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# CLASP

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(CLASP)

## **(DRAFT)** Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2019 at 10am  
Valley Mountain Regional Center, San Andreas  
704 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249

**Present:** Nicholas Aguilar- Premier Healthcare, Tony Anderson- VMRC, Jeff Care-Therapy, Marni Dick- Table Mtn Ranches, Sonya Fox-Watson- CVTC, Patricia Green- VMRC, Karyn Gregorius- Arc of Amador & Calaveras, Dena Hernandez- SCDD North Valley Hills, Stan Higgins-Therap Services, Daime Hoornaert-PCS, Cindy Mix (on phone), Johanna Powell- VMRC SC, Rita Redondo- Continuum College & Community Outreach, Corinne Seaton- UCP San Joaquin, Bobbie Scott- CBFM, Alicia Valadez-Community Outreach Turlock,

1. Welcome and Introductions- meeting called to order at 10:01 am
2. Announcements
  - none
3. Treasurer's Report
  - Treasurer was absent. Corinne gave this report.
  - The current account balance is \$4,840.19. This includes deposits for memberships and withdrawal for coffee for the meeting.
4. VMRC Report – Tony Anderson & Patricia Green
  - Patricia shared a request from Nicole Weiss- QA is trying to make the training s more fun and have raffle prizes. The request was if CLASP would be willing to donate a membership, or other raffle prize to the QA department to raffle at their trainings. This would include time for a CLASP representative to talk about CLASP at the training and disseminate the CLASP brochure. The group discussed the benefits of this and what to donate.

**MOTION** made by Karyn Gregorius that CLASP would donate six (6) CLASP vouchers- \$25 each for a total of \$150 to the VMRC QA department to give out at their discretion at any VMRC QA training. Daime Hoornaert seconded the motion. Vote take and passed.

VMRC will invite CLASP to attend the trainings to give a CLASP introduction whenever possible and if the QA Dept has the CLASP brochures- they will pass

them out. Tony suggested that the CLASP Leadership develop a “CLASP Info script” that the QA staff can use if a CLASP rep can’t make it to training. Dena let Corinne know that she could make the vouchers and send the recent brochure for this purpose.

- Patricia shared upcoming trainings: April 23, 2019 from 10am-12pm- Rights Training by OCRA, May 23, 2019 time to be determined on HCBS- flyer not completed yet and there will be SIR trainings – one in June in Modesto and one in San Andreas in August. The trainings have and do fill up fast. She mentioned at a recent training there was 14 no shows by vendors who had paid – they will not get a refund. The capacity at the VMRC Stockton office for trainings is approximately 60 people. There was a question about having more trainings and Patricia shared that they hope to do so in the future, but currently the QA team is small and this would impact their workload. She said they are looking into other options to host more training such as on-line options.
- Tony discussed the Rate Study and his understanding of the process moving forward. VMRC’s Early Start Department met to collect their concerns on the rate study as it pertains to early start providers. Tony will add this to the CLASP recommendations as well. Corinne will compile another response by the April 5 deadline. Sonya mentioned that some transportation providers told her they were not aware of the Rate Study so she let them know as their input would be vital. Tony said Wilma Murray has been communication with the transportation providers on this. Tony explained that the feedback should focus on the “assumptions” that were made to come up with the rates/formulas. Lengthy discussion ensued. The consensus of the group was that the rate formulas do not match reality of doing business today. Tony said VMRC is putting their report together and Brian Bennett is taking the lead on this and it will be done by April 5. Tony said that ARCA’s position is that it should “not do harm” based on a new rate structure. In the May revise – we will find out if any of this moves forward or not. Dena shared that SCDD had DDS, HSRI and Burns & Associates at their last council meeting to discuss this. There is a need for self-advocates and families to share their thoughts. Dena sent out a survey and asked people to please encourage folks to share their stories on this rate study.
- HCBS Update- it is in the budget- and the budget has to pass first. The state will have to contract with an agency to assist providers to be compliant with HCBS. This issue is in the forefront.
- Tony shared that the VMRC Legislative Committee will be hosting a presentation on Thursday, March 28 from 10am-12pm at VMRC in Stockton. He encouraged everyone to sign up. There will be 2 VMRC CEU’s given.

- VMRC Staff Updates- beginning on April 1, 2019, Doug Bonet will become the Assistant to the Director. This is a new position and Doug will be assisting Tony in a variety of areas. If anyone has anything to share about their agency or any other items- they can email Doug at [dbonet@vmrc.net](mailto:dbonet@vmrc.net) .
  - VMRC Website- will be updated to be more user friendly and accessible. It is nearly ready for a soft roll out for feedback and they tweaked before it goes live. He reminded the group that CLASP has its own page.
  - Tony shared that he has been busy working with the legislators in our areas, working on disparities discussions and trying to figure out a plan to address disparities. There was a discussion by members on issues they have heard from those they support. One issue is a lack of trust for the system, language barriers and cultural norms with some cultures.
  - Tony said VMRC will be having trainings with DRC on the **Office of Payee Review & Beneficiary Assistance (OPRABA)** grants in our area.
5. CLASP Representative Reports
- VMRC Board – Candice Bright
    - NO REPORT- no meeting held
  - Finance and Personnel- Connie Uychutin
    - Keenon will email out this report at a later date.
  - Consumer Services- Daime Hoornaert
    - Keenon will email out the info at a later date.
  - Legislation- Candace Bright
    - California Budget Presentation will be held March 28, 2019 as Tony already reported.
6. State Council on Developmental Disabilities/North Valley Hills- Dena Hernandez
- CHOICES Conference is SOLD OUT – 500 folks have registered for the April 5 event!
  - The next SCDD North Valley Hills Regional Advisory Committee meeting will be held at the Arc of Amador on Tuesday, March 26, 2018 from 6pm-8pm- there will be a POS Disparity discussion by Carlos Hernandez- Cultural Specialist. All are welcome!
  - Inclusion insert- Dena will email CLASP to see if any other vendors are interested in joining us on this cool project in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties.
  - Our office still has an opening for a Community Program Specialist II and Dena will be posting it sometime in May. She will email asking folks to share.

7. Items for discussion

- Provider Conference: CLASP Conference will be October 8, 2019 in Stockton. Details still unfolding. A location has been secured thanks to Rita. Discussion about paying for the location or not and it was agreed that they should not pay and leave it open to the public – the public would have to register for the event. The Save the Date flyer is being worked on- the possible speakers Lynn Segal, Nancy Bargmann and there will be breakouts based on the vendor survey.
- Upcoming presentation about the Art of Acknowledgement- The CLASP April 1, 2019 event featuring Chris Littlefield is going to be at VMRC in Stockton. Corinne asked VMRC if they can accommodate the speaker's IT equipment needs and Tony said they could. As of this meeting there was approximately 45 people signed up to attend the all-day event.
- Proposed presentations- 1) Corinne shared that she had been contacted by Michael Long- a self-advocate from our region who would like to come to a CLASP meeting to share what he would like to offer day program participants on learning about Public Speaking. CLASP agreed to invite Michael to the April CLASP meeting. Corinne will let him know. 2) Julie Whitehouse from Autism Speaks would like to come and speak to the group at a future meeting about what is new and what is happening with Autism Speaks. The group agreed to invite her to the May CLASP meeting. 3) Sonya Fox-Watson suggested inviting CA Disability Service Agency (CDSA) to a future meeting. The group agreed and Corinne will invite them to the June CLASP meeting.

8. Unmet needs- none

9. Old Business- None

10. Closed Session- none

11. Meeting Adjourned at 11:41 am

**Next meeting will be held on April 22, 2019 at 10am at the**  
**VMRC STOCKTON OFFICE!**  
**702 Aurora Street**  
**Stockton, CA 95202**