding qualified seniors with restaurant meals). The program currently goes until June 10 with a possibility of continuing for another month.
- The VOAD is now moving to PSPS planning and what this looks like in a Covid environment. Working with regional VOAD group and NorCal VOAD group. All are thinking and planning about this.



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West Marin

- Steve Marcotte: Pt Reyes, Stinson have been heavily impacted by visitors; Bolinas has been quiet.
- West Marin Disaster Council (WMDC) met last Thursday. Big topic was from Red Cross and their plans of sheltering people during C-19; they are partnering with hotels, motels, and campgrounds for shelter locations.
- Focused on keeping people safe.
- Beach parking lots and restrooms opened 6/1.

Red Cross

- Anna Lane: Standby sheltering team looking at how to prepare in C-19; Learning from events in Georgia and Florida; processes and protocol include lessons from these areas.
- Also looking at mass feeding and individually packaged meals (IPM) during this time.
- Vincent is in charge of a regional effort to provide virtual support.
- John Lenser: Pt San Pedro Coalition identified evacuation sites along San Pedro Road. National Red Cross has a moratorium on visiting sites now. Tentative agreement from Peacock Golf Club to use them as a shelter or triage site. They need to get moving on this. Vincent joined the call at this point. Susan Yaris is leading the shelter site surveys and John should get in touch with her.
- Vincent: The Red Cross virtual family assistance center is a new division in CA. The website just went live: <https://www.redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center.html>. It is a site providing support to people who have lost someone due to C-19. Get connected to local, state and national resources. It is also a support system for first responders, health care workers, people working at skilled nursing facilities, and with C-19 patients as well. The site focuses on emotional support, faith-based resources, financial information, veterans assistance, and funeral information.
- This family support will be part of the Care and Condolence team which has been activated during Gilroy Garlic festival incident. Disaster mental health, spiritual care, casework. Questions coming about memorial services.

Southern Marin / Business Community

- Garry Lion: Introduced Mike Blakely to provide an update on the business community.
- Mike Blakely: Marin Economic Forum (www.marineconomicforum.org) is on the steering committee for Marin Recovers; for any business or consumers go to marinrecovers.com if you have any questions about reopening.
- New orders put into place today: beaches, outdoor dining are opening.
- Within the business community all small businesses and their employees have taken a huge financial hit. Marin's economy is very consumer based; there is no manufacturing, tech call centers, etc. Many businesses serve the local consumer market. Even when health concerns subside, our businesses will still be struggling. Economy is heavily dependent on local consumer spending but people may not be ready to go to the stores and restaurants. We are looking at national trends on a sector by sector basis to give our businesses a sense of what to expect and we are sharing lessons learned, but Marin is unique. For example in the construction industry we held a webinar with Marin Builders. They don't know what to expect because much of the construction in Marin is residential upgrades.
- PPE is also a big concern among businesses; MEF does not receive requests or consolidate orders. We are a think tank. Make any requests on marinrecovers.com or <https://marinrecovers.com/reopening-resources/>. The MEF link has some suppliers listed on the website as well.



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Mill Valley Preparedness, community efforts:

- Maggie Lang: Southern Marin: A report will be presented this evening to the Mill Valley City Council re: progress in a pilot phase of bringing the NRG (Neighborhood Response Group) program into Mill Valley. We are working in two areas in Mill Valley: Scott Valley and Cascade Canyon. Progress has been slowed due to the COVID 19 shelter-in-place but we have been able to move ahead with a new website (www.nrgmillvalley.org), supply orders, outreach for block captains, and a draft of a remote block captain orientation. Thank you to the Central Marin NRG team and Laurie Rice and Rachel Kertz for their generous support, as they have shared their accomplishments and challenges working with NRGs over the past 10 years.
- CERT is taking over the Mill Valley hotline with focus on neighbors helping neighbors.
- Southern Marin Council Summit: held on 5/28 with over 30 participants. Excellent discussions on COVID-19 challenges, fire season updates, PSPS Lessons Learned, CERT and NRG updates. The group will meet again in August. Fire chiefs from Mill Valley and Southern Marin participated along with representatives from Sausalito, Mill Valley, Belvedere, Tiburon; Marin City was unable to join.
- C19 has changed the landscape for emergency preparedness. Used to working in classes, messaging still needs to get out there. How do we do that? Changing Services? For example, CARS program in Sausalito has shifted to picking up groceries now; this is different from what they have previously done.
- VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) has stepped forward to be a networking center, for example, leading a neighbor to neighbor (N2N) subcommittee. Most communities are reaching out to their residents to identify who has needs; Mill Valley has a hotline; Sausalito put out door hangers. Are we reaching people? Are residents being taken care of by FBOs or neighbors? Belvedere has asked their block captains to reach out even more.
- More of a focus on shared services. Combining efforts of different Parks and Rec departments; Fire chiefs working closely with Dr. Willis to ensure messaging is consistent. Southern Marin CERT groups are being coordinated. Villages are now providing new services: Sausalito Villages and Marin Village are bringing on new volunteers and adding additional services.
- We need to get back to messaging about pre-disaster preparedness supplies.
- Lynn Walsh Mill Valley PIO provided lessons learned from 2019 PSPS. Sent out survey early in the year asking residents what their experience was like during PSPS. Residents said they had lots of notice but didn't know what stores would be open, which ones had ice, or what city services were open. Wanted to know how to salvage food in refrigerator. People felt more vulnerable and at risk because they couldn't get messaging out and couldn't get information. Dark houses at night made them uncomfortable. Website links didn't work. Perhaps write out the messages instead of sending links. Generators at traffic lights were great. How do we get out basic information to residents? Maybe provide checklists at stores – about key information you might need.
- PG&E will hold a wildfire safety and PSPS Readiness webinar on June 10. Not sure if it is invite only: PGE.com/wildfiresafety. PG&E wants 1/3 fewer customers affected and 50% shorter times for shutoffs.
- Mill Valley may push messaging out using high school message boards, volunteers, CERT, block captains to get messaging to residents.
- CERT: re-structuring leadership and have added Tam Valley, Almonte and Strawberry for a new Mill Valley CERT 94941. Reconnecting with Merit, formerly known as Sigma, a credential tracking program to track trainings and accomplishments by phone app. Mill Valley and Southern Marin shared services; shifting of leadership in CERTs; virtual



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training CERTs and NRGs. Vicki Chase: We would like more info about virtual CERT classes. We want to keep that going as well.

- Tom: Great to see fire captains involved in the summit meeting; Belv/Tib had virtual training last week; it worked well, there were 50 participants. Now planning one on mental health.

Public Health Preparedness and related programs

- Amber Davis was not present. No update.

Access & Functional Needs (AFN) communities:

- Peter Mendoza: Working with other Independent Living Centers to do a joint opening
- Covering EOC AFN seat for past 4-5 weekends; Have been able to handle the few requests that have come in.
- CA Foundation of Independent Living Centers has agreement with MCIL to support people who need electrical power for medical equipment; can help people with hotel needs, food and batteries. People must enroll with the CA Foundation: <https://disabilitydisasteraccess.org/>. Educating folks to get people signed up for PG&E medical baseline program and focus on personal preparedness plan for PSPS.
- Peter was on a State call and the PUC was notified that a PSPS will be coming soon to Northern CA. Vicky: There is a map on the PGE website showing potential upcoming PSPS outages: [PGE PSPS Impact Map](#).

Public Safety / Emergency Management

- Quinn Gardner was not present. No update.

Utilities including PG&E

- Jim Wickham was not present. No update.

Marin Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC), etc.

- Anne Carta: MMRC volunteer program greatly expanded over the past 4 months. We now have 515 medical volunteers. Volunteer numbers have doubled.
- Volunteers are doing contact tracing and are deploying to testing sites. We are only bringing on licensed medical professionals. Our website directs others to non-profits and other places for non-licensed volunteers.
- The skillset for volunteers being trained will be very helpful if needed in a shelter or call center.

Public Preparedness Coordinator / Get Ready Marin

- Michael Huynh: working on ReadyMarin website: <https://readymarin.org/>. Content for the get ready program is going to be digitized and put online. Personal training will be delayed. Also working on a multi-year training and exercise plan (MYTEP) for VOAD.

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

- Jay Hubert: RACES / ACS₁: Lost the repeater site on Big Rock Ridge. North Marin water district provides the site in Novato. Amateur radio operator coverage has improved as a

¹ 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/>



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result of this. Looking into providing better connectivity with West Marin schools and working with ITDRC for this. Working with Tom Cromwell on GMRS repeater for Tiburon.

Public Comment/Questions:

- Todd Lando: big changes coming with FireSafe Marin. New services and staff

IV. Closing Items

- Frank: we need emails from everyone not on this list
- The DC3 meeting is on June 11

Closure: 2:34 pm end of meeting

Next Meetings:

Dates may be flexible as circumstances require.

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

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

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

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

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