



Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting

06/21/2021 | 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM - (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Via Zoom Video Conference

Board Members Present: Suzanne Devitt, Margaret Heinz, Crystal Enyeart, Dena Pfeifer, Erria Kaalund, Anthony Owens, Lynda Mendoza, Dr Yan Li, Gabriela Castillo, Alicia Schott, Tina Vera, Tom Toomey, Candice Bright, Andrea Rueda, Linda Collins

Board Members Not Present: Mohamed Rashid (informed absence), Ken Britter, Steve Russell, Emily Grunder

VMRC Staff Present: Doug Bonnet, Christine Couch, Bud Mullanix, Danielle Wells, Claire Lazaro, Tony Anderson, Claudia Reed, Gabriela Lopez
Carlos Hernandez, interpreter
Irene Hernandez, interpreter

Public Present: Ami Sullivan, Lisa Culley, Marisol Cardenas, Mireya Gomez, Phil Perez, Reyna Rangel-Simon, Yashmin Ubaldo, Gricelda Estrada, Dena Hernandez, Aleida O.

Margaret Heinz, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

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

The Mission Statement was read together. We do have a quorum tonight based on roll call.

B. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda – Action Item Lynda Mendoza made a motion to approve, Crystal Enyeart seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

C. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 04/19/21

- **Action Item** Erria Kaalund made a motion to approve the minutes of 4.19.21. Crystal Enyeart seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

D. Board Presentation – VMRC Strategic Plan July 2021 – June 2024 by Tony

Anderson, Executive Director – Action Item (after Public Comment on the topic) We did a lot of planning and information gathering and analysis. We did surveys for the community, providers, consumers, family members and the staff. We have books and reports from Ami. The board gave direction on where they want to see the RC going based on all the data. The actions were developed and then the Senior leadership adjusted. Now we are ready for this final draft to be reviewed and approved by the board.

The 4 sections of the plan: Training, Consumer Health (Physical and Emotional), Consumers Feeling Empowered/Supported, Outreach/Connection/Engagement, and Organizational Culture. Each area is defined and has goals. There are strategies to support the goals. Tony, Claire, Doug and Bud presented on each of the sections of the strategic plan. The strategic plan will be on the website under the About Us tab.

Board comments:

- When is the first assessment? Tony shared before the end of the fiscal year.

1. Public Comment Specifically Related to the Strategic Plan Presentation

- Tumboura Hill: what is the plan on hiring more service coordinators? Tony shared that we will advocate for state funding for more SC's and to maintain the hiring of SC's to lower caseload ratios. Tony shared that the Governor's budget has a significant funding. TH then asked how the plan will specifically address caseload ratios. TA shared we are focused on hiring SC's.
- Griselda Estrada: (Gabriela Lopez translated) Is there a goal or objective in writing that is related to consumers services and being able to receive services? TA shared that in the area of Consumers feeling Empowered/Supported there is a lot in there about voices being heard and being supported. There are a lot of other components in the other sections about person-centered approaches and different ways to empower a person in their self-advocacy. There's

nothing about specifically increasing a service. But it is addressed through self-advocacy and empowering people.

Action Item Dena Pfeifer made a motion to approve the strategic plan as shared. Anthony Owens seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

E. Public Comment

- Tumboura Hill: In an effort to be transparent, He did make a 4731 complaint about caseloads for SC's. He sent it to Tony and cited the 2018 plan of corrective and the DDS directive, Lanterman where it's a deficiency. Just wanted to make the board aware. His phone number and email are in the complaint if the board has any questions.
- Griselda Estrada: I'm requesting that the policy for intensive ABA, language, OT, PT be open during Early Start and the transition for 3 years old. Since we find out a lot of the children who are Latino do not have these types of services. Please open the policy for a revision.

F. Consent Calendar Items - Action Item Linda Collins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar items. Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. NO discussion. The consent calendar items were approved unanimously.

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May and June 2021
2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May and June 2021
3. Consumer Services Committee Minutes of May and June 2021
4. Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes of June 2021
5. Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes of June 2021

G. Committee Reports

1. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee, Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP) Candice Bright, CLASP Appointee: She sent the minutes from their last meeting. I'll forward them to you.
2. Consumer Services Committee, Dena Pfeifer, Committee Chair – Minutes from May and June 7 are in the packet. Reviewed the draft policy for consumer interviews. Next meeting on September 13th at 4pm.

3. Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC), Mariela Ramos, Chair – Mariela was not in attendance at the meeting tonight. Tony Anderson shared that the committee is deciding how to spend the advisory committee funds from DDS. This is their priority. Once they make this decision, we will forward a message to DDS about the agreement for these funds. We have 41 people in the program right now and 75 available to move forward, with 15-20 in the final phase.

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

On April 24th Sac 6 Consultant Lisa U. volunteered along with FRN and SCDD to hand out diapers to those in need. Later that day she also volunteered at the VMRC Stockton Vaccine drive thru.

On May 5th Lisa U. attended the VMRC Finance Committee via zoom.

On May 6th I gave a presentation at the Amador Transition Fair about Sac 6.

May 7th Sac 6 Zoom Chat was a Dance Party to congratulating all the 2021 graduating students via zoom.

Sac 6 Consultant Lisa U. volunteered at the Modesto Vaccine drive thru on May 5,6 and 7th.

On May 12th Sac6 Chairperson Catrina C. gave a presentation at the VMRC Emergency Preparedness Training to vendors on how Sac 6 can be a resource for them.

On May 14th Sac 6 members attended the CHOICES Conference.

On May 16th and 17th Sac 6 Consultant Lisa U. volunteered at the Stockton VMRC Vaccine drive thru.

On May 17th Sac 6 members joined the Consumer Services Candidate presentation.

On May 19th Sac 6 had their Finance Committee Meeting.

May 21st Zoom Chat was about Inclusion of All.

May 28th Zoom Chat was presented by Gabriela Lopez--VMRC Cultural specialist to talk about HOW VMRC spends its money on services and WHO the money is spent on. VMRC wants to know what YOU think!!!!

5. Finance Committee, Linda Collins, Treasurer
 - a. Approval of Contract Status Reports (CSRs) for May and June 2021 – Claudia gave the report. **Action Item** Dena Pfeifer made the motion to approve the CSRs. Anthony Owens seconded the motion. NO discussion. The approval of contract status reports was approved unanimously.
 - b. Purchase of Services (POS) and Operations (OPS) Expenditures for May and June 2021 – Claudia gave the report.
 - c. Approval of Contracts Over \$250,000 from May and June 2021 – There are 25 contracts from May's finance committee and 1 contract from the June finance committee. **Action Item** Linda Collins presented the motion to approve the contracts over \$250,000. Lots of people seconded the motion. Candace Bright abstained from the vote. NO discussion. The contracts were approved unanimously.
 - d. Acceptance of Restricted Donations to the Popplewell Fund from April and May and June 2021 – Claudia presented the donations. **Action Item** Dena Pfeifer made the motion to approve the acceptance of restricted donations to the Popplewell Fund. Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. NO discussion. The restricted donations were approved unanimously.
6. Legislative Committee, Lynda Mendoza, Secretary and Chair – Tony shared that met with the state level elected officials. The committee continues its efforts. There is a lot on the budget. In October/November there will be a presentation.
7. Nominating Committee, Linda Collins, Chair shared that there was a lot of work together and have a slate of officers to share.

Approval of Proposed Slate of Officers for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year – **Action Item** Dena Pfeifer made the motion to approve the proposed slate of officers. Crystal Enyeart seconded the motion. NO discussion. Lynda Mendoza abstained. The slate of officers was approved unanimously.
8. Bylaws Committee, Lynda Mendoza, Secretary and Chair shared that you should refer to pages 87-88. Three recommended changes to the bylaws to address meeting in person, when it's safe, but also to provide a remote option to participate in the meetings.

Approval of Amendments to Bylaws – **Action Item** Alicia Schott made the motion to approve the amendments to Bylaws as presented. Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. NO discussion. The amendments to bylaws were approved unanimously.

9. Special Events Committee, Tina Vera, Chair no report.

H. **Executive Director's Report Tony Anderson** Offered over 2000 vaccinations and provided about 1200. We offered clinics for children with our BCBA's and BEST (provider) to support children and their families to take the vaccinations. June 25 is our last clinic in Modesto. This was a major effort and we appreciate everyone who volunteered and supported the effort.

The reopening of the day programs is happening. The plans had to get approved by CCL and then they notified VMRC. Meetings with consumers to confirm everyone understands the changes and then move forward. Have to coordinate with transportation and families. This is a challenge to get everything set up.

Dealing with hesitancy of consumers/families. Lots of people who are concerned/worried about going back and being around people who are not vaccinated.

Governor presented the May revise and the numbers are strong. The legislature proposed fully funding the rate study for the providers. Then the Governor had a proposal for spending the money. Competing ideas and right now we are waiting for the Governor and his part. We will find out soon. Even the least helpful proposal is helpful. It's not a bad budget year for us.

I. Other Matters - none

J. **Board Member Activities and Reports** - Margaret reported she had an amazing time at the vaccination clinics. She was able to safely meet families and it was a positive interaction.

K. President's Report

Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year – The 4th Wednesday of every other month with board training at 5pm. **Action** **The Executive Committee** made the motion to approve the board meeting schedule. Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. NO discussion. The board meeting schedule was approved unanimously.

The annual board dinner will be on Wednesday July 28 at 6pm for all current, outgoing and incoming board members. This is by invitation only. We will follow all safety protocols. We will not bring guests to this dinner. If you require support, please bring your support person.

We are working on a system and protocol to meet in person effective in August. Our virtual meetings will continue to be an option.

ARCA training on Saturday, July 10 1-230pm with a repeat on Wednesday nights. The topic is decoding the regional center purchase of service. Watch for a survey from Doug to give input on more training topics you prefer.

Thank you all for your support for another year serving as your president. Please share with me as I want to hear your input. I will reach out to people to get the committees set up. If there's something specific you want to do, please share it with me.

I'm very proud of the 15 vaccine clinics, staff, families, and community partners. If something is happening in the future, I encourage you to participate based on your comfort zone.

Andrea and Dena, thank you for your contribution to the board.

One of our dear friends, Lisa Utsey, lost a family member. We sent her flowers and she was so thankful.

**L. Next Meeting - Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference
with a training at 5pm.**

M. Adjournment at 7:59pm