



**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 April 5, 2021

Draft approved at PDEP Meeting 5-3-2021

Members Present:

Catherine Way	Co-Chair, DC3, City of Larkspur Councilmember, MCCMC
Jay Hubert	DC3, ACS/RACES, FireWise Community, Red Cross
Maggie Lang	Mill Valley Fire, Emergency Prep Coordinator
Tom Cromwell, MD	Marin Medical Reserve Corps etc.
Peter Mendoza	DC3 AFN representative, MarinCIL, Vice Chair Marin VOAD
Garry Lion	DC3 member, Marin Economic Forum

Members Excused or Absent:

Adriana Rabkin	CoChair, DC3 Member, Director Marin VOAD
Anne Carta	Marin Medical Reserve Corps
Amber Davis	HHS Public Health Preparedness Manager
Quinn Gardner	San Rafael FD Emergency Manager
Vincent Valenzuela	Red Cross Marin / Solano Disaster Program Manager

Members Public Present

Frank Cox	Former PDEP Co Chair/DC3 Member frnkcox5@gmail.com
Lorenzo Cordova	Supervisor Rodoni's Aide, lcordova@marincounty.org
Jody Timms	Marin Commission on Aging jodytimms@comcast.net
Lori Schifrin	CERT, MMRC lori.sch@att.net
Sara Robinson	Marin Aging & Adult Services, SRobinson@marincounty.org

The following documents were emailed to PDEP in advance:

- PDEP_Agenda 2020-4-5a.pdf**
- PDEP_Minutes 2020-3-1a.pdf (Draft to be approved)**

I. Welcome, Introductions, Review of Minutes

- Catherine Way welcomed attendees and Draft PDEP Minutes 3/1/2021 were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

II. Focus Area #1: Marin's Vulnerable Residents

We are devoting a couple of meetings to identify vulnerable residents and how to engage them with emergency preparedness.

1. Define vulnerable populations

- We had a discussion with Sara Robinson on developing consistent terminology and definitions. Sara introduced the Social Vulnerability Index from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)¹ as one possible definition for vulnerable populations. It is the index being used by the County in the Age Forward planning document.
- Sara Robinson: This definition leaves no one behind. It is the guiding structure for planning for disasters and service delivery.
- Peter Mendoza: We should include disabled younger than age 5 but this is a good start.
- Catherine Way: This is a much more comprehensive list than at the last meeting where that list was generated from current Marin residents.

¹ CDC Social Vulnerability Index: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/at-a-glance_svi.html#



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- Frank Cox: FEMA's list includes diverse cultures (more than language). Support personnel e.g. home health aides, and family members are important.

After more discussion the group agreed to use the CDC Social Vulnerability Index in PDEPs Focus Area 1.

2. Identify a few key agencies that serve Marin's vulnerable residents
 - This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, we can't include all agencies. These are known trusted partners and ones that serve the most vulnerable both locally and regionally. This list could be one for the County Disaster Coordinator to start with that is more narrowly focused.
 - This is a bigger project than PDEP and needs countywide coordination. The focus is on emergency preparation and education not response.
 - Make sure to reach agencies in all five jurisdictional areas. Discussion of initial list and additional agencies added per PDEP members after discussion.

All Marin: agencies that serve whole county

Marin Community Clinics
SF-Marín Food Bank
Vivalon
Marin Center for Independent Living
Jewish Family and Children's Services
Marin Office of Education

San Rafael Area

St. Vincent de Paul
Community Action Marin
Canal Alliance
Parent Services Project
Multicultural Center of Marin

Novato

North Marin Community Services
Homeward Bound

Southern Marin

MCCSD
Marin City Community Services
Performing Stars
Marin City Senior Services

West Marin

West Marin Community Services
West Marin Senior Services
San Geronimo Community Center

Suggested future expansion of local agencies to include:

- Frank Cox: state agencies, city and regional groups, health care groups, county fire, Neighborhood groups have first-line connection to AFN
- Peter Mendoza: Golden Gate Regional Center, Marin Villages, MCOE



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- Sara Robinson: Marin Interfaith Council - advocacy and coordination, how big is mapping field to present to coordinator? Agencies that serve other non-English speakers, e.g. Marin Asian Advocacy
- Peter: Marin Interfaith - source of support in disaster. Pushes information out. If not now, then later.
- Jay Hubert: Most important to include agencies that plan rather than those who mainly respond.
- Lori Schifrin: what about non-vulnerable citizens?

Catherine showed the Community Engagement Cycle from CDC²:

<https://www.healthycommunities.org/resources/community-health-assessment-toolkit>

- Garry Lion: Just health in step 5? Customize for our specific use.
 - Sara Robinson: We created an HHS new service model in West Marin with a health focus cycle plan. Engagement plans vary from county department to another.
3. Next task is to identify which specific questions to ask the agencies about their emergency preparedness education for their clients – this is the focus of the PDEP May 3 meeting.

Catherine Way: What 10 questions should be asked of agencies?

Frank Cox: 2012 PDEP conducted a fairly comprehensive community based survey of disaster preparedness existing programs and identified unmet needs. The survey asked similar questions and was sent to about 100 contacts.

Catherine Way: 2016 survey went to DC3 members.

Tom Cromwell: Did you get useable information?

Frank Cox: good quotes, unmet needs still unmet

Catherine Way: We will review 2012 and 2016 surveys prior to next meeting to see if there are usable questions.

III. Updates from PDEP members

MCCMC Marin County Council Mayors + City Councilmembers

- Catherine Way: Nothing new to report.

Marin VOAD

- Adriana Rabkin: was not present. No update.

West Marin

- Stephen Marcotte: was not present. No update.

Red Cross

- Vincent Valenzuela: was not present. No update.

Southern Marin / Business Community

- Garry Lion: Nothing new to report. Watch the Forecasting the Future video.

Mill Valley Preparedness, community efforts

- Maggie Lang: We are working with NRGs, CERTs, and continuing Living Room Chats. The time change drill is on March 14. We plan to hire a Southern Marin NRG Coordinator

² <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/disaster/atriskguidance.pdf>



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to start in July. Continuing with Block Captain orientation. Get Ready program is now called Living Room Chats and are done monthly.

- Met with Rich Shortall and Meg McCabe – for Ready Set Go (Get Ready 5th Grade) digital version requested by MCOE; it is mainly about fire. Could be sent as homework.
- Started hybrid CERT course: 10-12 hours online plus a 1 day skills class outdoors.
- County Coordinator proposal sent to fire chiefs, not yet posted. Ross Valley coordinator has been posted.
- You Are The Help Until Health Arrives (Napa County) is a good program.
- Tom Cromwell: Is it similar to FADR, Stop the Bleed?
- Maggie: the focus is on the bystander role and how to talk to 911.

Public Health Preparedness and related programs

- Amber Davis: was not present. No update.

Access & Functional Needs (AFN) communities:

- Peter Mendoza: Call center through county for AFN access to vaccine. Gearing up for PSPS.

Public Safety / Emergency Management

- Quinn Gardner: was not present. No update.

Marin Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC)

- Tom Cromwell: MMRC very active at the POD (point of distribution) at the Civic Center. Largest POD in Marin County. Record was 2,200 vaccines in one day. Any age (>16) is eligible for vaccination. Worry is US mid-west and Canada, variants coming from unvaccinated. Equity was the overriding principle, but failed in many parts of the US. Marin is doing better in that regard.

Public Preparedness Coordinator / Get Ready Marin

- There is currently no coordinator. No update.

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

- Jay Hubert: RACES / ACS³: Developing Radio Communication Volunteer group to serve Community Based Organizations. Held a recent joint exercise with San Francisco ACS group.

Public Comment/Questions:

- Catherine Way: Should DC3 ask community members for agenda items?
- Maggie Lang: Maybe just ask them for concerns or topics to discuss. Have Supervisor Rodoni make the final decision.
- Peter Mendoza: That is the role for DC3 reps to gather information. They work through the relevant supervisor.
- Maggie Lang: Invite DC3 reps to PDEP.
- Catherine Way: DC3 reps are on the agenda for next month. We are meeting with Supervisor Rodoni next month. Our discussion will be on the questions for agencies, we are still on PDEP's Focus Area 1.

³ 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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IV. Closing Items

- Sara Robinson: Send past surveys before next meeting.
- Peter Mendoza: Adjourn in memory of Susie Wickham.

Closure: *2:45 pm end of meeting*

Next Meetings: 1-3pm:

Dates may be flexible as circumstances require

PDEP Meetings Year 2021: 5/3, 6/7, 7/12, 8/2, 9/13, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6/2021

Site: PDEP conducts meetings online using ZOOM.COM during the Pandemic. We hope to return to meetings at the Central Marin Police Community Room soon.

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**DC3 Meetings: 3-5pm:**

**DC3 Year 2021: 6/10/2021, 9/9/2021, 12/9/2021**

DC3 Meetings are currently remote and are broadcast on Zoom and Facebook Live. They hope to return to Board Chambers, Civic Center, soon. Dates may be flexible.

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