



Coalition of Local Agency Service Providers (CLASP)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 26, 2019 at 10am

Valley Mountain Regional Center, 702 North Aurora Street, Stockton, CA 95202

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 10:00am. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- June minutes were approved 1st by Diane Bonnett 2nd by Karyn Gregorious
- July minutes were approved 1st by Diane Bonnett 2nd by Karyn Gregorious with correction of July 22nd date rather than July 27th.

3. Announcements

- Barry Jardini, the Director of Government Affairs for California Disability Association, spoke regarding their efforts and involvement in the provider rate increases. They submitted 67 pages of comments during the rate study process. They have a total of 88 members. For more information visit their website at <http://www.cal-dsa.org/>
- Sac 6 will be held Friday November 1st, in need of a large venue in Stanislaus County for free. If you have any suggestions, please call Dena.
- Autism Speaks & Arc of Amador are holding a town hall 8/27/19 in Jackson.
- Reminder that DSP week is September 8-14th.
- Question- There have been additional Health and Safety Waiver questions, who at VMRC should those be directed to? Tony informed the group to contact Brian Bennett with those questions.
- Daime- CA Memorial Project will be September 16th, at VMRC at the pond. Flyers will come out beforehand.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Marisol Moreno stated there is \$9846.48 in the CLASP account, which includes recent PayPal activity.

5. Membership Report

- CLASP is currently up to 35 paid members. A reminder that anyone who has not currently paid annual dues will be removed from the distribution list.

6. VMRC Reports & ED Report

- Nicole:
 - i. QA staff changes- Tumboura Hill's new position will be HCBS coordinator, Desiree Clifton left and was replaced by Josh Richmond.
 - ii. Upcoming trainings listed on website.
 - iii. QA started sending out Quick Tips, if you would like to see a specific topic covered please send that information to Nicole Weiss. Next topic will be bed bugs.
- Tumboura:

- i. HCBS program evaluator meeting held last week. Currently communicating with licensing and vendors to get people on the same page.
- Doug:
 - i. BOD update- 19 members, 2 spots open- need mountain county representatives (call ins number available for meetings)
 - ii. Monthly newsletter out next week, if you have information you would like added to the announcements, send to Doug.
 - iii. Next BOD meeting Monday October 19th.
- Cindy:
 - i. Flyers for cultural fair on 10/5 in Stockton are available. Art contest going on for the cultural fair, prizes will be awarded.
 - ii. Lena Dobson is the new program manager in Modesto.
 - iii. PCT trainings offered every month, alternating between Stockton and Modesto.
 - iv. Electronic Verification of Visit- was postponed until 2020, but state has asked for an additional year.
 - v. CalFresh- 2 staff will be going to a training on 9/12, then VMRC will have more information. Currently information is going out to families during annual meetings.
- Brian:
 - i. Brilliant Corners is looking for locations for enhanced behavior homes for children and adults. Adult home will be in Stanislaus County, Children's home in Stockton area.
 - ii. Paulson Project is winding down, should be opening in October.
 - iii. Is DDS going to fund EBSH homes? Waiting to hear when money will be awarded.
- Tony:
 - i. Rate Study- from DDS, all feedback is helpful, they will continue to analyze the information.
 - ii. DS Task force will be updating as it goes forward with new members. All members must reapply if want to stay on task force, if interested in joining go to DS website to apply. Even if not on DS Task Force, there are workgroups that you can join, also available on the website. This will be where you will hear about all updates that will be coming.
 - iii. Lanterman Act Update Letter was sent out last week, the full letter and presentation summarizing the changes can be viewed on the VMRC website on the Legislative Committee page or on the announcements page.
 - iv. Tony asked if anyone has further information on a statement that has been circling around regarding "VMRC has adopted best practices for all vendor categories that they are now interpreting them as a minimum requirement, this is becoming a problem when hiring an administrator for level 3 home. It requires us to submit, in addition to the DDS administrator Certificate, a resume and 3 written references and send the applicant to VMRC for an interview." Brian made the statement that VMRC does not have best practices that have been adopted in all vendor categories. Title 17 requires all administrators to attend the regional center orientation classes, which VMRC only offers twice a year, so they came up with an alternative option of interviewing the candidate about their knowledge about the program design and the basic competencies of an administrator. If anyone has feedback about the situation, please let Brian know.

7. **CLASP Representative Reports**

- **VMRC Board - Elizabeth Knapp (Corinne updating)**
 - i. Elizabeth will be sending minutes out before the next meeting.

- **Finance and Personnel - Connie Uychutin**
 - i. Met August 2nd, 2 members on the board who are on the board, two more possible joined last time. Primary duty is to review contracts also look at operations and purchase of services.
 - ii. For current year through June 30- total 225 million unspent 3 million. Overall the amount of money the Regional Center has received has increased, due to more being served.
 - iii. VMRC borrowed money due to cash flow timing, 26 million.
- **Consumer Services - Daime Hoornaert**
 - i. The meeting is September 9th
- **Legislation - Candice Bright**
 - i. The Legislative Meeting is August 26th after the CLASP meeting
- **Nominating- Daime Hoornaert**
 - i. Has not met yet
- **By-Laws- Rita Redondo**
 - i. Has not met yet
- **Social Media- Elizabeth Knapp**
 - i. Able to get access to FB page, has been updating regularly.
 - ii. Should it be private or public? Discussed having it public and maybe a private group to allow for openness when discussing issues. Or keep private so only service providers can join.
 - iii. Opened an open Instagram account.
- **Choices –** The next CHOICES committee meeting is scheduled for August 7th and next year's CHOICES is scheduled for April 3rd, 2020. Futures Film condensed commercial will be sent out soon. The SCDD has chosen The Choices Institute as a "Project of Excellence", Dena will be going to do a presentation for State Council. New officers were elected at the last meeting, self-advocates were selected to fill some positions. If you have anyone who is interested in participating, please contact a CHOICES committee member for more information.
- **Providers Conference:**
 - i. Need sponsors and registrations only 27 registrations so far and 2 sponsors.
 - ii. Next meeting September 4th- call in meeting
 - iii. Rotary update from Keenon will carry over

8. **State Council on Developmental Disabilities/ North Valley Hills Office Report- Dena Hernandez**

- Next SCDD North Valley Hills Advisory Committee meeting will be held 9/24/19 in Stockton the Church of Latter-Day Saints from 6-8 p.m.- all are welcome.
- Grant update- Get Safe from Tustin CA provided 3 training to self-advocates, 2 trainings to family advocates/support staff and a two-day law enforcement training at the SJ County

Sheriff's office last week. Nearly 200 people went thru one to the trainings. It was well received. Would like to have them back and have more support staff, DSP's in attendance- good info as people are out and about in the community.

- VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee- They have begun to meet monthly- 3rd Thursday from 3:30-5 pm at VMRC in Stockton. All are welcome.

9. **Items for discussion –**

- CLASP membership needs to be paid by September 1st or your name will be removed from the list.

10. **Unmet needs-**

- None

11. **Old business-**

- Accessing PDF version-POS issues still on going. Vendors working with tech support to resolve issues.

12. **Closed Session-** NO CLOSED SESSION today

Adjournment at 11:45 am- Next meeting: – September 23rd @10am at VMRC in Stockton