



Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

10/26/2022 | 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

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

Board Members Present: Robert Balderama, Liz Herrera Knapp, Margaret Heinz, Jose Lara, Lisa Utsey, Ken Britter, Crystal Enyeart, Emily Grunder, Brandy DeAlva, Tom Tooney, Anthony Owens, Erria Kaalund, Jessica Quesada, Dr. Suzanne Devitt, Dr. Steve Russell, Gabriella Castillo

Board Members Not Present: Alicia Schott informed absence, Dr. Li, Linda Collins, Lynda Mendoza, Tina Vera

VMRC Staff Present: Tony Anderson, Doug Bonnet, Christine Couch, Bud Mullanix, Tara Sisemore-Hester, Claire Lazaro, Gabriela Lopez, Brian Bennett

Public Present: James Ford, Irene Hernandez, Rachelle Munoz, Chelsea Silveira Burgos, George Lewis, Lisa Culley, Anthony Angeles, Julian Alvarez,

Margaret Heinz, President, called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

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

Doug Bonnet took the roll. A quorum was established. Margaret thanked everyone for showing up both in person and online.

B. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda - Action

Lisa Utsey motioned to approve the meeting agenda with amendments. Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously with amendments.

C. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 08/24/22 - Action

Crystal Enyeart made a motion to approve the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 8/24/22. Emily Grunder seconded the motion. The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 8-24-22 was approved unanimously.

D. Presentation - CA START Program

Anthony Angeles and Julian Alvarez presented on the CA START Program.

E. Public Comment

Tumboura Hill: former VMRC employee, worked here for 12 years. He turned that experience into something he could support the consumer community with. He has a business providing advocacy and education to consumers with the changes coming.

George Lewis: from SCDD. On behalf of Dena Hernandez tonight. Shared about the NCI, 14th cycle. This includes the face to face surveys, will be hybrid. Letters have gone out for about 400 people. These people have been randomly selected. This is voluntary. They can share their opinions about how services are provided. You can see more information on the DDS website about national core indicators.

F. Consent Calendar Items – Action

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of September and October 2022
2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of September and October 2022

Emily Grunder made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items. Tom Toomey seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar items were approved unanimously.

G. Committee Reports

1. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee, Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)
Liz Herrera-Knapp presented:

CLASP Rep Board Report

10/26/22

- Last meetings were held Monday 9/26/22 and Monday 10/24/22 via zoom from 10am-12pm
- At the 9/26/22 Nick Bolger, the VMRC Deaf and Hard of hearing specialist gave an overview of his position at VMRC.

- During the 10/24/22 meeting Barry Jardini the CDSA Executive Director presented to our membership and answered questions from providers.
- We are currently working on our new Mission Statement
- Working on provider conference slated for Spring 2023
- We discussed Alternative Services in relation to the end of the State of Emergency as well as Tailored Day.
- We currently are beginning to discuss and work on the Holiday Schedule
- A group of CLASP members began meeting and discussing concerns with Transportation and R&D-the contracted company to coordinate transportation services. These members drafted a letter to the Board and presented it at the Consumer Services meeting. As a result, VMRC has contracted an outside consultant to investigate provider and consumer concerns related to transportation. Additionally, Tony Anderson provided a response letter to the CLASP membership detailing the current steps being made toward a resolution.
- There is a residential workgroup meeting monthly via zoom. To join meetings contact KC Shadman kcshadman@gmail.com
- Day Program work group continues to meet contact Sonya Fox-Watson SFox@CVTCinc.net
- Please continue to add and follow us on social media @CLASP.VMRC on Instagram and <https://www.facebook.com/CLASP.VMRC> on FaceBook
- Next meeting is Nov 21st 10am via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81482581677?pwd=Y3h1WSthd3lseW9vbWpHR0RLdjc4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 814 8258 1677

Passcode: 892300

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2. Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC), Mariela Ramos – Mariela was not present. Tony gave an update. We have a subcommittee that focuses on special events. SDAC has received funding from DDS for various activities that would improve services. SDAC has been unable to utilize these funds. They are trying to find ways now to promote SDAC with activities. There is a provider giving hand over hand support to those who need additional support.
3. Consumer Advisory Council, Self-Advocacy Council 6 (SAC6) Crystal Enyeart
Sac 6 report to the VMRC Board, October 2022

September 10th, Sac 6 had their quarterly Board meeting via zoom.

September 14th Sac 6 consultant Lisa U. attended the VMRC Finance Committee via zoom.

September 22nd Sac 6 leadership meet with Tony Anderson and Christine Couch for their monthly meeting.

September 28th, Lisa U. attended the VMRC Popplewell Committee via zoom.

September 29th Lisa U. volunteered at the VMRC Clinic in Modesto. She handed out at home Covid Antigen test. She also received her Flu shot.

Sac 6 member sent in articles about events they have done, and it will be in our Fall Chatter Letter. We will be handing it out at the Disability Resource Fair on October 29th.

October 12th Lisa U. attended the VMRC Finance meeting for October, this is a monthly meeting she attends.

4. Finance Committee, Alicia Schott. Melissa Stiles presented the report for Alicia.
 - a. Approval of Contract Status Reports (CSR) for September and October 2022 – **Action**
 - i. Lisa Utsey made a motion to approve the CSR for September and October 2022. Tom Toomey seconded the motion. The CSR for September and October 2022 were approved unanimously.
 - b. Approval of Contracts over \$250,000 for November 2022 – **Action**. Brian presented the contracts.
 - i. The Finance Committee presented as a motion to approve the contracts over \$250,000 for November 2022. Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. Liz Herrera Knapp abstained. The contracts over \$250,000 for November 2022 were approved.
 - c. Purchase of Services (POS) Expenditures and Operations (OPS) Expenditures for September and October 2022 – presented by Melissa Stiles.
5. Consumer Services Committee, Suzanne Devitt
 - a. Approval of Non-Medical Therapy Service Standard – **Action**. Claire Lazaro presented the service standard.

- a. Suzanne Devitt on behalf of the Consumer Services Committee presented the motion to approve the Non-Medical Therapy Service Standard. Emily Grunder seconded the motion. The Non-Medical Therapy Service Standard was approved unanimously.
6. Legislative Committee, Lynda Mendoza. Tony presented that the committee is working on their report.
7. Bylaws Committee, Linda Collins. Doug Bonnet shared that the committee hasn't met since the last board meeting. They will meet annually to review the bylaws closer to April or May.
8. Nominating Committee, Linda Collins. Doug Bonnet shared that the committee hasn't met since the last board meeting. The board is at full capacity, per the bylaws. They always accept applications. They submitted the annual board composition study to DDS which explains the demographics, characteristics and expertise of the board members.
9. Popplewell Review Team, Erria Kaalund. Erria shared that the committee met on 10-28-22. The name is changing from committee to Popplewell Review Team. Due to the urgency of the needs of the funds, therefore the disbursement is needed quickly. An email will be sent requesting approval by Christine Couch, Tara Sisemore Hester and Margaret Heinz. The review team will meet regularly to discuss the balance and the disbursements. If there is any question about the use of the funds, there will be an emergency meeting to discuss the disbursements. The review team did approve Thanksgiving Meals to be distributed among all 5 counties to approximately 60 people. They also approved 2 disbursements for immediate needs of clothing due to unexpected moves. The next meeting will be November 15 and then every other month going forward.

H. Executive Director's Report

Transportation - DDS is working on setting up the meeting with Transportation providers and brokers to see if they have ideas for what can be done to address the workforce issues.

Training stipends will be out by the end of year DSP regional centers will have up to two months to make these payments after the training has been completed. DSPs is all DSPs regardless of the incentive program targets.

Tuition for regional centers is taking a little longer than anticipated but they're still working on it - should be done soon.- still working on it.

There is a code for the \$8000 payments. QIP1

Little Hoover Commission: On Oct 13th the Commission met and received testimony from invited panelists of advocates (consumers, families, parents, and providers). Some of the public testimony included:

they feel regional centers are not supportive of SDP,
not consistent across regional centers,
there are challenges getting social recreation.
And finally regional centers should do more to make it easier to access generic resources.

Tomorrow the commission will be meeting again and will include a rounded panel consisting of advocates including the Association of Regional Center Agencies. I have been invited to participate in the last commission meeting and they asked if I'd report on the activities we have been engaged in with out diverse community.

We were awarded the first ever "Growing Unity Inclusion Diversity and Equity" award by the Stockton Chamber of Commerce for our efforts in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Doug commemorated the event on social media and we received several recognitions from our congressional and state representatives.

I. Other Matters - none

J. Board Member Activities and Reports – Alicia and Margaret visited the White Lane home and people are moving in this week. This is California's first EBSH for people with acquired brain injuries. This home will serve 4 individuals.

Thanksgiving dinner deliveries – Margaret encouraged board members to support the deliveries.

K. President's Report – Margaret shared a thank you to Brian Bennett for the board training received this evening. She attended the ARCA Strategic Planning meeting with Tony last week in San Diego. Remember the Disability Resource Fair this Saturday. Please attend if you are able and get to know the vendors. Little Hoover Commission resumes tomorrow. Disability Voices United reported that the disparities are not improving enough as they expected.

1. Approval of Facilities Assistant Job Description – **Action**. Melissa Stiles presented this job description. Emily Grunder made a motion to approve. Lisa Utsey seconded the motion. The facilities assistant job description passes unanimously.
2. Approval of Family Wellness Navigator Job Description – **Action** Claire Lazaro presented the job description. Robert Balderama made a motion to approve. Erria

Kaalund seconded the motion. The family wellness navigator job description passes unanimously.

L. Next Meeting – Typically on the 4th Wednesday but this December falls on the 28th. We are looking to move it to December 14. Emily Grunder made a motion to move the December board meeting to December 14. Tom Toomey seconded the motion. The motion to move the December board meeting to December 14 passes unanimously.

M. Adjournment at 7:48pm