



**MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SPECIAL OPEN MEETING

REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING #1

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

**Location: Board Members in Inverness Conference Room at MarinHealth Medical Center
Guests and Public via Zoom**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rienks called the Special Open Meeting to order at 6:32 pm. The roll was called and all were present.

Board members present in person: Jennifer Rienks (Chair); Brian Su, MD (Vice Chair); Larry Bedard, MD

Board members present via Zoom: Ann Sparkman (Secretary); Edward Alfrey, MD

Staff present in person: David Klein, MD, CEO; Colin Leary, General Counsel; Louis Weiner, Executive Assistant

Guests present via Zoom: From GEOinovo: Jesus Garcia, Alex Sainz, Luciane Musa

2. Introduction and Background: Transition from At-Large Elections to District-Based Elections

Dr. Klein and Mr. Leary explained the background and process of transitioning the Marin Healthcare District elections from the current at-large representation to district-based representation beginning with the November 2022 election. This is the first of five required public hearings that will result in the forming of the map dividing the Marin Healthcare District into five districts as equitably representative as possible, and is in accordance with the California Voting Rights Act. The public is invited and encouraged to provide input toward the map formation. The demographic and mapping services firm GEOinovo has been engaged to aid in fulfilling the process.

3. Redistricting Process Overview, and Demonstration of Public Map Drawing Tool

Mr. Sainz from GEOinovo gave a screen presentation beginning with an overview of their firm. They gave key aspects of the redistricting process, outlined mapping and demographic requirements, reviewed this project's schedule and tasks, and gave a demonstration of the participative mapping technology.

The goal of this MHD redistricting is to create population-balanced districts for equal representation in accordance with the Federal Voting Rights Act, the California Voting Rights Act, and the California Fair Maps Act.

Public meetings are scheduled:

1. December 13, 2021 (this meeting)
2. January 12, 2022
3. January 24, 2022
4. February 15, 2022
5. March 16, 2022



The first two public meetings include community input, draft maps will be presented in the third and fourth meetings, and the adoption of the final map by the Board will be in the fifth and final meeting.

Technology tools include an interactive mapping tool, Community Input Maps (CIM) in English and Spanish for Community of Interest (COI) input, and an interactive dashboard.

Mr. Sainz gave a demonstration and tutorial of the online mapping tool, showing how areas can be selected, with population and demographic figures, within the Marin Healthcare District boundary. Any member of the public can use this tool, draft a map and save it on the site for common viewing. Communities of Interest can also be defined and saved. GEOinovo will include consideration of such public input in the map drafting process.

The 5 districts formed will be as equal as possible in population, i.e. the total population within the boundaries of Marin Healthcare District divided by 5. Population criteria are defined by the US Census 2020. Mr. Garcia, demographer, gave information on the Census – its history, its role, its use, and its principle of “counting each person once, and in the right place,” adding that Marin County is among the most accurate of areas nationally in census reporting.

Census data used for redistricting is the actual population, which is the official redistricting data set which is broken down by the protected categories (race, ethnicity, etc.). A second set of data is CVAP (Citizen Voting Age Population), an annual survey separate from the US Census. This data is used to analyze potential VRA (Voting Rights Act) districts which are geographic areas with a concentrated (50%+) population of a protected class, and 50%+ of CVAP. GEOinovo will evaluate whether a VRA district can be created in Marin and be included in this mapping.

Chair Rienks asked about the San Quentin prisoner population. Mr. Garcia noted that, for redistricting purposes, each member of the San Quentin prisoner population is reallocated back to their home geography.

Mr. Sainz stated that GEOinovo has begun drafting up to 3 maps for the Board’s consideration based on analysis and public input. These would be presented after the 2nd of these public meetings.

Mr. Sainz explained that Community of Interest (COI) is core to community input, and is defined as any group that has common social or economic or geographical interests, and is delineated by geographic area. A COI cannot be by political affiliation.

Mr. Garcia added two additional resources:

- Census Self Response Tracker:
<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/2020-census-self-response-rates-map.html>
- Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM):
<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/2017/geo/roam.html>

4. Public Comments

There was no public comment offered.

Mr. Leary reported on the public outreach campaign. Print ads have been placed, and flyers distributed to clinics and community groups, all in English and Spanish, as well as via social media channels. Media placements are being done in advance of each of these 5 public meetings.

5. Adjournment

Chair Rienks adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.