



## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

07/20/2020 | 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM - Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**Board Members Present:** Margaret Heinz, Mohamed Rashid, Andrea Rueda, Erria Kaalund, Linda Collins, Liz Herrera Knapp, Dr. Yan Li, Suzanne Devitt, Tom Toomey, Emily Grunder, Lynda Mendoza, Anthony Owens, Gabriela Castilla, Ken Britter, Dena Pfeifer, Tina Vera

**Board Members Not Present:** Crystal Enyeart, Cherina Shaw, Dr. Russell, Alicia Schott

**Staff Present:** Doug Bonnet, Christine Couch, Claire Lazaro, Claudia Reed, Tara Sisemore-Hester, Tony Anderson, Bud Mullanix, Cindy Mix, Nicole Weiss, Gabriela Lopez

**Public Present:** Carlos Hernandez (Interpreter for Gabriella Castilla), Irene Hernandez (Meeting Interpreter), Rachelle Munoz, Lisa Culley FRN, Nubyaan Scott DRC, Lori Smith (Facilitator for Dena Pfeifer), Dena Hernandez SCDD, Phil Perez DDS

**Margaret Heinz called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.**

### **A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Reading of the Mission Statement**

Doug took roll call.

Everyone read the mission statement.

**B. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda** – Dena Pfeifer made a motion to approve the agenda, Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. No comments. Unanimous consent, motion passed.

**C. Review and Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 06/15/20** – Emily Grunder made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. No comments. Unanimous consent, motion passed.

#### **D. Public Comment**

Dena Hernandez, SCDD, shout out to SAC6 for their 12 consecutive Friday chats on zoom. The leadership of SAC6 has been amazing. The feedback has applauded their efforts from inside and outside our region. The collaboration with VMRC is incredible.

**E. Consent Items** – Dena Pfeifer made a motion to approve the consent items as listed, Mohamed Rashid seconded the motion. No questions, no comments. Motion Passed with unanimous consent.

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of 07/01/20
2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 07/01/20
3. Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of 06/24/20

#### **F. Committee Reports**

**1. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee, CLASP (Coalition of Local Area Service Providers) – Liz Herrera Knapp, CLASP Appointee:** Last meeting was June 22 via zoom. There were 86 paid members at this time. New membership year started on July 7. Membership fee is \$25 per year. If you want to sign up, go to the CLASP link on the VMRC webpage and pay dues. Provider conference in November will be online. Working on getting CEU's approved. Next meeting July 27 at 10am via zoom.

**2. Consumer Services Committee – Dena Pfeifer, Committee Chair – no meeting until September**

**3. Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) –** Cindy Mix shared that 110 selected participants, 73 attended orientation, 23 need orientation and 13 no longer interested, 1 moved into our area and 1 moved out of area. 22 of the 73 have not completed their PCP/IPP, but 35 have completed the PCP and IPP. Signed 15 IPP, have 12 working on a budget and 16 working on a spending plan. 22 completely on SD program at this time. 6 have used FMS model, 11 co-employer and 5 with sole employer. Books are here from Tri-Counties – we added the VMRC info. The next meeting we will determine how to distribute those books. And we will determine how to spend the grant money funds from DDS. Have a self-orientation on August 27 from 1-4pm. Offered orientation on July 15. Self Determination info gathering sessions will be happening on July 31, meet and greet with FMS agencies.

**4. Consumer Advisory Council, SAC6 (Self-Advocacy Council Area 6) – Crystal Enyeart, SAC6 Appointee, Rachelle read Crystal's report due to technology difficulties.** For the month of June we had our Friday Zoom Chats:

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, our zoom chat was on Latest Health Advisories with Clinical Director Claire Lazaro.

On June 13, 2020 we held our first Board meeting via zoom.

On June 15, 2020, our Sac 6 Chairperson Lisa U. gave a presentation to the VMRC Board on Facilitation. She shared some of her personal reasons why she uses a facilitator and why other individuals may need a facilitator. She also provided some useful tips to VMRC staff members.

Sac 6 partnered with SCDD and VMRC to hand out PPE equipment in Stanislaus and San Joaquin County for a second round. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we handed out PPE equipment to vendors and care providers at the Stockton VMRC office and on June 19<sup>th</sup> we handed out equipment at the Modesto VMRC office. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, we had Nicole Patterson, from (DDS) Department of Developmental Services provide us with information on what she does for DDS and what her job entails. We also had (CAC) Consumer Advisory Committee Advisory member Lisa Utsey presented what she does on CAC Board and some of her experience. This is Lisa's last year setting on the DDS-CAC Board and she and we are looking for a new member to sit on the DDS-CAC Board.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, our zoom chat was on Mental Health Awareness. Sac6ers shared with other things they are doing to stay mentally health during this difficult time.

We have scheduled Zoom Chats for the month of July our first one is July 10<sup>th</sup> and that is our second half of mental health.

Our next Area meeting is scheduled for August 7, which will be a zoom call we are collaborating with SCDD, Dena Hernandez.

I would like to take a moment to say "Thank you" to Tony Anderson and Claire Lazaro for being on our Zoom calls.

## **5. Finance Committee – Linda Collins, Treasurer and Claudia Reed, CFO**

**a. Approval of Contracts over \$250,000** – Linda/Finance Committee made motion to approve all contracts over \$250,000, Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. Mo Rashid abstain, Liz Herrera Knapp abstain. Motion passes.

**b. Approval of Contract Status Reports (CSRs)** – Claudia presented the CSRs. Linda/Finance Committee made motion to approve the CSR, Emily Grunder seconded the motion. Unanimous approval, motion passes.

**c. Approval of Restricted Donations** – Linda made a motion to accept current restricted donations for June, 2020. No comments, no questions. Approved by unanimous consent.

**6. Legislative Committee – Lynda Mendoza, Secretary and Committee Chair requested Tony Anderson give the report for the June meeting.** The budget is the main issue. The state budget passed and it was the best budget we could have asked for given the current circumstances. We did not get any of the cuts as proposed. Rate increases for ILS and 2 Early Start services were approved. New

budget will come out around January and we will watch for that. Other bills in legislation that we are monitoring are listed on our webpage, under committee tab for legislative committee.

**7. Nominating Committee – Linda Collins, Committee Chair** all counties are represented and board positions are full. We look forward to a good year. Doug shared that we have one opening due to Robert Balderama completing his 7 year term. This position is open.

**8. Bylaws Committee – Lynda Mendoza, Secretary and Committee Chair** reported there is nothing new to report. Tony reported that we met our obligations for the last year. We will meet in the new year and begin working on agenda items. This committee must meet at least once a year and read the entire bylaws and make recommendations for the board.

**9. Special Events Committee – Tina Vera, Committee Chair** reported that the team met to discuss upcoming awards ceremony. Thank you to everyone that participated, especially Doug, Tony, Margaret and everyone else.

**G. Executive Director's Report – Tony Anderson, Executive Director** reported that he does not have a report for this meeting.

**H. Other Matters –** Food deliveries over the weekend had 9 staff members delivering meals to families. This was sponsored by Presentation Church in Stockton.

**I. Board Member Visits and Activities – none.**

**J. President's Report – Margaret Heinz, Board President, no report at this time.**

**K. Next Meeting – Monday, August 17, 2020, 6:00 PM, via Zoom Video Conference**

**L. Adjournment – Margaret Heinz adjourned the meeting at 5:41pm.**