



Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

07/27/2021 | 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM - (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Via Zoom Video

Board Members in Attendance: Suzanne Devitt, Margaret Heinz, President, Crystal Enyeart, Steve Russell, Erria Kaalund, Lynda Mendoza, Vice-President, Alicia Schott, Treasurer, Candice Bright, Gabriela Castillo, Dr Yan Li, Tom Toomey, Ken Britter, Linda Collins, Secretary.

Board Members not in Attendance: Emily Grunder, Tina Vera, Anthony Owens are all informed absences.

Staff in Attendance: Doug Bonnet, Christine Couch, Bud Mullanix, Claire Lazaro, Tony Anderson, Claudia Reed, Gabriela Lopez, Brian Bennet, Tara Sisemore-Hester
Carlos Hernandez, interpreter
Irene Hernandez, interpreter
Rachelle Munoz, facilitator

Public Present: Alma Janssen, DDS, Tumboura Hill, Dena Hernandez, Grace Rehman, Gul Rehman, Mohamed Rashid.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 PM by Margaret Heinz, President.

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

Erria Kaalund made a motion to approve, Lynda Mendoza seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

C. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 06/21/21 – Action Item

Crystal Enyeart made a motion to approve the minutes of 6.21.21. Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

D. Public Comment

Tumboura Hill – attended the last board meeting regarding a 4731 complaint about the caseload ratios. He received a response from the Compliance Manager that this was not a clients' rights violation. He forwarded the complaint to Nancy at DDS and his elected officials. He intends to continue to pursue this as a biggest issue.

E. Consent Calendar Items – Action Item

Erria Kaalund made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar items. Lynda Mendoza seconded the motion. NO discussion. The consent calendar items were approved unanimously.

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 2021
2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of July 2021
3. Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes of July 2021

F. Committee Reports

1. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee, Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)
Candice Bright, CLASP Appointee
CLASP met on June 28, 2021. The minutes are attached.https://vmrc-my.sharepoint.com/personal/ccouch_vmrc_net/Documents/Desktop/6-28-21%20CLASP%20meeting%20minutes%20#1.pdf. The next meeting is August 23, 2021.
2. Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Mariela Ramos, Committee Chair – Mariela was not present at the meeting. Tara Sisemore-Hester shared that we continue to add people to the program. There are a lot of people interested. Some Early Start families who are inquiring about the program upon transition to Lanterman. Orientation training for families and consumers in Spanish has been provided. We are excited for the next year!

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

July 2nd Sac 6 Zoom Chat topic was Covid Journey- Mental Health by Dr. Dave.

On July 7, 2021, a few Sac-ers applied and were interviewed as candidates to sit on the VMRC Board.

July 9th Sac 6 zoom chat topic was Covid: Then & Now with Claire Lazaro.

July 16th Sac 6 zoom chat topic was "Show Me the Money- State Budget info. By Tony Anderson from VMRC.

Also, on July 16th Sac 6 consultant Lisa Utsey attended the ARCA meeting via zoom.

July 23rd Sac 6 Zoom Chat- topic was "Toxic Stress" speakers from ACE's.

Sac 6 shared on social media to reach out to other advocates that OCRA is having its first virtual conference designed directly for clients. It's called Your Voice Your Choice: Advocacy Starts with You. This webinar is for the week on July 26th through July 30th. You can find more info on the Sac6 and VMRC webpage.

Upcoming events: On July 29th we will have our monthly Leadership meeting with Executive Director and VMRC Liaison to Sac 6.

Sincerely,

Crystal Enyeart

SAC6 representative to the VMRC Board and Consumer Services.

4. Finance Committee Alicia Schott, Treasurer

a. Approval of Contract Status Reports (CSRs) for July 2021 **Action Item** Claudia gave the report. Action Item Alicia Schott made the motion to approve the CSRs. Margaret Heinz seconded the motion. NO discussion. The approval of contract status reports was approved unanimously.

b. Purchase of Services (POS) and Operations (OPS) Expenditures for July 2021 – Claudia gave the report.

c. Approval of Contracts Over \$250,000 from July 2021 **Action Item** There are 20 contracts from May's finance committee and 1 contract from the June finance committee. Action Item Alicia Schott presented the motion to approve the contracts over \$250,000. Dr Steve Russell 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 July 2021 – no donations during this reporting period.

Action Item – Claudia presented the balance. Action Item Alicia Schott made the motion to approve the acceptance of restricted donations to the Popplewell Fund. Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. NO discussion. The balance was approved unanimously.

4. Legislative Committee Linda Collins, Secretary and Chair
No update.

6. Nominating Committee Linda Collins, Chair

a. Nominating Committee Recommendations for Appointment to the Board of Directors **Action Item**

1. Robert Balderama, Consumer Representative
2. Jessica Quesada, Consumer Representative
3. Lisa Utsey, Consumer Representative

Margaret Heinz made the motion to accept the nominating committee recommendations. Alicia Schott seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Bylaws Committee Lynda Mendoza, Chair – Lynda reported that there is no report tonight.

8. Special Events Committee Tina Vera, Chair – Margaret shared that the board special event is Friday night.

G. **Executive Directors Report** Tony reported that we continue to do the work to respond to the new advice, directives and recommendations regarding keeping people safe during the pandemic. We are working on getting people back to the buildings. We will continue to work together to keep everyone safe.

H. Other Matters

None.

I. Board Member Activities and Reports

None.

J. President's Report

Margaret stressed to everyone to attend the ARCA academies. They are very good and valuable. Independent Facilitator training was sent out via email, please share it with others. LA's fire department is doing a new training on the needs of people with Autism. She is going to gather more information and bring it back to the board! She is so thankful for the training given by Matthew Bahr who answered her questions and supported least restrictive methods and strategies to support consumers. The October board member will be in person and zoom, if it is safe to meet in person.

K. Next Meeting - Wednesday, August 25th, 2021, 6:00 PM, Via Zoom Video Conference

L. Adjournment at 647pm