



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

09/02/2020 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM - Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Attendees: Margaret Heinz, Linda Collins, Lynda Mendoza, Dena Pfeifer

Informed Absence: Mohamed Rashid

Staff in Attendance: Tony Anderson, Doug Bonnet

Public Present: Lori Willis, Irene Hernandez (Interpreter)

Margaret Heinz called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

A. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Linda Collins made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. The Meeting Agenda was approved unanimously.

B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 08/05/20

Linda Collins made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 08/05/20. Dena Pfeifer seconded the motions. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 08/05/20 were approved unanimously.

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Items for Approval

None.

E. Items for Discussion – Tony Anderson

1. Executive Director's Report

POS Expenditure Public Forums

Throughout August we hosted several public forums to review our services expenditures for the past year. We compared our expenditures by age groups and ethnicity analyzing trends to see the differences by groups. We do see much less spent on younger consumers, Hispanic

consumers make up the large majority of the children, Caucasian make up a large majority of the adults, Hispanic utilize a large majority of children services and the Caucasian group uses the majority of the adult services. Our next step is to write up our report to DDS then we'll meet with some community groups to discuss our strategy to further understand the expenditure trends and needs of different ethnic groups.

During August Doug continued to organize the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment for our consumers, families, and providers. He held a joint event with SCDD and SAC6 in Stockton, Modesto, and San Andreas offices.

2. Notable Consumer Information

The California wildfires are causing people with disabilities all over the state to be relocated and evacuated. Our resource development staff was in close contact with North Bay Regional Center in case they needed a local residential placement for people displaced due to the fires in their area. We also had fires in our area but luckily no one was permanently displaced. When checking in on consumers we found some had been evacuated but returned home, some were on watch but didn't need to go, staff drove out to some homes that could not be contacted, no homes destroyed in the SCU Fire near Patterson, we have had some assistance from local law enforcement to check on people in areas where we can't go. Our Quality Assurance Liaisons have made calls to all the vendors at risk and all reported they were being vigilant and were prepared to evacuate if necessary.

3. Vendor Information

The biggest policy change that occurred in August was a new policy for Alternative Nonresidential Services. The department informed the community that they would no longer be able to make retainer payments anymore. The resolution is the new Alternative Nonresidential services which will eventually include a monthly rate pay for services which now include:

1. Supports related to COVID-19 risk management;
2. Completion of individual assessments and/or program plans;
3. Completion of a person-centered plan;
4. Remote services delivered via telephone or video communication;
5. Delivery of supplies and other items to the consumer's home;
6. Confirmed use of self-guided materials;
7. Skills training to individuals within the consumer's household who are specifically designated to support the consumer;
8. Services provided in-person at the consumer's home, modified to comply with the most restrictive state or local guidelines in effect at the time the service is to be delivered;

9. Services provided in-person in a community setting, modified to comply with the most restrictive state or local guidelines in effect at the time the service is to be delivered;
10. Services provided in-person at the vendor's facility, modified to comply with the most restrictive state or local guidelines in effect at the time the service is to be delivered;
11. Supports for transition to the Self-Determination Program; and
12. Training provided to vendor staff that is necessary for consumers to receive alternative delivery of no

4. Self-Determination Update

The Statewide Self-Determination Committee recently published a report called, "A Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee Report on the Barriers to Implementing the Self-Determination Program." After reviewing the report here are the points from the report I think are the most helpful for us in our region (some are things we're doing already):

1. VMRC Updates at LAC meeting: (1) number of SDP participants, (2) the pace of enrollment, (3) orientation, (4) development of person-centered plans and budgets.
2. VMRC can establish interim goals for going live.
3. Report success stories each meeting
4. Regional centers should provide opportunities for participants to meet and engage with independent facilitators.
5. Regional centers open forum for service providers about the SDP, and invite non-vendored providers to offer services to SDP

5. Other Matters

None.

6. Personnel and Union Update

We have one complaint and our team of Bud Mullanix and Cindy Mix have met with the union officials and describe it as very positive.

F. President's Report – Margaret Heinz

Thank you Tony for the Annual Staff Meeting agenda...we've stolen those ideas and use it in my classroom.

Thank you for forwarding the ARCA academy survey out. It sounds like something good and cool. Last year was really well done. At least we can now do it online.

Thank you to Committee Chairs for agreeing to be chairs again this year.

Thank you Doug for the PPE Distribution. Keeping our consumers safe is why our numbers are looking good now.

A couple of instances with Board Members and COI forms but we will continue to work on it.

Thank you for the Health Advisories.

Reading some of the waiver extensions into October should help reduce some stress.

G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM