

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18th, 2020 at 10am
Via Zoom

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Meeting called to order at 10:11 am.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - April minutes were approved 1st by Karyn Gregorious 2nd by Rita Redondo
3. **Announcements/ Action Items**
 - Vote on Provider Conference Budget of \$12,000- Passed 96% Yes Votes
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - Marisol Moreno reported there is \$8126.67 in the CLASP account.
5. **Membership Report**
 - CLASP is currently up to 86 paid members.
6. **VMRC Reports & ED Report**
 - Nicole:
 - i. QA has been busy but getting less alerts than normal. Has given the department a chance to catch up on back log due to low staff.
 - ii. DSP Trainings may be done online eventually to help during COVID.
 - iii. Currently following up on weekly calls to vendors to try to provide assistance.
 - Cindy:
 - i. Completed contacts with all consumers. 2450 additional POS added due to COVID for respite and patch.
 - ii. Sent out Ever Bridge messages to consumers. Had 250 people return calls in need of services.
 - iii. Looking into additional Medicaid waiver funds.
 - iv. Surveyed Asian/Americans to see what their COVID experience has been.
 - v. Delivered 18 food bags to consumers and families, more to come.
 - vi. 13 Self-Determination program spending plans in place, more getting ready.
 - vii. Question Posed- What is the difference between Self-Determination and Participant Directed Services? PDS- leaves out the vendorization process for families, moves things along more quickly. SDP- only those who have already been chosen in random drawing that was held.
 - Tumboura:
 - i. HCBS received grant submissions, 11 of 21 approved. \$977,864 in grant funding to help vendors come into compliance.
 - ii. HCBS Surveys are due 6/30/20
 - iii. Questions posed- Are there extensions from last years grants to allow for trainings that didn't take place due to COVID? No answer as of yet, will look into. There is a possibility of online classes.
 - iv. What are the next steps for those who are approved? Will be sending letters out and work with vendors 1 on 1 to set up contracts.
 - Wilma:
 - i. No update
 - Brian:
 - i. Resource Development continuing to develop Surge Home placements, continuing to receive referrals.
 - ii. Site found for adult enhanced behavioral home.
 - iii. Bridge funding for ICF rate increases.
 - Doug:

- i. Sending out health advisory in English and Spanish. To help update people on new directives, updates from VMRC and community updates.
 - ii. PPE is being distributed, information coming from other departments.
- Gabriela:
 - i. Cultural Specialist, working on food deliveries to families.
 - ii. Calling Spanish speaking families for updates
 - iii. Calling Asian families to get updates.
- Robert:
 - i. HCBS- what's next, keep in mind program design addendums will need to be done by all vendors.
 - ii. 1 new surge home.
- Tony:
 - i. Writing a return to office policy, what will VMRC require of vendors to return. Almost done working on it and will get out once done.
 - ii. Will come to provider community to discuss what new requirements will be.
 - iii. Looking into getting groups together to find out what best practices for vendors to return to programs.
 - iv. Will start reaching out to vendors later this week.
 - v. Budget Comments:
 - vi. Bail out (Heroes act) from Federal Governments passed the house but not the senate.
 - vii. If not passed, the state will make drastic cuts.
 - viii. Removal of ILS services and early start from state budget.
 - ix. Uniform Holiday Schedule coming back.
 - x. See Weekly Health Advisory for updates!
 - xi. Question posed- What are the qualifying behaviors to be on Medicaid waiver? 1-Have medi-cal 2-Have a purchase of Service.
 - xii. More details will come out over the next couple of weeks. All cuts are listed on the Health Advisory.

7. **CLASP Representative Reports**

- **VMRC Board - Elizabeth Knapp**
 - i. Did not meet.
 - ii. Next meeting on 6/15/20 6-8 pm.
- **Finance and Personnel - Connie Uychutin**
 - i. Meeting was bombed and had to be postponed until June.
 - ii. For full details see finance report on VMRC website.
- **Consumer Services - Daime Hoornaert**
 - i. Early Start ratio 1:90, working with resource development on new services.
 - ii. Sac 6 had new advisor and zoom meetings, info on VMRC website.
 - iii. See VMRC website for more info. Next meeting June 1st.
- **Legislation - Candice Bright**
 - i. Reviewed new directives.
 - ii. Next meeting date TBD. For full minutes, visit VMRC website.
- **Nominating- Daime Hoornaert**
 - i. All spots are full.
- **By-Laws- Rita Redondo**
 - i. No update
- **Social Media- Elizabeth Knapp**
 - i. CLASP has a public page in FB & IG, if you want to post something there, send to Elizabeth via email: lizknapp@kbcs.co
- **Choices - Dena Hernandez**

- i. Has been canceled until 2021.
 - **Provider Conference - Candice Bright**
 - i. Still working on getting 6 CEU's approved.
 - ii. Working on speakers for the day.
 - iii. Next meeting held after this CLASP meeting.
 - **Social Media/Special Events- Liz Knapp**
 - i. Make sure to follow the Instagram and Facebook Pages
 - ii. Send anything you want posted to Liz Knapp
 - **Residential Home Workgroup- Marni Dick**
 - i. Concerns with people not following precautions.
 - ii. Finding that doctors are saying people are doing well.
 - iii. Some not doing well, need Day Programs to reopen.
 - iv. Rate cuts and 8.2% sunset in January, most are worried they will not be able to sustain their businesses if the cuts go through.
 - v. RSP's would like to see plans for Day Program Reopening's once done. Including At what point will they have to be picked up? Are changes in that? Who is screening clients, before leaving or at Day Programs or both?
 - vi. Still need help covering shifts, would like a list of people who can work in homes from Day Programs.
 - vii. Can homes that received PPP funds be eligible for medi-cal waiver programs? - Tony answered that can not come out ahead with use of PPP.
 - viii. Remote Services not working for higher level homes. What re expectations of DP's to help with? What does DDS and VMRC expect of DP's to meet consumer needs? Answer- would expect it to be done on an individual basis to be decided by consumer, dp's and homes.
 - ix. What else can be done? Answer- Keep trying new and different ideas and contact the DP to discuss if you haven't heard from them.
 - **Day Program Workgroup- Sonya Fox-Watson**
 - i. DP's are trying to get organized to help meet the needs of individuals.
 - ii. Make sure to look at requirements for support documents for April Absence Billing.
 - iii. CCL guidance says not to send people into homes, unless screened RSP's.
 - iv. No transportation answers as of now. Wilma will be getting a group together to discuss at some point.
 - v. Discussed what DP's are offering, some are happy with it, some are not. Getting various feedback from RSP's, but families are more receptive and appreciative.
 - vi. Want to try to support each other.
 - vii. Please contact DP's and let them know what your struggles are for each individual to get assistance.
8. **State Council on Developmental Disabilities/North Valley Hills Office Report- Dena Hernandez**
- Next SCDD North Valley Hills Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 ON ZOOM from 6:00pm-8:00pm - all are welcome. Guest speakers to discuss update on what is happening regarding the Covid 19 crisis- are Lisa Utsey- Self Advocacy Council 6 chairperson, Lisa Culley- Executive Director Family Resource Network, Aaron Carruthers- Executive Director State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), and Tony Anderson- Executive Director of VMRC.
Meeting ID: 965 9450 9503
Password: 816511
 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities **REQUEST for PROPOSALS for \$20,000 DUE May 20, 2020!** Go to www.scdd.ca.gov/northvalleyhills for more info- proposals have to be related to either state plan goal of Housing & Employment

- SCDD North Valley Hills will be receiving PPE sometime this week from the Office of Emergency Services (I believe VMRC is getting some as well) - we will be getting 30,000 cloth masks and 100 gallons of hand sanitizer that can be given to people with developmental disabilities, families, and their support staff. Our office also received a large donation of arts and craft supplies that we will give away – I need to categorize the arts and craft items. I will let CLASP members know and we will get the items out.
- Self-Advocacy Council 6 (SA6) Friday Zoom CHATS info- May 22, 2020 the topic is Scam & Fraud Alerts and May 29, 2020 will be a virtual Dance Party to celebrate graduating and or exiting students. Here is the Zoom info- same for both dates:
Meeting ID: 917 7394 4767
Password: 310725
- US CENSUS- Residential Care Providers- be sure to complete the Census info for those living in your home- every Person must be counted! For more info on the US Census www.2020census.gov
- VMRC Virtual Transition Fairs:
-May 27, 2020- Stanislaus County
-May 28, 2020- Mountain Counties
-May 29, 2020- San Joaquin County
Go to VMRC .net for info!

9. **Items for discussion**

- Budget Discussion- Covered in Tony's report.
- Workers Comp Discussion
- Supplies purchased by CLASP
- Bridge Funding Sunset

10. **Unmet needs-**

- None

11. **Old business-**

- None

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

Adjournment at 12:28 pm- Next meeting: – June 22nd @ 10am via Zoom