



Minutes for Meeting Book - Executive Committee Meeting

11/04/2020 | 06:30 PM - 12:00 AM - (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Via Zoom Video Conference

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

Committee Members Not Present: Mohamad Rashid

Staff Present: Tony Anderson, Doug Bonnet, Bud Mullanix, Christine Couch

Public Present: Lori Smith

Margaret Heinz called the meeting to order at 635 PM

A. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Dean 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 10/07/20

Dena Pfeifer made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 10/7/20. Lynda Mendoza seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 10/07/20 were approved by unanimous consent.

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Items for Approval

Bud Mullanix presented the position of Intake Specialist. The job title has been changed from Senior Intake Coordinator to Intake Specialist to align with other Specialist Positions.

Linda Collins made a motion to approve the position of Intake Specialist. Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. The position was approved by unanimous consent.

E. Items for Discussion – Tony Anderson

Participant Directed Services

The department of developmental services has been getting a lot of feedback lately from community advocates charging that regional centers have not fully informed our service coordinators about the Participant Directed Services.

Managers meeting

We have planned for a bi-annual managers meeting to give the managers organizational updates and answer questions they are having managing our staff.

Restrictions for Health and Safety

I asked the directors about the BMI over 30 as a restrictive condition. There was a lot of discussion on this and in the end they said the latest directive on health restrictions (which modifies the first one) only talks about compromised immune system and they all said BMI is not part of this. ARCA said there are no longer any references to the CDC anymore in the Directive. The group was unanimous that none of them use BMI. I told them they should check around because we got input from their staff saying they use this.

Services Explanations

Regional center are collecting all the videos and other informational materials we've all created that help our communities understand the services the regional center funds. We submitted our videos which were originally intended to be short 1-2 minute videos about services across the lifespan but we only created a single long run video so far. The short versions will come from that original video.

Notable Consumer Incidents/Complaints

We are currently starting to see more consistent reporting of consumers testing positive for COVID-19 with 3 new consumer additions, and sadly 1 more consumer death.

Vendor Issues

Doug and I have committed many hours and resources to helping to building the professional development capacity for our providers community and their signature event is starting Thursday,

followed by next Tuesday, then the next Tuesday. In addition our Community Services department has been busy to increase development offerings

Union and Other Staff Issues

We are currently in negotiations with the union as we are in the annual open period. We are scheduled to increase their salary by 1.5% per original negotiated contract.

Bud Mullanix – Finishing up negotiations with the Union on a contract reopener. We are at 362 staff head count right now. We are at 11% turnover, mostly due to retirement. We have about 13 people that will be beginning in November, most Service Coordinators. We've been very very busy, which has been good. We are interviewing for BCBA and for the Psychologist. It has been very tough with the illness of Wilma.

Self-Determination Updates

Last week we received the attached directive and the Directors wanted to know why we received this and was there so kind of underlying message. DDS told ARCA that this was supposed to be an "Advisory" and not a directive. It was a reminder to regional centers to pay Independent Facilitators for their services for creating Person Centered Plans. Advocates are claiming some regional centers are not paying these bills. In addition DDS said the letter is also meant to inform regional centers that if the Independent Facilitator has completed the Person-Centered Plan under the allowable maximum bill of \$2500, the individual can use the remaining money to pay the Independent Facilitator for additional services. I asked is the money was POS and they said yes.

The Directors are arguing that there is no requirement for regional centers to put one-time costs into the annual budget for Self-Determination. They are asking if anyone has policies that require one-time costs to be built into the annual budget.

Other Matters

This morning we reported with tremendous sadness to inform our staff that a dear member of our work family, Wilma Murray, fell seriously ill at the office which has life threatening consequences. This occurred on Tuesday and her loving family is by her side. This is a traumatic event for many of our staff that have known Wilma for a very long time.

F. President's Report – Margaret Heinz

It is very hard to hear that Wilma from the VMRC family is ill.

CLASP Conference has spots available to any Board Members that want to participate. It starts tomorrow.

ARCA has updated their website and encourage all to check it out.

ARCA Academy Webinar on Saturday, 11/14, for Board Members.

The Legislative Committee met today. The presentation is December 7th.

Please keep Wilma Murray and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, 12/02/20, 6:30 PM, via Zoom Video Conference

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM.