



Minutes for VMRC Finance Committee Meeting

04/10/2024 | 05:30 PM - 06:30 PM

Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton Office, Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Committee Members Present: Alicia Schott, Suzanne Devitt, Margaret Heinz, Connie Uychutin, Jose Lara, Lisa Utsey

Committee Members Not Present: Linda Collins informed absence

VMRC Staff Present: Corina Ramirez, Evelyn Solis Ledesma, Leinani Walter, Aaron McDonald, Gabriela Lopez, Doug Bonnet, Tara Sisemore Hester, Christine Couch

Public Present: Rachelle Munoz, Tumboura Hill

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda

Alicia Schott called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Roll was taken and a quorum was established. The Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

B. Review and Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2024

Suzanne Devitt made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of 03/13/2024. Jose Lara seconded the motion. The Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of 03/13/2024 were approved.

C. Public Comment

Tumboura Hill shared he was excited to make a placement from St. Mary's this week. But he did have some issues with other placements, barriers that need to be addressed.

The bigger issue is that one of the vendors did not provide services for entire 7-8 months and billed the full rate. We made that known and made an alert. He has made a number of alerts and helped write the process but the process isn't being used. Nobody reached out to him to confirm if the allegation is true. He's been coming to the meetings and never had a vendor overpayment. How is it that there has never been a vendor overpayment? It's in the regulations and this seems impossible that we have never had one. The other thing is vendor vacancies. The biggest barrier to vendors is not having enough placements. When you have two placements with a full staff, you have to lay someone off or cut hours. The vendor was so excited when we make these placements.

D. Approval of Contracts over \$250,000

Corina Ramirez reviewed the Contracts over \$250,000 that expire 05/31/2024. Corina also gave information requested from the previous meeting regarding the Casa de Stella contract and the Phoenix House contract. Jose Lara made a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the contracts presented. Lisa Utsey seconded the motion. Connie Uychutin abstained. The motion to recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the Contracts over \$250,000 was approved.

E. Fiscal Department Update

1. Melissa Stiles reviewed the Contract Status Report (CSR) as of February 29, 2024 and answered any questions the committee members had. Connie Uychutin made a motion to approve the Contract Status Report as presented. Lisa Utsey seconded the motion. The Contract Status Report was approved unanimously.
2. Melissa Stiles reviewed the Purchase of Services (POS) Expenditures. She answered all the questions the committee members had.
3. Melissa Stiles reviewed the Operations (OPS) Expenditures and answered any questions the committee members had.

F. Next Meeting - Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 5:30 PM Hybrid (Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and Via Zoom Video Conference)

G. Adjournment