

**VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER
MINUTES OF CONSUMER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
March 11, 2019**

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PRESENT: Chris Varela, Mohamed Rashid, Damie Hoornaert, Linda Collins, Dena Pfeifer, Lori Smith, Dena's facilitator, Cindy Mix, Angela Njoroge, Mary Sheehan, Robert Fernandez, Nicole Weiss

ABSENT: Robert Balderama, Nadia Robinson, Marianna Sanfilippo

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Chris Varela, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Dena Hernandez, Regional Manager-SCDD North Valley Hills Office shared the following:

- Next SCDD North Valley Hills meeting will be held on March 26, 2019 at the Arc of Amador & Calaveras- Amador Campus from 6:00pm-8:00pm - all are welcome.
- SCDD Legislative & Public Policy Committee developed the SCDD Policy Priorities for 2019-2020. SCDD North Valley Hills sent this info to all the legislators in our region. Handouts given.
- SCDD North Valley Hills gave a grant to Get Safe for training in our area on law enforcement and people with disabilities. The trainings will be this summer. Flyers given.
- The Next VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee meeting will be at VMRC on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 2pm. All are welcome.
- CHOICES will be held April 5, 2019. The theme is "Wheel of CHOICES". The conference is SOLD OUT.
- Next IEP Workshop with Family Resource Network will be March 13, 2019 at Valley CAPS in Manteca 6pm-8:30pm and at PCS Lodi on March 27, 2019. There will be a POS Disparity meeting following the workshop in Lodi. Flyers given.
- March 14, 2019 at the SJCOE- we are collaborating with UC Davis Mind Institute, VMRC, FRN, and DRC/OCRA to host a FREE presentation on Supportive Decision Making. This is an alternative to conservatorship. Even though the date to register has passed- people are still able to do so! Please come and share this info- there will be two sessions. Flyer given

2.0 REVIEW OF MINUTES

M/S/C (Rashid/Pfeifer): Approve the minutes of January 7, 2019 as written.

3.0 CLINICAL

Mary Sheehan, Clinical Director shared the following:

- Angela Njoroge the new Clinical Nurse Manager was introduced to the committee.
- Mary Sheehan will be attending the Regional Center Clinical directors meeting and conference regarding updates for Developmental Disabilities.

- A RFP went out last week for the new Dental Coordinator contract position. Once hired it is hoped that this individual will work with Phil Glassman to look at the dental needs and way to provide more services for the individuals that we work with.
- VMRC Ability Expo will be held on Thursday April 11th in the Stockton.

4.0 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Robert Fernandez, Community Services Manager shared the following:

- Last week a new provider orientation was held and had 33 people in attendance.
- An updated list of current projects or developments that are in the works was provided.

5.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE

5.1 Alerts: Nicole Weiss provided a copy of the Alert report from 1/1/19-2/15/19. There were 38 total alerts.

- The department has been a little behind on closing some of the alerts but they are working at closing them before the 90 day timeframe.

6.0 CASE MANAGEMENT

A presentation on the new proposed IPP Person Centered objectives was presented by Karen Jensen and Danielle Wells. Some of the changes include changing Long Range Goals to Hopes and Goals for the future. The objective includes what the individual wants to do as well as what is required for Medicaid Waiver. The objectives are focused on what an individual can do instead of what they cannot. The committee is now working on developing questions that will help spark conversations.

Cindy Mix, Director of Consumer Services shared the following:

- o Current caseload ratio is 78.
- o Staff changes—Danielle Wells promoted to PM of Stockton Children's team and Amy Browning promoted to Modesto Children's team. Kennitha Montgomery is now SSC/Modesto. Losing Kathy Ward in RD/Contracts to retirement in May. Currently interviewing.
- o Medicaid Waiver Audit starting March 18th, ending March 27th.
- o Self-Determination Program. Train the trainers occurring now throughout the state. Local Orientations to be scheduled within 60 days of completion. VMRC trainers will be Liz Diaz, David Narbona, Tania Candelaria, Angie Shear and Tara Sisemore-Hester. Orientations will be completed per age group and language. An email with a checklist will be sent out to all participants.
- o Person-Centered Thinking Training—will begin trainings for vendors and families effective March, 2019. Modesto scheduled odd months, Stockton in even months. Flyer handout.
- o POS Disparity annual meetings are now occurring. 3/5 in Sonora at ATTCA; March 16 at 1:30 pm in Modesto at Valley CAPS following a Self-Advocacy Council 6 board meeting

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- at 9 am. Food will be provided. Respite will be available upon request; March 27 at 8 pm in Lodi at Person Centered Services following an IEP Workshop at 6 pm. VMRC received a \$75,000 grant for community outreach. Two CBOs received grant monies to assist VMRC—ICC for parent training and advocacy, and SCDD for trainings.
- March is Social Worker Month. NASW giveaway and raffle to attend the national conference. Movie "Intelligent Lives" will be shown to staff. Possible community event.
 - Children's Program Managers are developing an in-house training re: IEP Collaboration. A Summer Series will occur. First in the series is 6/6 in the board room.
 - Coffee with the Boss is expanding to invite all interested to meet with assigned Program Managers. Two children unit per year and two adult.
 - CalFresh—DSS is offering an incentive to regional centers to assist with application procedures. Program will be open to all SSI participants eff. 6/1/19. EBT card avg. \$125 per month. Impact—500,000 new applicants.
 - Mortality information on SIRs will be much more detail-oriented. Webinar for RC staff on March 11th and 19th.
 - Upcoming conferences—Transition Fairs—Calaveras HS-3/13; 4/3—VMRC Stockton; 4/9—VMRC-Modesto; 4/26—Argonaut HS.Jackson; 5/23—Sonoma HS; Choices on 4/5, Autism Forum 4/10, Child Abuse Prevention Symp-4/10.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

There was discussion about holding Consumer Services Committee meeting every month or every other month. There was a motion to table the conversation for more discussion and vote at the May 13, 2019 meeting. **M/S/C (Collins/Pfeifer)**

May 13, 2019, 4:00 p.m., Stockton VMRC office, Cohen Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM.

Recorder: Angelique Shear