



Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

04/27/2022 | 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Hybrid - VMRC Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Board Members Present: Dr. Steve Russell, Crystal Enyeart, Lisa Utsey, Jessica Quesada, Alicia Schott, Margaret Heinz, Lynda Mendoza, Anthony Owens, Linda Collins, Robert Balderama, Yan Li, Erria Kaalund, Kenneth Britter, Suzanne Devitt, Tom Toomey, Gabriela Castillo, Candace Bright

Board Members Not Present: Tina Vera, Emily Grunder (Informed Absence)

VMRC Staff Present: Tony Anderson, Doug Bonnet, Melissa Stiles, Christine Couch, Brian Bennett, Bud Mullanix, Gabriela Lopez, Jason Toepel, Michele Poaster, Neidra Clayton, Claire Lazaro, Danielle Wells, Olivia Held

Public Present: Isela Bingham (interpreter), Rachelle Munoz (facilitator), James Ford, Dena Hernandez, Irene Hernandez (interpreter), Lucia Espinoza, Patti Wickerd (facilitator)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Doug Bonnet called roll and we have a quorum. The board read the mission statement aloud.

B. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Linda Collins made the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Lynda Mendoza seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

C. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 02/23/22

Lisa Utsey made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Anthony Owens seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

D. Presentation - Non-Medical Therapies and Educational Services Service Standards and Outreach Plans

Claire Lazaro presented the non-medical therapies draft service standard and outreach plan.

Olivia Held presented the educational services service standard and outreach plan.

No public comment was shared.

E. Public Comment

Dena Hernandez, SCDD, North Valley Hills Office: Cycle 45 RFP for \$20,000 due 5-17-2022. RAC selected housing as the topic for use of those funds. All materials are on the SCDD website.

Choices Conference May 20, 2022, 483 registered attendees. It's free, anyone can attend. Only the registered participants can receive a free tshirt. 4736950 if you have questions.

SDAC, good job on the hard work on the meet and greet with 68 people in attendance. Thank you to Karen Bonnacci and her daughter, Mary for helping mail out the flyers. Thank you to Liz Diaz and her team for their work on the meet and greet.

F. Consent Calendar Items

Lisa Utsey made a motion to approve the consent calendar items. Erria Kaalund seconded the motion of the consent calendar items. The motion passes unanimously.

G. Committee Reports

1. **Candace Bright gave the CLASP report** for March 28 and April 25. They had a report from R&D Transportation regarding the continued transportation difficulties which result in day program attendance. They also shared about streamlining the vendorization process for transportation. CLASP also had a presentation on employment laws. Next meeting on May 23 at 10am to vote for new officers.
2. **Self Determination Advisory Committee by Mariela Ramos.** Tony Anderson gave an update on SDAC. We had to cancel the last meeting due to the change in Begley-Keene Open Meeting Laws. These laws were suspended during covid, state of emergency. The laws have been reinstated which means that the location of the meeting has to be published, which includes your home address if you are participating by zoom. We will review how to address these concerns going forward.

3. SAC6 report by Crystal Enyeart. Crystal gave her report about all of the activities of the SAC6.
March 4th Gabby from VMRC presented at the Sac 6 Friday Zoom Chat on Purchase of Services (POS). Advocates got to learn how the money VMRC receives is spent on services.

March 11th The sac 6 Friday Zoom Chat topic was Tony, Executive Director of VMRC, on Honoring all people, and learning about BIAS.

March 18th sac 6 hosted a St. Patrick's Day Bingo. There were 3 winners who received gift cards.

March 19th- Sac 6 had their quarterly Board meeting via zoom.

March 24th Robert B. attended the VMRC Legislative Committee.

March 29th Several Sac 6 members attended the SCDD RAC (Reginal Advisory Committee via zoom.

April 1st All sac 6 members register for CHOICES Conference.

April 4th Catrina C. attended the Grassroots Day via zoom.

April 5th Sac 6 members provided their comments about the 637 Proposal as feedback to Linda DeLaurenti @ VMRC. Dena #2 assisted Sac 6 with ensuring the feedback was received.

April 9th Sac 6 Treasurer Tim C. and sac 6 member Kourtney attended the Partners n Planning Committee meeting via zoom.

April 13th Sac 6 member Cameron R. attended the VMRC By-Laws Committee.

April 14th Sac 6 member Catrina attended the DDS CAC meeting via zoom also later that day Catrina attended the VMRC Nominating Committee meeting. Also, Sac 6 Chairperson Dena #1 along with Sac 6 consultant Jessica Q attended the Transportation & Updates Meeting.

April 22nd Sac 6 Zoom topic was on Scams and how to protect yourself, Sac 6 members were the precentors.

Upcoming events:

Sac 6 will be having their Area meeting via zoom on May 6th the topic will be on Special Olympics.

CHOICES Conference is May 20, 2022, via zoom.

Modesto Transition Fair is on April 29th Lisa U. will be working the Sac 6 table. At the Mountain County Transition Fair on May 12th Sac 6 member Crystal E. will be working the sac 6 table.

4. Finance Committee – Melissa Stiles gave the report. She reviewed the February 28, 2022 Contract Status Report.

a. Alicia Schott brought the Contract Status Report for March and April for approval. Dr. Steve Russell seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

b. Alicia Schott brought the contracts over \$250,000 for March and April for approval. Margaret Heinz seconded the motion. Candace Bright abstained. The motion passes.

c. POS and OPS Expenditures for March and April 2022 was presented by Melissa Stiles

d. Melissa Stiles gave a presentation on the VMRC Financial Statements 2020-2021 as audited by the Kemper CPA Group LLP. Alicia Schott brought the report for approval. Margaret Heinz seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

5. Consumer Services Committee by Suzanne Devitt. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 4 in person at the regional center.

6. Legislative Committee by Lynda Mendoza and Candice Bright. They met on March 24. The next meeting is May 12. May 26 from 12-2pm will be the presentation. Tony reported on Grassroots Day at the Capitol. We met with a lot of staffers in 8 different meetings via zoom.

7. Bylaws Committee by Linda Collins – Met April 13 and reviewed current bylaws

Section 7.01 Public Attendance – Propose changing to “Meetings of the Board of Directors are open and all persons shall be permitted to attend any Board meeting, except as otherwise provided herein” from “All persons shall be permitted to attend any Board meeting, except as otherwise provided herein.”

Section 8.01 Committee Meetings/Open Meeting Requirements – Propose changing to “Committee Meetings/Open Meeting Requirement. Valley Mountain Regional Center Inc. Board Committee meetings are open public meetings only if the Committee is vested with authority of the Board to make binding decisions on behalf of the Board or unless the Committee exercises its rights

to hold a closed session, limited to closed session requirements expressed in Section 7.13 of VMRC's Bylaws. Committee meetings that are not authorized to act on behalf of the Board are not required to hold open meetings." From "**Committee Meetings/Open Meeting Requirement.** Valley Mountain Regional Center Inc. Board Committee meetings are open public meetings, unless the Committee exercises its rights to hold a closed session, limited to closed session requirements expressed in Section 7.13 of VMRC's Bylaws."

Section 8.03 Public Participation – Propose changing to "Expert Participation. From "**Public Participation.**

Section 8.08 Executive Committee – Propose striking the statement "Its meetings are open to all Board members and the public."

Section 8.09 Nominating Committee – Propose striking the statement "Nominating Committee meetings are open to all Board members and the public."

Section 8.10 Finance Committee – Propose striking the statement "Finance Committee meetings are open to all Board members and the public."

Section 8.11 Consumer Services Committee Meeting – Propose to add after the last sentence "Even though this committee is not vested with authority as described in Section 8.01, these meetings shall remain open to the public because the committee's responsibilities to review Service Standards requires significant public input."

Section 8.12 Bylaws Committee – Propose striking the statement "Bylaws Committee meetings are open to all Board members and the public."

Section 8.13 Public Policy Committee – Propose striking "and the public."

- a. Approval of amendments to the bylaws – Linda Collins brought the amendments with the exception of 8.08 for approval. Tom Toomey seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

8. Nominating Committee by Linda Collins – They reviewed the 8 members who had an initial term of 3 years that is ending 6-30-2022. 6 of the 8 individuals agreed to continue for a second term of 3 years. Alicia Schott, Kenneth Britter, Dr. Yan Li, Dr. Steven Russell, Anthony Owens, Erria Kaalund have agreed to continue for a second term.

There are now 2 spots open on the board. They are reviewing 6 candidate applications and have dates, May 17 and May 25, set for interviews.

They also reviewed the slate of officers for next year. There was a proposal presented to the committee to maintain the same officers for the next year. The President is Margaret Heinz, Lynda

Mendoza is Vice President, Alicia Schott Treasurer and Linda Collins as Secretary. Candance Bright seconded the motion for the slate of officers. The motion passes unanimously.

9. Special Events Committee by Tina Vera. No report at this time.

10. Popplewell Committee by Margaret Heinz. Doug Bonnet shared that the committee met in April 2022. He explained the purpose of the Popplewell Committee to help fund things/issues that we are not able to use the POS funds for. The committee reviews the donations, the funds utilized. The next meeting is May 3.

H. Executive Director's Report – Tony Anderson

Thank you to everyone who made the meeting tonight and also the board training tonight.

The Performance Contract Forum is coming up on May 31.

The Caseload Ration Public Forum is on June 6.

The Public Disparity Hearings have been completed.

DDS has put out a directive to all Regional Centers about funds to use to help make our information to the public easier to understand. Things that we are not currently using that we can add. We will get public input and feedback. It is called the The Language Access and Cultural Competency Grant. We have to submit our plan to DDS. The plan can not include things that we are already doing for language access. We would love to have Board Members attend the sessions.

There is a \$50 million dollar allocation for oral health in the budget. It will create grants to set up dental clinics throughout the state in recognition that we have very low capacity to serve people with IDD who need sedation and surgery. There is currently a very long waiting list (6-12 months). Myself and my Dental Coordinator were interviewed by Cal Matters.

Please continue to read the Health Advisory every week to stay informed.

I. Other Matters

No other matters.

J. Board Member Activities and Reports

Margaret Heinz attended the Transition Fair this morning in Stockton. She shared that it was amazing.

K. President's Report

1. Approval of IT Rate Specialist Job Description – Margaret Heinz brought the motion from Executive Committee and Lisa Utsey seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
2. Approval of Rate Specialist Resource Development Job Description – Margaret Heinz brought the motion from Executive Committee and Crystal Enyeart seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Margaret reported that the Transition Fair was wonderful. Thank you to Dave Vodden and team. It was fun to share the information with her class. The class loved the experience and all of the information. There were over 200 people in attendance.

Margaret reported that the ARCA Meeting went well. DDS is tracking over 50 initiatives and many regional center board members asked about the necessary resources to implement and provide for those initiatives. They discussed self-determination, client electronic records, bias training and many other things, including aging families. Nancy Bargmann addressed the concerns about too many initiatives and not enough regional center staff resources and Nancy replied that they continue to have open dialogues with Regional Center Executive Directors and many RCs are currently hiring new staff anticipated for the new fiscal year budget. Mark Wolfe will be the new ARCA Board President next year and they will continue to advocate for core staffing, increased provider rates and decreased family fees.

L. Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 6:00 PM, Cohen Board Room and Via Zoom Video (Hybrid)

M. Adjournment at 742pm