



Valley Mountain Regional Center
702 N. Aurora Street, Stockton, CA 95242

Board of Director Meeting
Minutes, September 14, 2015

Present:

Robert Balderama	✓	Nancy Meier	✓
S. Rush Bailey	✓	Rick Moen	✓
Tom Bowe	✓	Paula Newman	--
John Forrest	✓	Dena Pfeifer	✓
Melinda Gonsler	--	Andrea Rueda	✓
Robert Grimsley	✓	Chris Varela	✓
Ivan Johnson	✓	Eric Ybarra	✓
Claire Lazaro	✓		
Tom Martin	✓		

VMRC Staff: Paul Billodeau, Mary Sheehan, Cindy Mix, Claudia Reed, Bill Rutgers, Gordon Hofer, Carmen Hill, Anthony Hill, Mary Ann Gonzalez, Wilma Murray, Cindy Strawderman

Visitors: Allan Smith (DDS), Candice Bright (Bright Futures), George Lewis (SCDD), Gia McElroy (parent), Facilitators, Jacqueline Price, Alicia Janae Mikbel, & Anna Garcia.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session:

A CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE BY Vice-President, Eric Ybarra

Paula Newman shared the results of the Executive Directors performance appraisal.

MOTION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION (GRIMSLEY/BAILEY)

Eric Ybarra Board Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made and VMRC's Mission Statement was read by Ivan Johnson.

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C (Bowe, Lazaro) to approve the agenda as written

C. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

July, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as presented.

M/S/C Bowe/Grimsley) to approve the minutes as written

D. VOTE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING

John reported the Finance and Personnel Committee met last Wednesday and voted to approve the following items that are now being brought to the board for full approval:

- Acceptance of Contract Status Report for July & August 2015. The report for July as for the end of the last fiscal. We were pretty much on track. Had a bit of a surplus in operations and a deficit in POS. The other report was for the first new fiscal year. We were 8.3% for the year. We are a bit behind in POS, but we are expecting a few amendments. The amended contract status report was provided for board members to review, however a copy of the original was not available for the board members to approve. **A copy will be provided to board members and we will hold off on this until next meeting.**
- Approval of Contracts over \$250,000, as listed below. There were 22 total renewal contracts to approve. There was one item that has an increase of 18.5% in the not to exceed amount. Other than that the others were on auto renewal.

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Service Code	Contract Amount
HV0427	Bright Futures	113	\$821,880
H15677	Blue Mountain Transit	875	\$975,470
HV0254	Camello Home	915	\$269,040
HV0392	Camello Home 1	915	\$269,040
SV0016	Camello Supported Living Services	896	\$720,000
H16000	Carcido's Guest Home #3	915	\$262,501
H29125	Carcido's Guest Home #4	915	\$280,643
PV0526	Lifeworks-ACS Giggles Early Intervention Services	116	\$562,916
PQ7264	Psychiatric Centers at San Diego	780	\$628,500
HV0089	California Mentor Family Home Agency	904	\$1,570,000
SV0015	Community Compass CAN	896	\$476,203
HV0088	Community Compass Jackson Site	515	\$1,247,293
HV0315	Hana Hou Alliance, LLC	915	\$511,704

H15535	Hayes B&C Home #1	915	\$555,264
HV0357	Hope Residential 3	920	\$291,742
HV0262	Hope Residential Care	915	\$291,742
HV0452	Jar Mill's Place	113	\$470,063
HV0402	Jar-Mill Annex	113	\$470,063
HV0627	Storer Transportation Modesto	875	\$2,239,270
HV0420	Vocational Coaching & Development Institute (VCDI)	55	\$394,544
HV0397	Vocational Coaching & Development Institute (VCDI)	515	\$291,491

Motion to approve (Varela/Pfeifer): Approved a written.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

- California Memorial Project remembrance will be on September 21, 2015
- The UOP dental hygiene clinic is ready to accept appointments.
- Best practices in the Education of Children with Down syndrome presented by Dignity Health in partnership w/ FRN & TBODS Will be on September 17 & 18.
- Affordable high speed internet services for people with disabilities
- Black Minds Matter 2! – Thursday, September 24, 2105, 10:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Webinar
- Save the Date for the Disability Resource Fair & Assistive Technology Expo. September 25, 2015 @ Howard Training Center. Modesto 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm
- Multicultural Health & Community Fair, October 10, 2015. 10-2 @Normandy Village Shopping Center.

F. PRESENTATIONS:

Paul discussed the VMRC Strategic Plan for CY 2014-18 and the progress that we have made. He provided handouts and used a power point presentation for the Board's review. For the new board members, the VMRC 2014-2018 Strategic Plan was developed by a group of Board members, members of the community, the Area Board, SEIU, FRN and vendors. We chose 5 focus areas: Housing, Employment, Communication, and Resource Development & Organizational Culture. The Board discussed progress made in the first year and a half of the Strategic Plan.

- Housing – To increase housing models designed to serve individuals with autism and those with complex behavioral and health support needs. The housing concepts were shared living, country life, continuous nursing care, Adult Residential Facilities for person with special health care needs, healthy way of life, Prader Willi Treatment/Management, Affordable housing, simulated independent living& secured Perimeter/delayed egress such as the soon to be developed Paulson Residential Community Center in Turlock, CA.

- Employment –
 - Increase the percent of adults aged 22 and above that are working part time and full time in supported and competitive employment. We are doing very well with this. We have reached the goal for 2018. We are currently at 8.9%
 - Increase the percent of individuals aged 14 and above to have an employment related goal in their IPP. For September of 2014 we had 55 consumers with this goal. By February 2015 there were 288 consumers and by August 2015 there are 751.
- Communication - This was the most ambitious of the focus groups. We did not do an employee survey this year. We created an in-house staff newsletter. We are working on developing an internal staff bulletin board. We will also introduce a new improved Intranet at VMRC for staff to share information and ideas with each other. There was a Day Activity/SLS Case Management Representative listing that staff created and shared with the Board.
- Resource Development – To develop a data collection methodology using Sandis and CDER information to determine number of consumers by diagnosis & age. We are still working on this goal and continue to develop needed services for our consumers.
- Organizational Culture –
 - Increase percentage of VMRC employees who report that they are engaged. By doing this we sent out an employee survey. Last year we saw an increase from 2% to 6%. We will need to send out another survey to see determine the current status.
 - Succession Plan. The employees were looking for a way to tell us what positions they are interest in and how we can help them get there. The draft Procedures have been written and will need to be modified and streamlined. We have 3 positions identified to pilot. The Executive Director, CFO & Assistant Director of Case Management. Someone has been selected for the first two positions and one will be selected for the third this year.

The next progress report will be March 2016

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Paul discussed Special Session Senate Bill 2X-14 – introduced by Hernandez, which would give our system, RC operations and Purchase of Service, a 10% increase. We were hopeful it would pass. It did not pass. ARCA and the Lanterman Coalition will continue to fight for this. They are not disagreeing to our need, but the mechanism to get the funds. There was a lobbying event held on September 3rd. There were over 1000 people in attendance including VMRC staff and consumers.

Paul discussed the impact of the Butte Fire, 1 care home was evacuated when it started – Rainbow's End. They were able to go back to their home 2 days later. We have had several families that had to evacuate. We have been fortunate the vendors in the area have been quick to respond. The emergency response system in the 3 counties worked very well. We decided on Friday to close the VMRC San Andreas office (staff had the option to work at home, work in Stockton/Modesto or take vacation). The office is closed until further notice. So far no staff has been impacted

Regarding the VMRC performance contract. A new trailer bill requirement this year includes each RC to hold a special meeting to receive public comment on the Draft Plan. Next Monday (9/21/10) a public

meeting will be held from 5-6. The North Valley Hills office will be attending with VMRC. There are copies of the invitation in the packet in both English & Spanish.

Regarding required Diversity Training for Board members. All Board members should attend Saturday 10/31/15 in the Stockton office, Cohen Board Room. Jose Rodriguez, CEO of El Concilio will provide a 1 hour training. This is a requirement for all Board members. It will be held from 9:00 – 10:00. Then a new board member training will be provided from 10:00 am to noon. All Board members are invited to attend. A continental breakfast will be provided before the training begins. More information will be provided.

Regarding the Self-determination program. The state published the plan and distributed it to the community and posted it on the DDS website for review. DDS is now reviewing the feedback from the community and will revise the plan before sending it to CMMS. The CMMS has 90 days to review the plan and get back to DDS. We are still looking a few months down the line. We held a Self Determination advisory committee meeting which was held 6/30. The next meeting will be held 9/29. No actual date has been set for when this program will begin.

The Lanterman Act 50th celebration – celebrating the passage of the Lanterman Act. Each RC is making plans to recognize this anniversary in January 2016. Some centers are going to hold large celebrations. We will hold a small celebration and possibly publish information in the local newspapers.

H. Board packet handout: Paul reviewed items in the Board Handout.

I. BOARD MEMBER PROGRAM VISITS:

Ivan Johnson visited the Self Advocacy Boot Camp at Turner Park in San Andrea. Approximately 260 people were there. Paul Billodeau & Tom Martin were there. Paul got to present the Communitas award plaque again to David Simerely after it was fixed for a typo. There was a play called Space Aliens. Dena Pfeifer and her sister were there. Everyone had fun. Tom Martin said it was a day to remember. As a fire update, the fire has not gotten to the park yet, but was close.

Claire Lazaro went to the courthouse with Greg Barnett. He had 2 clients that were there. She was given an overview of the process. One consumer's case involved alleged arson. Claire stated that, seeing the court process was a good experience.

The sign up book was passed around to Board members to sign up for visits next month.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

i. Consumer Services Committee
(Paula Newman, Chair)

The Committee discussed the First Annual Down Syndrome Conference. On 9/17/15. If anyone is interested you can go to TBODS. There is still space available.

Mary talked about the transition for ABA services for consumers under the age of 21 to Medi-Cal. It has been delayed. There is still work being done on ways private insurance can cover Durable Medical Equipment.

Resource development – Federal labor law training for vendors hosted by VMRC. 2 trainings from labor department for vendors DDS training on security for staff & vendors.

Anthony's reports: No alerts over 90 days. 51 total alerts. 29 closed, only 22 open.

Cindy Mix reported about The Residential Screening Committee that is now reviewing all Level 4, ICF's and Negotiated Rate placements. Elizabeth Diaz, a former Senior Service Coordinator in the Stockton office, has been promoted to Program Manager of a children's team in Modesto.

ii. VMRC Consumer Advisory Committee Report
(Dena Pfeifer, SAC6 Representative)

Dena reported:

- Tracy made a motion to approve the VMRC contract. It will stay the same.
- 9/25 is the Building Resort Expo. Dena will be there around noon.
- The Chatter Newsletter is accepting articles – send any articles to Thumbsup.
- October 3rd is the Buddy Walk at Mickie's Grove
- We are one of the supporters of the California Memorial Project.

iii. Finance and Personnel Committee
(John Forrest, Treasurer)

Reviewed /approved minutes from July 8. We went over the finance reports. There was no SOAR report. We went thru the human resources caseload reports for July & August.

In August there were 2 new hires, but there were 4 Service Coordinator separations. In September we had 4 Service Coordinator separate and 1 Senior Service Coordinator terminations. 1 Service Coordinator and 1 office technician hired. At the end of September we had 259 employees. 13 temporary employees. 185 in Stockton, 71 in Modesto & 16 in San Andreas. There are 11 vacancies. Turnover rate is 2.94% for this year which is a bit higher than last year. The bad news is the case load ratio went up to 87 for all 3 offices.

Next meeting October 7, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Stockton Office, Cohen Conference Room.

iv. Executive Committee
(Melinda Gonser, Board President)

Paul discussed everything in his report.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be held October 7, 2015 at 6:30 pm directly following the Finance and Personnel Meeting.

v. Nominating Committee
(Tom Bowe, Chair)

Have not yet met this year. Meeting to be scheduled October/November. And we will be looking at ways to outreach for board member recruitment.

vi. Strategic Planning Committee
(Melinda Gonser, Chair)

Nothing new to discuss as Paul provided the Presentation

vii. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee (CLASP)
(No Current Representative)

viii. Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)
(Paul Billodeau, ARCA Alternate Representative)

ARCA met in August 20 & 21st at Harbor Regional Center in Torrance. Larry Landaur, ED of RCOC and his clinical director from Orange County RC, Leann Christian, provided a presentation looking at POS diversity issues. They are attempting to find a way to use performance contract data & NCI data to give more information on the causes of RC's spending more POS dollars for some groups over others. It helps to give a good perspective on why funding is so different. They are working with North Los Angeles Regional Center on something all RC's can use for POS diversity reports.

Gloria Wong, ED of ELARC – Self-determination program. Gloria is attempting to help the DDS understand that the proposed Self-Determination proposal is not cost neutral for RC's. Both ARCA & DDS have been working on the contract boilerplate for Regional Centers. We made several suggestions for changing. They are open to changes.

Jim Shorter, ED of GGRC, discussed their plans for celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Lanterman Act.

Said goodbye to John Popadak. 36 years in the developmental services system. 29 of them in the Regional Center.

Next meeting is October 21 & 22, 2015 in San Diego. The plan is to do a strategic planning session. ARCA will be using the same company we used to develop our Strategic Plan, Kinetic Flow.

K. OTHER MATTERS:

There were no other matters

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session was held earlier in the meeting.

M. NEXT MEETING:

The next board meeting will be the annual meeting and will be held on **Monday October 12, 2015, at 6:00 pm** in the evening. There will be an Executive Session that will be convened as the first agenda item for the October Board meeting.

N. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.