



## **Minutes for Executive Committee Meeting**

06/08/2022 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM

VMRC Stockton Office, Cohen Board (702 N. Aurora Street, Stockton, CA 95202) Room and Via Zoom Video

**Committee Members Present:** Lynda Mendoza, Alicia Schott, Suzanne Devitt

**Committee Members Not Present:** Margaret Heinz, Linda Collins

**VMRC Staff Present:** Tony Anderson, Doug Bonnet, Christine Couch

**Others Present:** Jose Lara, Irene Hernandez (Interpreter)

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

Lynda Mendoza reviewed the agenda. Suzanne Devitt made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended with President's Report.

Alicia Schott seconded the motion. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

### **B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 05/11/22**

Lynda Mendoza reviewed the minutes. Alicia Schott made a motion to approve the minutes of 05-11-2022. Suzanne Devitt seconded the motion. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

### **C. Public Comment**

n/a

### **D. Items for Approval**

1. Communitas Award – deferred to next week for more time to review the applications

2. Board Member Appointment Recommendations – deferred to the nominating committee for discussion
3. Board of Directors Meeting Schedule 2022-2023 – The committee reviewed the drafted meeting schedule for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The proposal is to continue to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every other month, hybrid participation. The July meeting will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday as the only exception to the calendar. Alicia Schott made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Suzanne Devitt seconded the motion. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

## E. Items for Discussion

### Executive Director's Report

1. Performance Contract Forums and Caseload Ratio Public Forums completed, and we met the mandated requirements of DDS. Reports will be written and submitted to DDS.
2. Disparity hearings report sent in this week.
3. The Language Access & Cultural Competence Plan has been drafted and will be submitted next week, by June 15. At this phase in the initiative our focus is on assessing the needs and creating the positions that will help us increase access of all information we provide to the community and our consumers and families and improve our cultural competency as a regional center.
4. Budget Status
  - Core Staffing Formula – an accurate current reflection of the cost of regional center operations and positions. (The budget still includes almost \$1 billion to meet caseload ratio requirements in all the regional centers.)
  - Permanent End to the Family Fees: Provides roughly \$5 million ongoing to eliminate Annual Family Program Fee (AFPF) and the Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP) fees for regional center services., and
  - An acceleration of the service provider rate increase: We are asking policymakers to give the providers more of the promised rate increase now because of the exceedingly competitive job market and high cost of living.
5. Stakeholder Membership:
  - First 5 San Joaquin Commissioner - Appointed by the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors
  - CA HCBS Advisory Committee Member - Appointed by the Director of the Department of Developmental Services
  - Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC) member - Appointed by the Director of the Department of Aging
  - The California Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Early Start - Appointed Member by the Chair of the ICC
  - Self-Determination Advisory Committee to the Director Co-Chair - Appointed by the Director of the Department of Developmental Services.
  - Risk Management Statewide Conference Organizing Committee - Appointed by Mission Analytics
  - Editorial Board of Frontline Supervision - the national magazine for direct support professionals.
  - Direct Service Workforce Training & Development Workgroup - Appointed by the Director of the Department of Developmental Services.

- Stanislaus County CARE team meetings of departmental directors in public safety and health and human services
- Calaveras County, Tuolumne County children's system of care leadership teams.

## Notable Consumer Incidents/Complaints

Jimmy continues to remain in the Chico area in a SNF for care. The team supports his daughter and wife with weekly visits while a search for a closer placement continues.

T.J. further arraignment hearing was postponed to June 28, 2022.

Mikey continues to live in our area and we work with ACRC to find a placement in their catchment area, per Mom's request. Mikey is conserved by DDS and the team is working closely with DDS and ACRC.

## Vendor Issues

1. Transportation and provider capacity continue to be the biggest barriers to the full return to services. Next transportation updates meeting is tomorrow at 10 am.
2. CLASP has held its elections and there will be a new board representative Liz Knapp and a new Vice President, Kirsten Shadman.

## Self-Determination Updates

It was recently determined that the Local Advisory Committee members could now request an ADA accommodation waiver for individuals wanting to attend the meeting from their home on Zoom. So far no one has requested the accommodation and there has been no guidance for what the regional center would use to grant the request for an accommodation.

## Other Matters

It will be out of state next week from Sunday through Wednesday attending the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities annual conference and meeting of the membership. I will be attending ARCA meetings in Sacramento from Wednesday evening through Friday and ending the week with meeting with our President, Margaret Heinz.

## Union and Other Staff Issues

Final openings at this point in time that we are working to fill:

Opening	Manager	#
SA Craig	SC Josie	1

STK Diaz	PCP SC Liz		1	
STK Wells	0-5 SC	Danielle	5	
Mod Coronel	SC	Jessica	1	
STK Jensen	SC	Karen	1	
Mod Groves	SC	Jacinta	2	coming on Aug

**F. President's Report – no report tonight as the President was not available.**

**G. Next Meeting, Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 6:30 PM Hybrid (VMRC Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and Zoom Video Conference)**