



## **Minutes for Executive Committee Meeting**

09/08/2021 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM - (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Via Zoom Video

**Committee Members Present:** Margaret Heinz (President), Lynda Mendoza (Vice President), Alicia Schott (Treasurer), Linda Collins (Secretary), Suzanne Devitt

**Committee Members Not Present:** None.

**Staff Present:** Tony Anderson, Doug Bonnet

**Public Present:** Irene Hernandez (Interpreter)

**Margaret Heinz called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.**

### **A. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda**

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

### **B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 08/11/21**

Suzanne Devitt made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 08/11/21. Alicia Schott seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 08/11/21 were approved unanimously.

### **C. Public Comment**

None.

## **D. Items for Approval**

None.

## **E. Items for Discussion**

### **1. Executive Director's Report – Tony Anderson**

Performance Contract Process is coming up

We now have 270 vaccinated staff

Health and Safety waivers are set to expire on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> DDS is non-committed at this time. May get an answer tomorrow.

Alternative Services are expected to go on for some time. Most directors feel providers could not ramp up to deliver traditional onsite only services.

DDS wants regional centers to tell them when the timelines should start for SDP we said after the budget is approved and accepted (DDS probably won't go for that).

So far it looks like over half the regional centers now require vaccinations. Lanterman reported their meeting with the union was very positive regarding this. Los Angeles County Public Health sent an email saying vaccinations are required to North Los Angeles County Regional Center – this written communication will mean all 7 LA regional centers will soon be complying.

We currently are testing all unvaccinated employees weekly

- a. We have gotten five very long letters from staff who strongly oppose this new policy.
- b. Weekly testing for unvaccinated is required of all our licensed providers.

### **2. Notable Consumer Information – Tony Anderson**

Fiduciary Abuse Allegation

We have removed our agency from the investigation and the Adult Protective Services and Stockton Police are investigating.

The alleged perpetrator is an employee and we have put the employee on administrative leave with pay pending the investigation by authorities.

### **3. Vendor Information – Tony Anderson**

Next week is national direct support professionals week.

### **4. Self-Determination Update – Tony Anderson**

It has been decided by DDS that VMRC will receive funding for 3 Participant choice specialists to help consumers transition from regular service coordination to SDP or Participant Directed Services.

We currently have three Senior Service Coordinators who perform this duty short of the Participant Directed Services. This will change their roles a little and provide them with three more colleagues.

### **5. Other Matters – Tony Anderson**

None.

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

New Expansion Positions:

- Cindy Jimenez- 1
- Early Start SC's for new manager – 2 (Manager decision should be coming soon which will create a backfill somewhere)

- Staff Physician for Claire--Contract

Backfills:

- Jacina Groves –1 SC
- Vickie Fisher-1 SOT (Val this am)
- Danielle Wells – 1 SC
- Debbie Beyette- 1 Fiscal Asst
- Pam Kidroske- 1 SC
- 12 in backgrounds....

## **F. President's Report – Margaret Heinz**

- Thank you Doug for his emails and information for my report.
- We have drive through flu shot clinics coming up in October. They are on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Web academies from ARCA are really good. The one upcoming is for services for infants and toddlers. I strongly recommend board members attend. Doug just recently sent out another reminder on this.

## **G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6:30 PM, Location TBD**