



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

06/03/2020 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM - Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Committee Members Present: Dena Pfeifer, Lynda Mendoza, Margaret Heinz, Mo Rashid, Linda Collins

Staff Members Present: Doug Bonnet, Tony Anderson, Bud Mullanix

Public Present: Lori Smith (Facilitator for Dena Pfeifer), Gricelda Estrada

Margaret Heinz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Dena Pfeifer made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Lynda Mendoza seconded the motion. The Meeting Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 05/06/20

Lynda Mendoza made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 05/06/20. Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 05/06/20 were approved by unanimous consent.

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Items for Approval

The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed schedule for 2021. It will be brought before the Board as an action item at the June 15 Board Meeting. See attached.

E. Items for Discussion

1. Executive Director’s Report – Tony Anderson

Return to the Building

We finally have all the materials and signs and supplies for our 1st step back into the buildings. Still not open to the public and still telling staff our priority is for them to work from home. The first group back are those struggling to work from home. If someone can't follow the rules we are not letting them work in the building but they can still work from home. A few of the mandatory policies that might be difficult are:

1. All employees must wear a face covering at all times unless you are at your desk or in your office.
2. You must adhere to the physical distancing policies (6 feet apart and one-way directional flow in stairways, entrances, and exits).
3. You must check your temperature upon each entry into the buildings.

Budget Issues

The Senate and the Assembly Budget Committees just announced today that they have an agreement on a joint budget. The next step is to come to a compromise with the Governor.

Developmental Services	Legislature's Version
<p>1. Withdraws the Enhanced Performance Incentive Program that was proposed in the Governor’s January Budget, which was proposed to cost \$60 million General Fund in 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.</p>	
<p>2. Withdraws the Enhanced Caseload Ratios for Young Children that was proposed in the Governor’s January Budget, which was proposed to cost \$11.8 million General Fund in 2020-21.</p>	
<p>3. Withdraws the Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources and Treatment Training for services to individuals with co-occurring developmental disabilities and mental health needs that was proposed in the Governor’s January Budget, which was proposed to cost \$2.6 million General Fund in 2020-21.</p>	<p>Delay, not cancel, the START training proposal. New start date would be July 2021.</p>
<p>4. Withdraws the supplemental rate increases for Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services, Infant Development Programs and Independent Living services that were proposed in the Governor’s January Budget, which would have cost \$10.8 million General Fund in 2020-21 and \$21.6 million in 2021-22.</p>	<p>Rejects proposed cuts to supplemental provider rate adjustments for providers that serve individuals with developmental disabilities. These include infant development programs, independent living programs, and early start specialized therapeutic services.</p>

<p>5. Includes an increase in anticipated federal funds to include additional individuals with developmental disabilities eligible for and enrolled in Medi-Cal and new waiver eligible services, resulting in General Fund savings of \$27 million General Fund in 2020-21 and \$40 million ongoing.</p>	<p>Change the proposal that all families must enroll in Medi-Cal and develop, with stakeholders, a different way to maximize federal funding.</p>
<p><u>If the Heroes Act does not pass by the California July 1, 2020 new budget year, the administration is proposing the following massive cuts to developmental services and throughout the health and human system:</u></p>	
<p>The Governor’s May Revision proposes \$14 billion in budget cuts that would take effect, but then be triggered off if Federal Funds materialize to replace the proposed cuts.</p>	<p>The Senate Version flips the presumption, and instead budgets as though the Federal Funds will come in, but then triggers on the solutions should the Federal Funds not materialize.</p>
<p>Department of Developmental Services</p>	
<p>1. Absent additional and sufficient federal funds that would trigger this reduction off, establishes a cost-sharing program that would result in additional \$2 million General Fund in 2020-21 and \$4 million ongoing.</p>	<p>Reject the family fees - these would be converted to trigger cuts, happening only if federal funding is denied.</p>
<p>2. Absent additional and sufficient federal funds that would trigger this reduction off, proposes to adjust provider rates and review expenditure trends with a total cut target of \$300 million General Fund in 2020-21.</p>	<p>Reject the nearly \$500M reduction in provider rates. These would be converted to trigger cuts, happening midyear only if federal funding is denied.</p>
<p>3. Absent additional and sufficient federal funds that would trigger this reduction off, implements the uniform holiday schedule outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 4692, resulting in a cut of approximately \$31.3 million General Fund in 2020-21.</p>	<p>Delay the start of the Uniform Holiday Schedule until July 1, 2023. However, this would be made into a trigger cut, happening as proposed by the Administration if budgeted federal funding is denied.</p>
<p>4. Absent additional and sufficient federal funds that would trigger this reduction off, reduces operations budget for Regional Centers, resulting in a cut of \$30 million General Fund in 2020-21 and \$55 million ongoing.</p>	<p>Reject the \$40M in regional center operations cuts. These would be converted to trigger cuts, happening midyear only if federal funding is denied.</p>
<p>New</p>	
<p>No equivalent</p>	<p>Give DDS the authority to use minimum wage funds that can’t currently be given to service</p>

providers. This money would be used to help fund local minimum wage costs.

COVID-19 Numbers:

VMRC

VMRC Consumer – 5
VMRC Staff – 1
VMRC Volunteer – 1
Provider – 3

Counties

- San Joaquin – 982/35
- Stanislaus – 767/30
- Calaveras – 15/0
- Amador – 10/0
- Tuolumne – 4/0

Statewide Regional Center Stats:

375 positive
37 died 33 died
298 hospitalized
10 ventilator
262 staff a few of these have died

State, National, and Global

- California – 117,493/4320
- USA – 1,835,681/106,312
- World – 6,418,078/381,528

2. Notable Consumer Information – Tony Anderson

We had a consumer pass away while under the care of a facility out of our region. The special incident report from the facility was missing important information about their activities between the time of the consumer's disruptive behaviors and the first responders declaring the consumer had passed away. We have ordered an independent autopsy to discover the actual cause of death. Results are still pending.

We have a consumer who is in the hospital and she is requiring a tracheotomy procedure to sustain her life. In this instance she has already expressed to her service coordinator and her care provider that she wishes not to endure medical surgical procedures to sustain her life and she prefers to to receive comfort care. This is an extremely personal decision, yet because of her disability we have been reviewing her background, charts, and eye witnesses to make sure her wishes that were expressed in the past still are who has expressed her desire to not continue to receive

3. Vendor Information – Tony Anderson

Our compliance manager has been in contact with a provider who is grieving our decision to uphold what we have determined to be legal direction for payment of licensed providers. The provider changed their license but did not simultaneously change their vendor status. By rule VMRC can only pay a licensee for licensed services. We will likely receive a formal compliant to review.

All non-residential providers are anticipating state directives from DDS giving direction on the reopening procedures for their services and a determination on the timeline for continuing to pay the absence billings in the future. Residential providers are also receiving absence funding for holding the "bed" for consumers who have moved back in with their families during this pandemic.

4. Self-Determination Update – Tony Anderson

We have an orientation scheduled for June 10th 9 - 12 noon.

Attended	72
PCP/IPP (Not Complete)=	30
Budget	12
Need to Attend	24
PCP/IPP Completed	34
Spending Plan	16
Not Interested	13
Signed IPP	8
FMS	14

5. Other Matters – Tony Anderson

None.

6. Personnel and Union Update – Tony Anderson and Bud Mullanix

We currently have a division of interests among staff where some want us to put in place more restrictive assurances that they will be safe coming into the building and others who want to do whatever they did before. We have told staff we will err on the side of safety. Next Monday is the first day back for some people so we'll see if people comply or if we need to take disciplinary actions.

348 employees total as of today.

Hired 33 employees since July 2019.

27 employees have resigned/retired/left through other means.

Turnover rate below 8%, which is good.

June – 2 new hires starting June 8, another 6 starting June 22, excited about that.

Probably will add additional 2 or 3 new staff before July 1, 2020.

Lots of work being done on Return to Workplace plan.

F. President's Report – Margaret Heinz

Margaret thanked Bud for doing a good job in the hiring process.

Another Food Pantry from Presentation delivery will be on this Saturday, 06/06.

Special Events Committee met today to talk about our Annual Meeting, Monday, July 20, 2020.

VMRC is really on the ball compared to what ARCA and DDS are reporting. I have been sharing the Health Advisories because they are really good.

G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.