

Coalition of Local Agency Service Providers (CLASP)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2018 at 10am

Valley Mountain Regional Center, 704 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Announcements
 - Form letter for Support Request for Rate Relief and Elimination of Median Rate Caps was distributed. See attachment.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer was absent.
 - Last balance was \$4,712, which does not include recent deposits, a check that was received, and the payment of coffee for two meetings.
4. VMRC Report – Tony Anderson
 - VMRC website provides access to the Executive Director's report on a monthly basis. It is available on the Board of Directors page.
 - Person-centered planning is ongoing at VMRC. They will have certified trainings to offer training in the community. The state is looking into putting more money in this area.
 - VMRC received a mental health services act grant. They will be providing joint trainings with mental health professionals. They will have a conference on October 24th and 25th with national speakers invited.
 - The Training and Development Committee has 12 groups. They are making a group on collaborative learning, which focuses on mutual interests with the community for joint trainings.
 - Cindy Mix shared that they met with the Quality Assurance and Resource Development staff and are working on a mission statement and problem solving. They will likely present what they developed within the next month. VMRC is heavily involved in community outreach. In one month, they had 18 outreach efforts. They are working on a vendor for financial services
5. CLASP Representative Reports
 - VMRC Board – Candice Bright
 - No report.
 - Finance and Personnel
 - Connie reported via email that the POS and OPs budget year-to-date through March 2018 was reported to be in healthy condition and the line of credit will not have to be used. Large OPs expenditures are monitored so as not to exceed cash through year-end. There are two Service Coordinator positions open.
 - Consumer Services
 - See attachment.

- Legislation
 - Meeting held on March 21, 2018. Their previous meeting was broadcast via Facebook Live.
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities/North Valley Hills Office Report – Dena Hernandez
 - The Quality Assessment Project is interviewing people who receive services throughout California. Three hundred people have been interviewed at VMRC. They anticipate that data will be shared in another year or more via the DDS website. The previous year’s report is available online.

6. Items for discussion

- QA around the Bay Update – Patricia Greene
 - Three staff from the QA team went in April to this gathering. They will meet again in July at VMRC. The group identified the challenge of being approachable so that vendors will proactively call QAs to help them stay in compliance.
 - QA offered a 3-hour training for four CEUs and had 45 people in attendance. A second SIR training will be offered at VMRC.
- QA General Update – Nicole Weiss
 - They are struggling to figure out how to follow-up with specialty vendors on alerts, such as sign language interpreters. They will be updating their best practices, so vendors will know their expectations. They are also working on fluency exams to ensure that care providers can give needed information in cases such as emergencies.
 - They want to have round table discussions two times a year with vendors. Vendors would be able to submit their questions anonymously and they would be discussed during these sessions.
- Committee Outreach/Recruitment for Spring 2019 Best Practices Conference
 - The goal is to offer a conference next year primarily for our region. We would bring in keynote speakers, have breakout sessions, and offer CEUs.
- Budget – May Revised – Tony Anderson
 - Senate rejected four furlough days. They supported the restoration of social recreation programs and camps.
- Capitol Action Day 6/7
 - Interested people can register for the event and lunch on the website. They can also schedule legislative visits.
 - See attachment.
- Draft Provider Rate Survey
 - Developmental Service Task Force is putting a study together that will be going out to providers. Responses are going to be used to set rates. The survey is expected to be very lengthy.
- Jim Knight/HCBS for June CLASP meeting – Tony Anderson

- Jim will be presenting on HCBS updates and the impact on homes and day programs. Tony will confirm that he will be attending the CLASP meeting in June.
- Nominations/Ballot – Marisol
 - Four people volunteered to be part of the nomination committee.
- 7. Unmet needs
 - CVTC cannot take on more clients with high behavioral needs.
- 8. Old business
 - None.

Next meeting will be held on June 25, 2018 at 10am at VMRC in Stockton.