



Minutes for Meeting Book - Executive Committee Meeting

03/03/2021 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM - (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Via Zoom Video Conference

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

Committee Members Not Present: Mohamed Rashid (Informed Absence)

Staff Present: Tony Anderson, Doug Bonnet, Bud Mullanix

Public Present: Lori Smith (Facilitator for Dena Pfeifer), Irene Hernandez (Interpreter)

Meeting Called to Order at 630pm.

A. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Meeting Agenda was approved unanimously.

B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 02/03/21

Dena Pfeifer made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 02/03/21. Linda Collins seconded the motion. The approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 02/03/21 passed unanimously.

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Items for Approval

None.

E. Items for Discussion

Executive Directors Report

Testing and Vaccinations Plan

- The plan was completed on Friday February 26th and sent to DDS on March 1st first thing in the morning
- The plan includes a review of our testing so far, and report indicates that we have had 6 events and that about 45 people has tested positive from our events.
- The plan highlights about 21 different activities VMRC has been engaged with since December 2020 (just prior to the approval of the vaccinations).
- We include a county specific approach to getting vaccination information and reserving vaccination appointments. While the state is transitioning all vaccination appointments to the Blue Shield www.MyTurn.ca.gov website some counties are still using their own method so we recommend both.
- A Vaccination letter is expected to come out soon indicating regional center consumers would all be eligible for vaccination however there is some question if the department will actually be able to be this broad in the scope.
- Also our zip codes may be identified as high risk and may allow our consumers to get expedited access to the vaccine at or around March 15th.

Cultural and Linguistic Competence

- Continuing our CLC Committee and adding some outside stakeholders.
- Our next step is to inform the organization of the work completed so far and plans for the next steps.
- We are holding focus groups with independent community groups and receiving input from them. It's a unique process where we ask a representative a few questions but they have their own meeting without us then their leaders report back to us.
- We have an internal workgroup that recruits interested employees each month to help highlight information about different holidays or recognitions that have a cultural element to it.
- We added questions regarding cultural competence in our strategic plan survey and issues came up for us to address in strategic planning (one of the issues is to develop a Diversity Policy for the organization including questions in the interviews, descriptions in the job descriptions, and vendor packet questions.
- Two projects the Cultural Specialist is working on, with support of the CLC Committee are the Information Booklet and the Interpreter/Translator Training project.

PPE was distributed in throughout the month of February by our transportation providers.

- This project was mostly successful but for reasons unknown to us currently, Stanislaus County orders more than doubled the other counties.
- We have worked with our transportation providers to arrange for them to bring much needed deliveries of PPE and other items and allows them to bill under the Alternative Services model.

Notable Consumer Incidents/Complaints

This week I received two death reports of consumers who passed away on January 17th and January 18th.

A consumer who was awaiting placement in our upcoming Enhanced behavioral Support Homes was reported dead while in the care of one of our providers. The family suspects the incident was not fully forthcoming and has requested an autopsy from the Modesto Coroner's office.

Vendor Issues

Transportation Broker

- We have completed the contracting negotiations for R&D the Transportation Contract broker and they have begun their work with the transportation providers in our area.
- The already presented at the CLASP meeting and will be introducing themselves to our staff and community.
- They are helping transportation providers to navigate the Alternative Services policy

We have two Vendor Appeals coming up next week both involving care homes.

Self-Determination Updates

Self-Determination was a big topic in the legislative budget hearings this year. Both discussed the slow rollout.

The Senate openly questioned whether or not people were actually interested in this program.

There is proposed legislation that will create a private Self-Determination program that will contract directly with DDS going around the regional centers.

Other Matters

The Lobby

Construction has begun in the lobby to be ready for when our Stockton office reopens someday. We are building a children's section and will have 2 receptionists in the lobby.

F. President's Report

Thank you to everyone who helped put together the Celebration of Life for Donna Bailey.

ARCA academy on March 13th on diversity. I highly recommend all board members to attend, or at least attend the replay.

Food pantry delivery in Modesto was interesting and a cool experience. Thank you to Presentation for doing this.

One of our Board Member's daughter had major surgery yesterday. I'm going to put something together in terms of a dinner for the family.

G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, 04/07/21, 6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.