



Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday February 23, 2022
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
[Zoom Link](#)

Elected Officers:

Chair: Margaret Heinz, President
 Lynda Mendoza, Vice President
 Alicia Schott, Treasurer
 Linda Collins, Secretary

	Agenda item	Action	Speaker
A.	Call to Order – Lynda Mendoza, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.		
	<i>The Mission of Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) is to support people with developmental disabilities as they enrich their lives through choices and inclusion. VMRC is committed to securing quality, individualized services in collaboration with families and the community.</i>		Lynda Mendoza, President
	<p>We do have a quorum tonight based on roll call.</p> <p>Board Members Present: Crystal Enyeart, Lynda Mendoza, Jessica Quesada, Anthony Owens, Tom Toomey, Linda Collins, Alicia Schott, Emily Grunder, Erria Kaalund, Lisa Utsey, Candice Bright, Robert Russell, Gabriela Castillo, Yan Li, Tina Vera, Ken Britter, Erria Kaalund</p> <p>Board Members Absent: Suzanne Devitt informed absence, Margaret Heinz informed absence, Robert Balderama,</p> <p>VMRC Staff Present: Tony Anderson, Tara Sisemore-Hester, Bud Mullanix, Brian Bennett, Melissa Stiles, Claire Lazaro</p> <p>Public Present: Isela Bingham Interpreter, Irene Hernandez Interpreter, Dena Hernandez SCDD, Rachelle Munoz facilitator, James Ford DDS, Lisa Culley FRN, Chelsea Silveira Burges BCBA,</p>		
B.	Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda - Lisa Utsey made a motion to approve, Crystal Enyeart seconded. Motion passes unanimously.	Action Item	Lynda Mendoza, President
C.	Review and Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 12/22, 2022¹ – Emily Grunder made a motion to approve, Anthony Owens seconded. Motion passes unanimously.	Action Item	Lynda Mendoza, President

D.	Public Comments		
	Each member of the public will have 3 minutes for comment. If an interpreter is needed, 6 minutes will be given.	Information	Lynd Presi
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dena Hernandez, SCDD: Thank you to Katina Richardson, Brian Bennett, Aaron McDonald, Christine Couch and team for conducting the two-day drive throughs for San Joaquin County residential care facilities to pass out at home Covid-19 testing and allowing SCDD to volunteer. It was a well run machine!! ❖ SCDD received at home tests from Department of Public Health that are currently being handed out to folks with disabilities and families in our 5 counties. Thank you to our community partners for helping get these out to people! Self-Advocacy Council 6, Family Resource Network, Person Centered Services, Valley CAPS, UCP Stanislaus, DRAIL, and Family First Autism. SCDD hopes to get more if needed. ❖ SCDD across the state will be hosting Community Conversations regarding the phasing out of subminimum wage in California (SB639). These will be virtual and have a variety of language interpretation available. Once the flyer is complete with all the dates and times- I will share it. SCDD North Valley Hills will be hosting ours on Tuesday, April 5, from 10am-12 noon. All the input from these conversations will be shared with the Stakeholder group who is putting a report together to give to the legislators by January 1, 2023. ❖ SCDD North Valley Hills next Regional Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 on Zoom from 6pm-8pm. Link: Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82434264352?pwd=TDRXTjMvQ1M4Q2s1d1laN0sxcDB1UT09 Meeting ID: 824 3426 4352 Passcode: 800942 		
E.	Presentation: Strategic Planning – insert the powerpoint here	Information	Tony Exec
	Strategic Planning: The Chairs of each strategic planning focus group will present of the status of the group's work in the baseline year.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Health (Physical and Emotional) (Claire Lazaro) • Consumers Feel Empowered (& Supported) (Christine Couch and Tara Hester-Sisemore) • Outreach, Connection, and Engagement (Brian Bennett and Doug Bonnet) • Organizational Culture (Bud Mullanix) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development Workgroup Guide – Organizational Cultural • Training (Tony Anderson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff Working Document ○ Consumers and Families Working Document ○ Providers Working Document 		

F.	Consent Calendar – Linda Collins makes the motion. Emily Grunder seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar items. No discussion. The consent calendar items were approved unanimously.	Action	Lynd Presi
	<p>1. Legislative Committee December 16, 2022: Video PowerPoint Presentation</p> <p>Lisa Utsey makes the motion. Tom Toomey seconded the motion to approve the Co Calendar items. No discussion. The legislative committee presentation is approved unanimously.</p>	Action	
	<p>2. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 2022 (not available postpone approval to April 2022)</p> <p>3. Executive Committee Minutes of January 2022 (not available postpone approval to April 2022)</p> <p>4. Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes of January 2022 (not available postpone approval to April 2022)</p>	Postponed	
G.	Committee Reports		
	<p>1. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee, Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP) – no attachment</p> <p>CLASP met on January 24, 2022. The meeting focused on VMRC reports. They discussed the residential home workgroup. They meet the first Wednesday of every month. Working on getting staff and PPE. Day Program workgroup met once in 2022, their next meeting is March 9. PINS and DDS directives were discussed. They are getting new directives regularly. The next CLASP meeting is Monday, February 28. There will be a lot of discussion about the new rates that came out.</p>	Information	Cand Advis Repre
	<p>2. Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee (SDLAC) – no attachment</p> <p>Mariela Ramos was not present tonight. Tony Anderson shared the local SDLAC met the other day and the committee discussed the use of the development funds from DDS and made some decisions on how to use some of the funds. They received some pushback from the community who didn't like the plan and then deliberated and made decisions to keep moving. 52 people in self-determination. 6 PCP in place. Significant changes in our organization to meet the demand of SDP. Liz is now only managing the SDP/PCP team.</p>	Information	Mari Chair
	<p>3. Consumer Advisory Council, Self-Advocacy Council Area 6 (SAC6)</p> <p>Sac 6 report to the VMRC Board, February 2022</p> <p>January 5, Sac 6 had their weekly practice zoom, to prepare for Sac 6 Friday Zoom Chat.</p> <p>January 7, Friday Zoom Chat topic was on Come and meet the new Sac 6 Officers and here about their new roles.</p> <p>January 10th, Sac 6 members provided a Clients Rights to a care home in Stockton via zoom. SCDD Office assisted Sac 6 with printing and mailing out the training material to the individuals.</p>	Information	Cryst

<p>January 12, Sac 6 consultant Lisa U. attended the VMRC Finance Committee meeting.</p> <p>January 14, Sac 6 members had their weekly Friday Zoom Chat, this topic was on Come and learn from Sac6 members, SCDD North Valley Hills Office and VMRC about the return of Camping, Social Recreation, and other services that the regional center can pay for again.</p> <p>January 19, Sac 6 Consultant Lisa U attended the Poppelwell Fund committee.</p> <p>January 20th, Sac 6 members Catrina C., Steven H., and Lisa U. attended the Compassionate Care for all of California CCAC meeting. Lisa was the presenter and she presented on the importance of "Prepare for End-of-Life Care" to the members of the committee.</p> <p>January 21st, Lisa U. presented with Tony Anderson at the Association of Regional center Agencies (ARCA) meeting to share all the work Sac 6 has been working on with VMRC.</p> <p>Also, on January 21st, Sac 6 had their weekly Friday Zoom Chat, this topic was on Come and meet the new VMRC Emergency Coordinator Aaron McDonald.</p> <p>January 26, Sac 6 had their weekly Leadership meeting with Executive Director and Liaison to VMRC. Here we talked about future topics for Zoom Chats.</p> <p>January 28, Lisa U attended a zoom meeting with DDS. Here they discussed the SIR reporting topics, and possible changes.</p> <p>Also, Sac 6 had their weekly Friday Zoom Chat, this topic was on come and meet the new State Council on Developmental Disabilities SCDD Self Determination Manager Joseph Hernandez.</p> <p>January 31st, Sac 6 Chairperson Dena#1 and Lisa U. consultant volunteered in Stockton at the VMRC COVID testing drive through. Also, later that day Sac 6 Goals committee members meet to review and discuss their annual goals.</p> <p>February 2nd Sac 6 Consultant Jessica Q volunteered at VMRC in Modesto for the COVID Testing Drive through Clinic.</p> <p>February 4, Friday Zoom Chat topic was on come and meet the new staff at Disability Rights California (DRC) presented by Sandra Graham.</p> <p>February 9th Sac 6 Consultant Lisa U. presented to Valley CAPS on the importance of planning for "End of Life Prepare for Care".</p> <p>February 10, Lisa U volunteered to distribute covid self-test kits at Valley Mountain regional center in Stockton.</p> <p>February 11, Friday Zoom Chat was in collaboration with Person Centered Services in Stockton for a Valentines Dance.</p> <p>February 16, Sac 6 member Catrina C. attended the DDS Consumer Advisory Committee via zoom.</p>		
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	<p>February 18th Friday Zoom Chat topic was on DRAIL's New Community Center presented by Kholoud Rashid.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <p>Sac 6 will be having their Board Meeting on March 19, 2022.</p> <p>We will also be having Friday Zoom Chats during the month of March.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Crystal Enyeart</p> <p>SAC6 representative to the VMRC Board and Consumer Services.</p>		
	4. Finance Committee		Alicia
	a. Approval of Contract Status Reports (CSRs) for February 2022 - Melissa Stiles gave the report. Finance Committee/Alicia Schott made the motion to approve the CSRs. Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. No discussion. The approval of the contract status report was approved unanimously.	Action	Alicia and M
	b. Purchase of Services (POS) and Operations (OPS) and February 2022 (same link as above)	Information	Melis
	c. Approval of Contracts Over \$250,000 from November 2021 and February 2022 - Alicia Schott/Finance Committee made the motion to approve the 22 contracts over \$250,000. Linda Collins seconded the motion. Candice Bright abstained. No discussion. The approval of contracts over \$250,000 was approved.	Action	Alicia and M
	5. Consumer Services Committee	Information	Suzar
	6. Legislative Committee – no attachment Candace reported that they have a powerpoint presentation that was approved earlier in the meeting. She attended the Senate Budget hearing.	Information	Lynda Cand
	7. Bylaws Committee – no attachment No report this meeting.	Information	Linda
	8. Special Events Committee – no attachment No special events on the calendar. No update at this time.	Information	Tina V
H.	<p>Executive Director's Report – no attachment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EVV - only 20% of the providers have enrolled. This is a problem. VMRC posted twice in the HA and multiple times on the social media and in their e-billing. 2. Emergency Response Preparedness Resources - Emergency Response Services and Coordinator was hired (Aaron McDonald - he's doing outreach to community partners and has coordinated two drive through testing clinics and coordinated the disbursements for the COVID tests for licensed facilities in San Joaquin county) 3. Enhanced Service Coordination (Low to No POS) - The supervisor position was approved by the board, the Senior Service Coordinator position was hired, 2 	Information	Tony Exec

	<p>of the 5 service coordinators have been hired, Christine and Gaby are working on building the case loads of transition age and children around 10-12 years old who live in Spanish speaking monolingual and bilingual families. They are continuing to recruit for the open positions and hope to be completed soon and operational by March 2022.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Enhanced Service Coordination ratios - we anticipate hiring around 25-30 new staff under this initiative starting July 2022. 5. Paid Internship Program and Competitive Integrated Employment - latest report from Enos Edmundson indicated these are bot increasing now that the rates have been increased. 6. Providers Supplemental Rate Increases - This is supposed to be ready by April by recent estimates are that many rates are still going to worked out through the fiscal year and beyond. These providers will still need to be paid retroactively to April. 7. Regional Center Performance Measures - We received funding for managing this initiative and I recently amended our project managers job description to remove almost all the case management related duties. 8. Services for the Deaf Community - We are excited to announce we have hired Nicholas Bolger, this week. A little background he interviewed well. He is a huge link to the deaf community. Also, he knows of some the other Deaf and HOH specialists that were hired for some of the other regional centers, which is a GREAT resource! He is going to help our providers expand their services and help new Deaf and HOH providers vendor with us. In addition he will help our agency become more responsive and welcoming to our deaf and HOH community. 9. Systemic Therapeutic Assessment Resources and Treatment (START) Teams - We have awarded a contract to YAI and we'll be meeting with them next week as we begin this exciting new service in our area. 		
I.	<p>Other Matters – Amended Board Training Plan (the previous plan was on a fiscal year and the amended plan is on a fiscal year per DDS feedback).</p> <p>Alicia Schott made a motion to approve, Erria Kaalund seconded. No discussion. Motion to approve the amended board training plan passes unanimously.</p>	Action	Lynd Presi
J.	<p>Board Member Activities and Reports – no attachment</p> <p>No report</p>	Information	Lynd Presi
K.	<p>President's Report – no attachment</p> <p>No report</p>	Information	Lynd Presi
L.	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday April 27, 2022, 6:00 PM Locations at Stockton VMRC office, 702 N. Aurora Street.</p>		Lynd Presi

M.	Adjournment at 7:28pm		Lynd Presi