



Minutes for Meeting Book - VMRC Board of Directors Meeting

2/22/2020 | 06:00 PM - (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Via Zoom Video Conference

Board Members in Attendance – Suzanne Devitt, Erria Kaalund, Steve Russell, Mohamed Rashid, Andrea Rueda, Tom Toomey, Crystal Enyeart, Margaret Heinz, Alicia Schott, Lynda Mendoza, Candace Bright, Suzanne Devitt, Anthony Owens, Dena Pfeifer, Gabriela Castillo, Ken Britter, Yan Li, Tina Vera

Board Members Not in Attendance - Emily Grunder (informed absence), Cherina Shaw, Andrea Rueda

Staff in Attendance – Doug Bonnet, Tony Anderson, Tara Sisemore-Hester, Bud Mullanix, Claire Lazaro, Brian Bennett, Cindy Mix, Claudia Reed,

Public in Attendance – Dena Hernandez SCDD, Carlos Hernandez (interpreter), Irene Hernandez (interpreter), Lisa Culley FRN, Rachelle Munoz SAC6 Coordinator

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01pm

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Reading of the Mission Statement We have a quorum tonight based on roll call. The Mission Statement was read together.

B. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda The meeting agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

C. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 12/21/20

The minutes of 12/21/20 were approved by unanimous consent.

D. Board Presentation – Budget Presentation – Tony Anderson, Executive

Director Tony shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Governor's Proposed Budget. See the presentation included in the minutes.

- E. Public Comment** Good evening everyone, This is Lisa Culley, the executive director at Family Resource Network, and first I'd like to thank VMRC for always being a great collaborative partner, and for the opportunity to work together on a new project-Project DATA. Project DATA, DATA stands for Digital and Technology Assistance, and the goal of the project will be to provide the necessary and appropriate access to and equipment for consumers and families to participate in services and activities that have been forced to be delivered virtually, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as telemedicine appointments, virtual day programs, and Early Start services. Family Resource Network is creating and will manage a Technology Lending Library, which will lend devices, such as tablets and laptop computers to those who currently lack the resources to purchase them on their own. For more information, see the flyer on the Health Advisory 48 from last week, or contact our office. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide to our consumers and families during this unstable time.

VMRC Board Meeting Public Comment Information

Dena Hernandez Regional Manager

SCDD North Valley Hills

2/22/21

- ❖ Thank you to Claire Lazaro and her team for conducting Covid-19 testing last week and again this week and allowing SCDD to volunteer. It was a great event last week and I am sure it will be this week.
- ❖ Thank you to Gaby Lopez-VMRC Cultural Specialist for coordinating the food delivery from Presentation Church last Saturday. SCDD was happy to deliver these groceries to those in need in Modesto.

- ❖ SCDD is proud to collaborate with SAC6 this Friday for the Disaster Preparedness Training for Self-Advocates. We hope to have more of these trainings in the future.
- ❖ SCDD North Valley Hills next Regional Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 on Zoom from 6pm-8pm. Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96471395743?pwd=TDBxRlpMVGNURTBnbFpzOU9DcXAwUT09> Meeting ID: 964 7139 5743 Passcode: 997738

SCDD's last Festival of Learning event held last week is now available on line at www.scdd.ca.gov . We will continue to share the free webinars/trainings happening across the state.

F. Consent Calendar Items - Dena Pfeifer made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items, Mohamed Rashid seconded the motion. No discussion. The Consent Calendar Items were approved unanimously.

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of 1/06/21 and 2/03/21
2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 1/06/21 and 2/03/21
3. Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes of 1/04/21 and 2/01/21

G. Committee Reports

1. **VMRC Professional Advisory Committee, Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)** – Candace Bright shared that the CLASP meeting was held today. They have 84 members. They discussed unmet needs related to residential service providers needing staffing. The residential group met once and their concern was staffing as well as getting staff to be open to getting the vaccine. Day programs met to discuss the alternative services and they have asked for VMRC Clinical Team to participate in the next meeting. The next meeting is March 22.
2. **Consumer Services Committee** – Dena shared that there were 2 meetings since the last board meeting. They were on January 4 and February 1. The minutes are in the packet to review. In January Claire Lazaro gave a presentation on the Covid 19 update. SAC6 has done about 40 chat presentations. The next meeting is March 1.
3. **Self-Determination Advisory Committee** – Tony shared on behalf of Mariela. There are 36 people in the program now and another 35 in progress. We continue to have orientations. We did sign a contract with SCDD this week regarding funding for the meetings of the statewide

committee. A DDS directive came out that said families could use funds for FMS in their budgets temporarily and Regional Centers would pay the FMS fee during this temporary period of time. We are providing training for people on the interested list, anyone can attend these trainings. Cindy Mix added that SC's are contacting about 1000 people to remind them to attend an orientation – these contacts are happening monthly. There is a self-determination conference in April that staff will attend.

4. Consumer Advisory Council, Self-Advocacy Council Area 6 (SAC6) – Crystal Enyeart shared

February 3rd Sac 6 members meet and worked together on the "End of Life Training."

On February 5th Sac 6 had our Friday Zoom Chat / Area meeting. This Zoom Chat topic was "Meeting the Sac 6 Leadership Team". Each of the Sac 6 members introduced themselves and shared a little bit about their roll and what some of their responsibilities are with being a Sac 6 Council member.

February 12th Friday Zoom Chat was collaborated with PCS of Stockton and it was a Valentines dance. Individuals wore red and pink and danced.

February 18th Sac 6 members Jessica and Dena #1 meet with Supported Life Planning Team and discussed this year's conference.

February 19th Friday Zoom Chat topic was about CHOICES Conference and what this years Conference is going to be like.

Upcoming meetings:

February 26th Zoom Topic is going to be on American Red Cross Training. We can have 70 individuals on the training who will receive an Emergency preparedness backpack for attending the training.

Our monthly leadership Meeting is scheduled for February 25 with Tony Anderson.

Our next Sac 6 Board meeting is March 14, 2021 which will be done via zoom.

We are in the process of working out our March Friday Zoom Chat Topics make sure to check out the VMRC website for Zoom links.

Sincerely,

Crystal Enyeart

SAC6 representative to the VMRC Board and Consumer Services.

5. **Finance Committee** – Linda Collins, Treasurer and Claudia Reed, CFO gave the report. Please see the information included in the meeting packet. If you need additional information or support in understanding the report, please reach out to Linda or Claudia.
 - a. Approval of Contract Status Reports (CSR) for January and February 2021 – Dena Pfeifer made a motion to approve the CSR for January and February 2021 and Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. Motion passes with unanimous consent.
 - b. Purchase of Services (POS) and Operations (OPS) Expenditures for January and February 2021 – Claudia Reed presented and answered any questions of the Board.
 - c. Acceptance of Restricted Donations for December 2020, January 2021 – Dena Pfeifer made a motion to accept the restricted donations and Tom Toomey seconded the motion. Motion passes with unanimous consent.
 - d. Approval of Contracts over \$250,000 for January and February 2021 – Tom Toomey made a motion to approve the contracts over \$250,000 and Crystal Enyeart seconded the motion. Candace Bright abstained. Motion passes.
 6. **Legislative Committee** – Lynda Mendoza reported that the committee met on February 11. They will give a budget presentation on March 26 from 1-3pm. The next meeting is March 11. Look at the committees page on the website to see the bill file.
 7. **Nominating Committee** – Linda Collins reported there has been no recent activity.
 8. **Bylaws Committee** – Lynda Mendoza reported that there is no report. They meet once a year.
 9. **Special Events Committee** – No report.
- H. **Executive Director's Report** – Tony Anderson, Executive Director shared that the COVID testing has been occurring and we are scheduled for our 6th event on Friday. The last test had 4 positive tests and the prior had 0 positives. We started doing this because providers were reporting that there were difficulties accessing the tests. We also wanted to provide a familiar option for the people we serve and their families. Special thank you to SCDD, Dena Hernandez, for making the events more fun. She is a great partner! A lot of volunteers from the office are helping and it's a good public service we are able to provide. Claire's

willingness to do this is appreciated, as well as her husband. Angela, a nurse from clinical is also part of this event. Thank you!

PPE events were held weekly. We are thankful for the PPE orders that allow us to serve the community and their needs. DDS is sending us PPE as we order. We are partnering with SCDD with orders and supporting FRN with supplies as well. This does take quite a bit of time and is coordinated by Doug. We are now working with the transportation providers to make deliveries. This relieves the workload for us and engages the transportation providers.

The data project to get remote services to people so that they can access internet with a device. We are excited to work with Family Resource Network on this project. This was supported by the CARES Act Funds.

To support providers with finding staff, we have posted job opportunities on the website. We are getting a lot of visits on the page. There are about 6 jobs listed right now.

Donna Bailey, an employee of VMRC who recently was working in the reception area in Stockton. She passed away and we sent our condolences to her family. Her memorial service is scheduled for tomorrow. If you want to attend, please contact Doug for the zoom information.

I. Other Matters – Doug has supported Tony and Dena becoming TikTok Stars!

J. Board Member Activities – no reports.

K. President's Report – Margaret Heinz, President – ARCA academies are very good trainings. Encourage the elected officials to support the budget proposals for more funding for service coordinators. Please pre-register for Covid testing. It's so important. Health Advisory 48 is amazing and they are fabulous with great resources. Thank you to Matthew, Tara and Cindy for the training today. It was awesome and I learned a lot. We appreciate the collaboration with FRN on the access project. Huge thanks to Gaby for coordinating the food deliveries so well. please follow VMRC on social media!

1. Approval of the Administrative Support Manager, Margaret Heinz reviewed the job description. This is a motion from the Executive Committee, Tom Toomey seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

L. Next Meeting - Monday, April 19, 2021, 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference

M. Adjournment



BOARD REPORT ON THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Board Meeting

February 22, 2021

Tony Anderson

Executive Director

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- Policy The budget year includes \$1.1 billion (\$449.6 million GF) for policies impacting regional center purchase of services, an increase of \$79.5 million (\$107.3 million GF) as compared to the updated current year.
- Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) with Delayed Egress and Secured Perimeters (DESP): Decrease of \$7.5 million GF adjusts for one-time funding in 2020-21.
- Electronic Visit Verification Penalty Payment: Increase of \$603,000 GF based on updated expenditure data.
- Provider Supplemental Rate Increase: Increase of \$18 million (\$14.8 million GF) based on updated expenditure data.
- SB 3 Minimum Wage Increase, January 1, 2021: Increase of \$105.0 million (\$55.1 million GF) represents full year implementation of the policy and updated expenditures.
- Uniform Holiday Schedule: Increase of \$3.3 million (\$2.1 million GF) for based on updated expenditure data.

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- COVID-19 Costs: An increase of \$5.0 million (\$1.0 million GF decrease) associated with costs to support consumers diagnosed with, exposed to, or at high risk of COVID-19.
- Health Facility Rate Increase: Decrease of \$673,000 GF reflects the anticipated end of the temporary rate increase provided by the Department of Health Care Services.
- SB 3 Minimum Wage Increase, January 1, 2022 (New Policy): Increase \$159.2 million (\$83.7 million GF) for increase of the minimum wage from \$14.00 to \$15.00, effective January 1, 2022.
- Youth Returning from Out-of-State Foster Care: Increase of \$900,000 (\$500,000 GF) to support youth in their transition back to California.
- Medicaid Claiming Adjustments: Decrease of \$207.5 million GF as the needed adjustments were completed in the current year.
- Forensic Diversion: Increase of \$3.2 million (\$2.0 million GF) is for a contractor to provide wrap-around services to individuals with IDD.

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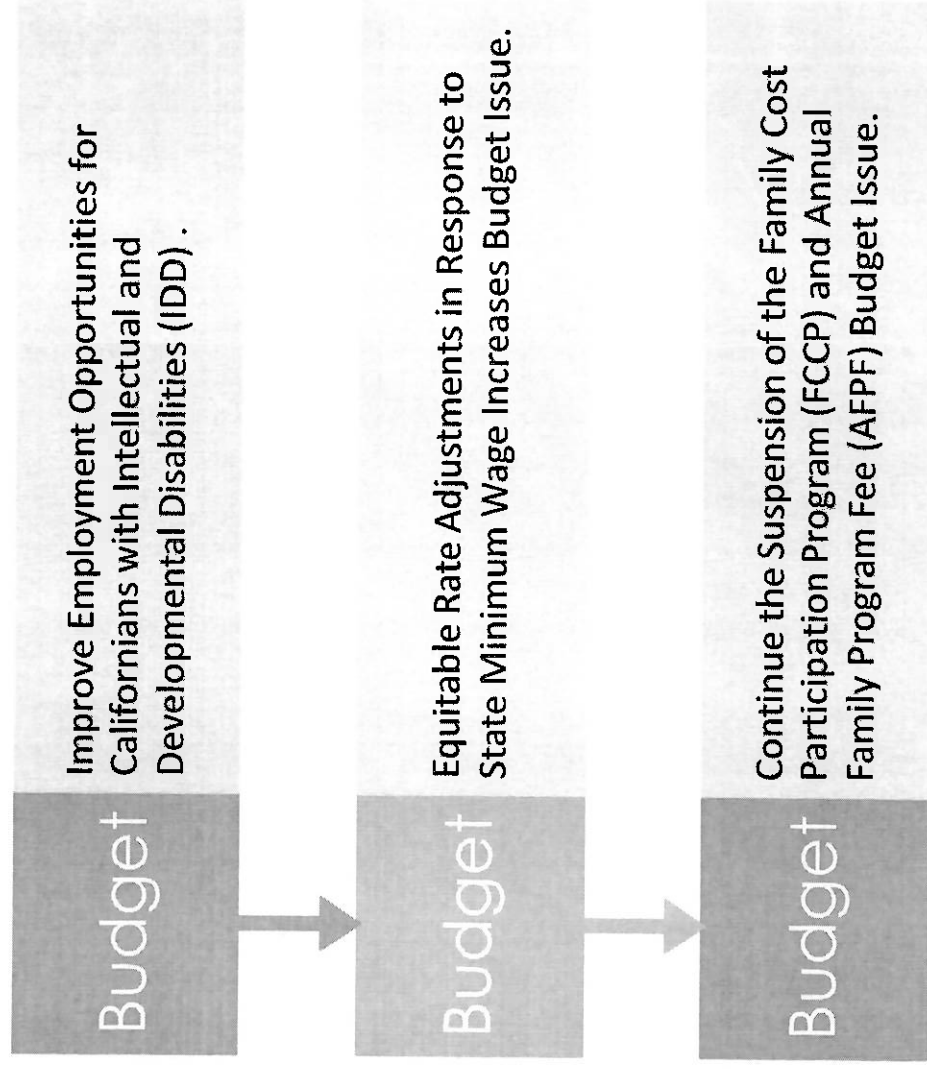
- The Budget for the California IDD System is now \$10 billion
- Caseload for this year (FY 2020-21) is being revised downward, from 366,000 to 357,819, but OPS reductions as a result of that are not proposed.
- Specialized Caseload Ratios: Increase of \$400,000 (\$274,000 GF) reflects an increase in the number of consumers with complex needs.
- There will be 21 positions for navigators to help diverse communities access RC and generic services. This funding is in the OPS portion of the Budget but will be carried out by FRCs.
- \$500k of the funding for this in FY 2021-22 will be used for independent review of disparity projects.

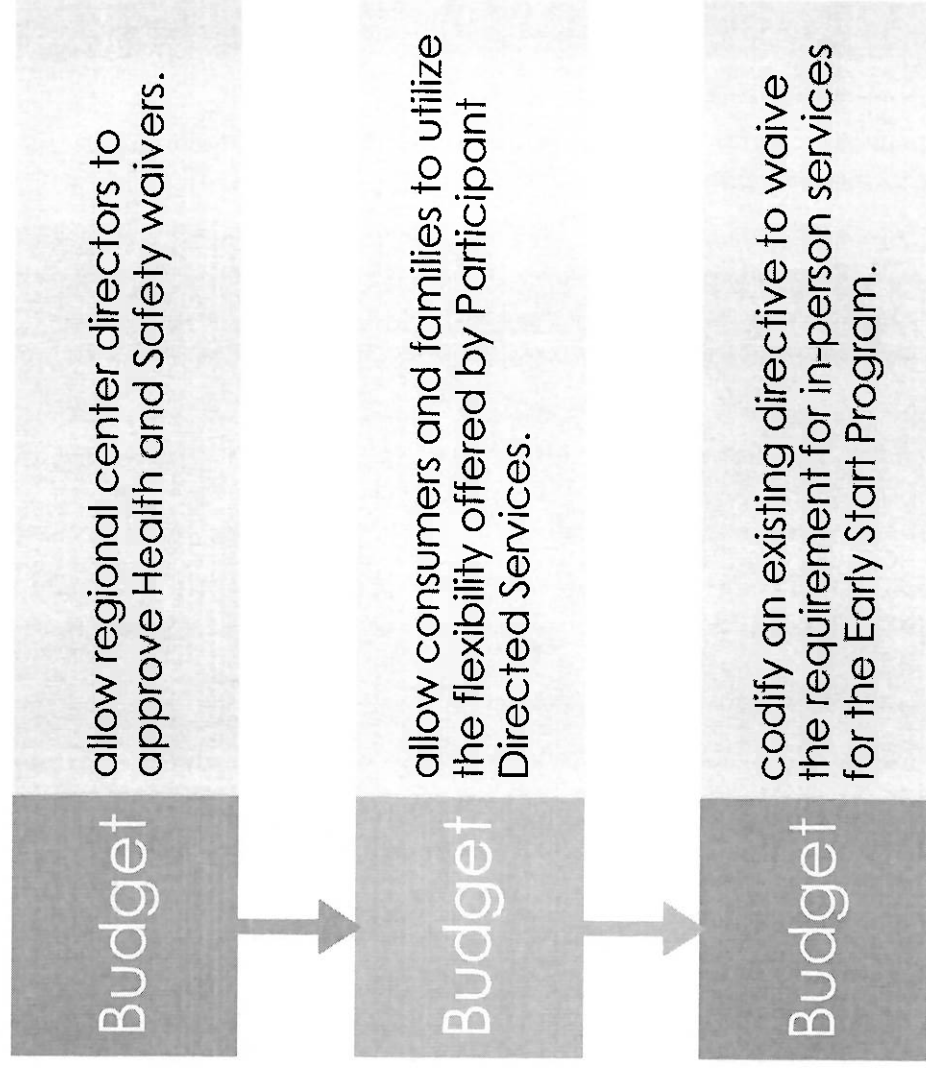
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- The 15 positions at RCs to support foster kids (AB 2083) will be ongoing. These were originally anticipated to be short-term positions.
- 1 position for each RC for emergency planning and preparation.
- Forensic Diversion: Increase of \$534,000 (\$363,000 GF) is for five forensic specialist positions to support the expanded multifaceted forensic diversion program.
- \$265M for POS for COVID response.
- Current Year net increase of \$386.9 million (5%) in the following areas Community Care Facilities, Support Services and In Home Respite
- BY Anticipates an increase of 28,612 new consumers as referrals return typical caseload growth.

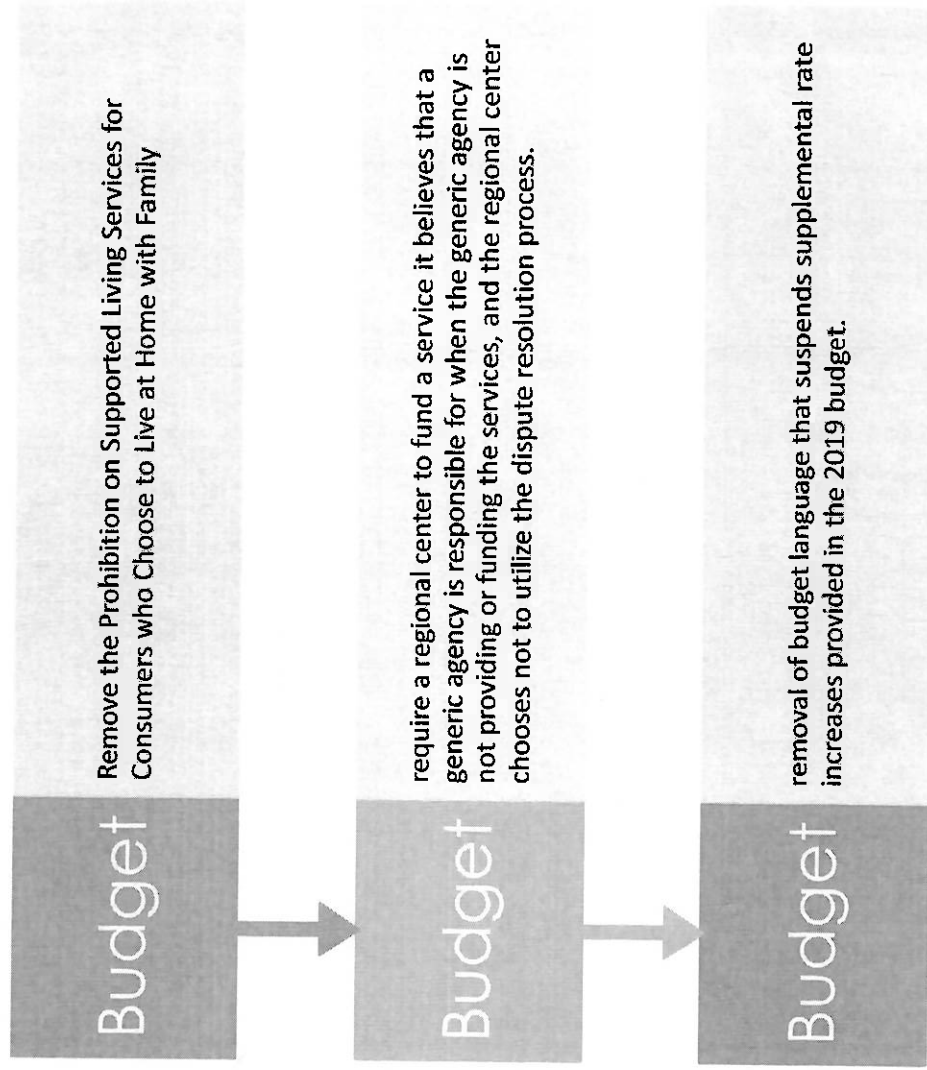
ASSEMBLY BUDGET HEARING – 2/17/2021

- Currently the state is reporting about 14% decrease in early start and a 2.6% increase instead of 4.3%
- Vaccine strategy and distribution to the DDS consumer population, the providers in the system, and Regional Center staff.
- Codifying state directives
- Community Navigator – Family Resource Centers
- Disparities Project Independent Review
- Provider network capacity – the state lost 300 providers our region is still showing a net gain
- There is a concern that DDS Directives are not getting to the community and regional center staff and that regional centers are misinterpreting them.





SENATE BUDGET HEARING



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Budget

give the Director of the DDS the ability to apply their discretion on a case-by-case basis to allow for the provision or extension of out-of-state services for more than six months when supported by a comprehensive assessment.

Budget

request \$55 million General Fund, to be matched with \$28.3 million in federal funds, ongoing to hire enough service coordinators to meet statutory caseload ratio targets.