



Minutes for Executive Committee Meeting

03/08/2023 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM

Hybrid - VMRC Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Committee Members Present: Margaret Heinz, Lynda Mendoza, Alicia Schott

Committee Members Not Present: Linda Collins, Suzanne Devitt

VMRC Staff Present: Tony Anderson, Doug Bonnet, Tara Sisemore-Hester

Public Present: Irene Hernandez, Interpretar, Laura Castro, Interpretar, Maria Elena Diaz, Ernesto Diaz, Aguilar, Mariela Ramos, Gricelda Estrada, Ana Soto, Liliana Escudero, Reyna Rangel Simon, Maria Gomez

Margaret Heinz, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

A. Review of Meeting Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. No comments.

B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 02/08/23

The committee reviewed the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 02/08/23. Lynda Mendoza made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 02/08/23. Alicia Schott seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 02/08/23 were approved unanimously.

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Items for Approval

None.

E. Items for Discussion

1. Executive Director's Report – Tony Anderson

Ok. The Cultural Competence Performance Measure is finally official. All it says for this year is “July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023: regional centers submit and receive approval for competency-based training on cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity.” Regional centers with training curricula in place that meet the above criteria prior to July 1, 2022, may submit the names and positions of staff who participated in the training from January 1, 2021 to July 1, 2023. - Hopefully DDS approves our submitted documents as proof for both implicit bias and cultural competence. We'll see...

All Staff orientation month 1:

- a. “The Reason We're Here” and “Organizational Overview: What Everybody Does and How It's Connected”: Tony Anderson, The Executive Director
- b. “Performance Measures, Strategic Planning, and Other Projects”: Angie Shear, Project Manager
- c. “Board Administration, Communications, Outreach and Emergency Services”: Doug Bonnet, Special Assistant to the Director (Board Support: All committees, operations and development)
- d. “The VMRC Three Category Approach to Emergency Services”: Aaron McDonald, Emergency Services Coordinator
- e. “How We Meet Organizational Compliance, Protect the Rights of our Consumers, and Ensure a Fair Appeal Process for All” Jason Toepel, Compliance Manager
- f. “How We Help Case Managers Connect with Consumers and Families and Work Together Meet Their Cultural Priorities and Preferences.” Gabriela Lopez, Cultural Specialist (Board Support: supports the Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion Committee, i.e., the DEBI Committee)
- g. “A Place Where Everyone Belongs: Ensuring an Inclusive Workplace, and Outreach to Diverse Communities.” Mark Crear, Ph.D., Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager (Board Support: manages the Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion Committee, i.e., the DEBI Committee)

We got a directive from DDS on Requirements for communicating with deaf consumers. Nick Bolger will provide a training for leadership and then all staff.

2. Notable Consumer Information

We have a family in Sonora whose house burned down last night. There are 5 consumers that live in the home with their conservator. Everyone is ok and we are still trying to figure out details; however, they reportedly lost everything and need some equipment currently. Does anyone know of resources for 2 hospital beds and a lift?

3. Vendor Information

The DSP Collaborative. We've been making great progress with the Buy-in Events coming up on March 22nd in Sacramento and March 24th in Stockton as well as the Career Expos on May 3rd in Sacramento and June 15th in Lodi.

One big thing we need is a website address so our public relations professionals can put the call to action in each promotional product they create linking people to the website. We want everything they do to drive people to the website but currently the

site is still in test mode so we can't make the links yet which is putting some of their activities on hold and projects are backing up.

Website committee: <https://pbd-staging.com/> Password:
PBDSTAGING@123, <https://pbd-staging.com/subscription-form/>

4. Self-Determination Update

The biggest barriers are not having enough FMSs.
One of our FMSs changed how they are processing spending plans and that has become a barrier for our participants and families.
Due to FMSs not paying with credit cards or checks many families can not access social recreation services as well as other services that require payment in that way. Also they pay in the rears and some places want to get paid at the start of services or on the 1st of every month.

5. Other Matters

None.

6. Personnel and Union Update

- The property owners for the new Tracy office have accepted our offer and we're negotiating a few details, but it we're at the point to start gauging the interest of volunteers for people interested in moving to a team in Tracy. This expansion is for us to better serve our consumers and families in this fast growing region so they don't have to go so far to meet with us and to reduce the travel burden and cost to our staff.
- 24 accepted offers and is in background from the employment fair. Modesto Employee appreciation/social worker month celebration went well today. Stockton/SA scheduled.

F. President's Report – Margaret Heinz

ARCA has officially sponsored AB649. Decreases barriers that harm underserved communities.

We lost a good one, Judy Human. I watched a Lean In Group which is women supporting women and women advocating for each other. I met Judy and she was an amazing disability advocate. Sadly, she passed away yesterday.

G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 12, 2022, 6:30 PM, VMRC Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and Via Zoom Video Conference (Hybrid)

