



Coalition of Local Area Service Providers

Meeting Minutes

Monday March 27, 2023, at 10am
Via Zoom

1. Welcome and Introductions.

- Meeting called to order at 10:04 am by Melanie Gonzalez

2. Announcements/ Action Items

- Consumer return to Day Program Meeting- March 29th @ 2:15 Meeting ID: 874 0628 7246 Passcode: 802620
- Presenter-Kelsea Carbajal from Kroloff Law Firm present about Updated Labor Laws and reviewed some cases to show examples to avoid. Slides are attached.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- February minutes were approved 1st by Karyn Gregorius 2nd by Tamra Hernandez

4. Treasurer's Report

- Tamra Hernandez reported that there is \$14780.09 in the CLASP account.

5. Membership Report

- CLASP is currently up to 70 paid members for the year.

6. VMRC Reports & ED Report

- **HCBS Update:** Anna Sims reported by Robert
 - i. VMRC is 100% in compliance with HCBS.
- Robert Fernandez:
 - i. Only one submission on the Coordinated Family Supports RFP.
 - ii. Location found for Modesto EBSH residential facility.
- Debbie:
 - i. No Update
- Christine:
 - i. No update
- Enos:
 - i. Anyone with CIE incentive payments need get submitted this fiscal year.
 - ii. Transition Fairs are coming soon.
- Tara:
 - i. Numbers for Early Start show a need for ABA providers for all areas.
 - ii. Have large increase of children moving in and in need of services.
- Brian:
 - i. No major updates.
 - ii. Social Rec grants are being finalized this month.
 - iii. Additional HCBS funds available, part is being used to serve deaf individuals while at Day Programs.
- Katina:
 - i. Met with someone that does Admin Cert renewal training, asked to use VMRC space to hold more trainings. Looking into doing it in the future to enhance training opportunities.
 - ii. While CCL is not requiring COVID reporting, VMRC still does.
- Libby:
 - i. No update.
- Doug:
 - i. Grass Roots Day is on Wed March 29th, it is a day that ARCA organizes with legislatures to get together and discuss needs of people with disabilities. Contact Doug if interested.
 - ii. Sign up for the Newsletter for latest information <https://www.vmmc.net/sign-up-page/>
- Claire:
 - i. No update
- Tony:

- i. DDS has been focused on Self Determination issues and are being worked on.
- ii. Spending time working on billing and Sandis program replacement.
- iii. Working on how to reimburse DSP's stipend for second language. Should be done in April.
- iv. Internship program will be out late spring.
- v. Technology being used as a service is being piloted.
- vi. DSP university should be released late spring or early summer. Will be based on 3-tiered system.
- vii. Working on another directive that removes masking and vaccinations requirements for the Day Programs. Should be out before the May 11th deadline.
- viii. New Lanterman Info released:
 1. https://dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Lanterman_2023_Pub.pdf

7. R&D Transportation Update: Leticia Leon & Myra Montejano

- i. Shared stats of consumers routed on transportation currently. Still have unmet needs, but it goes down each month.
- ii. Make sure to contact R&D with upcoming transportation needs.
- iii. If consumers have transportation issues, have them call R&D customer service department.
- iv. The transportation forum is held the 2nd Thursday of the month for updates at 11 am.
- v. If you need an update on a specific consumer, contact R&D customer service. R&D Transportation, Myra Montejano - (209) 362-2199 x 208, myram@rdtsi.com R&D Customer Service Department - (209) 362-2199. R&D Contracts and Vendorization Department - (209) 362-2199 x 242 vendorcontracts@rdtsi.com

8. CLASP Representative Reports

- **VMRC Board – Liz Knapp**
 - i. Next meeting is 4/26/23 at 6 pm
 - ii. For full minutes, see website
- **Finance– Connie Uychutin**
 - i. Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditures- POS expense percentage of the total budget was 53.5%.
 - ii. Operations (OPS) Expenditures- OPS expense percentage of the total budget was 61.7%.
 - iii. Summary: Finances are on track.
 - iv. Contracts over \$250,000 – 16 reviewed and approved.
 - v. See website for full report.
- **Consumer Services - Daime Hoornaert**
 - i. Staff covered most of items, had presentation from a respite service agency.
 - ii. Next Meeting April 5th
- **Legislation - Candice Bright**
 - i. No updates
- **Nominating- Daime Hoornaert**
 - i. Has 13 applications for 2 open positions.
 - ii. Next Meeting April 5th
- **By-Laws- Rita Redondo**
 - i. Will be getting together, notify Rita if you want to join the committee. Have updates to review.
- **Social Media/Special Events – Kirsten Shadman**
 - i. CLASP has a public page in FB & IG, if you want to post something there, send to Kirsten via email: ksea9@aol.com
 1. Instagram: @CLASP.VMRC
 2. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CLASP.VMRC> and
 3. Our private member group: "CLASP - VMRC (MEMBER GROUP)" - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2310077552557091> When joining our private member group, please be sure to answer the membership questions to be approved into the group.
- **Choices – Ignacio Chavez**
 - i. CHOICES registrations are closed.

- ii. Event is April 14th!
- **Provider Conference - Candice Bright (Liz Knapp reported)**
 - i. On track, voting on budget taking place. See below.
- **Residential Home Workgroup- No representative**
 - i. No update
- **Day Program Workgroup- Sonya Fox-Watson**
 - i. Met and discussed decline in the people returning to DP, brought about a meeting to discuss the process.
 - ii. Next meeting is April 5th at 8:15 am, via zoom.

9. State Council on Developmental Disabilities/North Valley Hills Office Report- Dena Hernandez

- SCDD Cycle grant will be statewide Chris shared link with CLASP – SCDD is excited to announce the launch of our Cycle 46 Program Development Grants! The Council will release this year’s Request for Proposal (RFP) on March 27, which will include grant projects in the areas of Employment, Education, Health and Safety, and Self-Advocacy. Please join us on March 28, 2023 from 10am-11am for our Cycle 46 Launch and Grant Vantage Training Webinar to learn more about this year’s grant projects and how to apply. You may register for this event [here](#). This Webinar will be recorded and distributed to all who register and will be posted to SCDD’s website. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.
When: Tuesday, March 28th @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- SAC6- will be offering office hours at the 3 locations (and in Tracy once new VMRC office is up and running). Flyer with all the info is under development and will be shared soon. Please share with folks your agency supports.
- Our Regional Advisory Committee is tomorrow night on zoom. Nicholas Bolger- VMRC ‘s Deaf and Hard of Hearing Coordinator will provide a presentation on his role and services. All are welcome- still looking for self or family advocates to apply to be on our RAC from Calaveras & Tuolumne Counties- send to Dena if you know anyone interested. Link to meeting:
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87317888012?pwd=ekthVThFUE8wSUZpV0wwL2xxSjZaQT09>
Meeting ID: 873 1788 8012
Passcode: 597826

10. Items for discussion

- Conference Budget Voting- See attached breakdown. Voting was passed, 1st was by leadership 2nd by Chelsea Silveira Burgos
- Workforce Collaboration Update- Collaboration of VMRC, Alta and vendors in both areas. Working on website to assist in hiring. Goal is to raise awareness of the field, to attract new people to the field. Developing video and social media package to help with awareness. Also planning Career Expos in both areas dates are May 3 in Sacramento, June 15 in Lodi. Link to attend: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSPjobs> Vendor Events at both locations were great. Visit <https://dspcollaborative.org/> to sign up.
- Updates on PIN’s & DDS Directives- None to report
- Need new leadership- let us know if you are interested! Email Rita with interest.

11. Unmet needs-

- None

12. Old business-

- None

13. Closed Session- CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

Adjournment at 11:54 am- Next meeting April 24th @ 10 am via Zoom