



Coalition of Local Area Service Providers

## Meeting Minutes

Monday April 24, 2023, at 10am  
Via Zoom

### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

- Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by Melanie Gonzalez

### 2. Announcements/ Action Items

- Presentation of Election Slate for 2023-2024 year
  - i. President- Melanie Gonzales
  - ii. Vice President- Kirsten Shadman
  - iii. Treasurer- Tamra Hernandez
  - iv. Secretary- Chris Martin
  - v. VMRC Board Rep- Liz Herrera-Knapp
  - vi. Membership Coordinator- Karyn Gregorius
  - vii. If you are interested in running, notify leadership by next meeting.
- Presenter-Taylor Sotiropoulos and Wendy Forkas from Path Now- Provide digital access to services for IDD community. <https://path-now.com/services/> email for more info: taylor.sotiropoulos@path-now.com

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- March minutes were approved 1<sup>st</sup> by Karyn Gregorius 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Craven

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- Karyn reported for Tamra Hernandez reported that there is \$14827.98 in the CLASP account.

### 5. Membership Report

- CLASP is currently up to 72 paid members for the year.

### 6. VMRC Reports & ED Report

- **HCBS Update:** Anna Sims
  - i. RFPs sent out in newsletter and on website for increasing deaf services in day programs.
  - ii. RFP for PC Planning vendor to offer services to new DSP's.
  - iii. RFP for PC Planning vendor to offer services to Family home providers.
- Robert Fernandez:
  - i. No update.
- Debbie:
  - i. No Update
- Christine:
  - i. We have a Father of an adult person who receives our services who is interested in collaborating with another person/group to put on a karaoke/DJ night. I have no other details or knowledge – just looking for anyone who might be interested in talking with this Father and exploring this idea. Send Christine your name and number and I'll connect you.
- Enos:
  - i. Transition Fairs are coming soon.
- Aaron:
  - i. Worried about warmer weather suddenly, will make snow melt and fill up rivers. Be safe if on the water as it will be very cold.
  - ii. Collaboration with DDS and ARCA and Red Cross, wildfire prevention and emergency preparedness program for residential coming soon. See the newsletter for more information.
- Gabby:
  - i. No updates
- Brian:
  - i. See newsletter for announcements.
- Katina:

- i. Asking CLASP membership to complete the training survey sent out through email. The link is: <https://forms.office.com/r/fQLRHbQAVh>
- ii. For Residential Providers VMRC is hosting Spring Residential Provider Forum May 4<sup>th</sup> in-person at VMRC from 9-12. Mark Crear our DEI Manager and Aaron McDonald our Emergency Response Coordinator will present along with the QA Team. The cost is \$30 and we are offering 3 CEUs.
- Doug:
  - i. June 15<sup>th</sup> 10-2 Career Expo at Lodi Grape Bowl. Info in newsletter.
  - ii. Disability Resource Fair at Modesto VMRC 10/2023
  - iii. Transition Fairs are starting this week!
  - iv. Sign up for the Newsletter for latest information <https://www.vmmc.net/sign-up-page/>
- Claire:
  - i. No update
- Tony:
  - i. EJ and Tony have a peer support employment program with self-advocates today.
  - ii. Little Hoover commission has published their report, was not flattering. Had lots of recommendations. Most are projects already underway.
  - iii. SD changes, new packet for any vendor provided by DDS. Will be doing trainings.
  - iv. Webinar tomorrow from DDS on DSP university. Link is in newsletter.
  - v. Frontline initiative is all about DSP work and profession. Request for articles from DSP's for future publication.
  - vi. DSP Collaborative commercials are airing on KCRA. Make sure to sign up on the website to advertise your open positions. Visit <https://dspcollaborative.org/> to sign up.

#### 7. **R&D Transportation Update:** Leticia Leon & Myra Montejano

- i. Shared stats of consumers routed on transportation currently. Still have unmet needs, but it goes down each month. More routes being added each week as transportation providers add more capacity.
- ii. Make sure to contact R&D with upcoming transportation needs.
- iii. If consumers have transportation issues, have them call R&D customer service department.
- iv. The transportation forum is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for updates at 11 am. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89079602239?pwd=YUVoZFo3Q0pvN3U1NGZyZWwvaUdKZz09#success>
- v. If you need an update on a specific consumer, contact R&D customer service. R&D Transportation, Myra Montejano - (209) 362-2199 x 208, myram@rdtsi.com R&D Customer Service Department - (209) 362-2199. R&D Contracts and Vendorization Department - (209) 362-2199 x 242 vendorcontracts@rdtsi.com

#### 8. **CLASP Representative Reports**

- **VMRC Board – Liz Knapp**
  - i. Next meeting is 4/26/23 at 6 pm
  - ii. For full minutes, see website
- **Finance– Connie Uychutin**
  - i. No update.
  - ii. See website for full report.
- **Consumer Services - Daime Hoornaert**
  - i. Next meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Legislation - Candice Bright**
  - i. No updates
- **Nominating- Daime Hoornaert**
  - i. Doing Interviews in Modesto, May 23 and 25
- **By-Laws- Rita Redondo**
  - i. Updates will be coming up for vote soon.
- **Social Media/Special Events – Kirsten Shadman**
  - i. CLASP has a public page in FB & IG, if you want to post something there, send to Kirsten via email: [ksea9@aol.com](mailto:ksea9@aol.com)

1. Instagram: @CLASP.VMRC
  2. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CLASP.VMRC> and
  3. Our private member group: "CLASP - VMRC (MEMBER GROUP)" - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2310077552557091> When joining our private member group, please be sure to answer the membership questions to be approved into the group.
- **Choices – Ignacio Chavez**
    - i. CHOICES was great! It was fun to be back in person.
  - **Provider Conference - Candice Bright**
    - i. No update.
  - **Residential Home Workgroup- No representative**
    - i. No update
  - **Day Program Workgroup- Sonya Fox-Watson**
    - i. Met and discussed the number of people returning or haven't returned. Concerns were passed along to VMRC managers. They are requesting higher participation in SELIT meetings and updates sent to program managers at regional centers.
    - ii. Next meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am, via zoom.
9. **State Council on Developmental Disabilities/North Valley Hills Office Report- Dena Hernandez**
- No update
10. **Items for discussion**
- Updates on PIN's & DDS Directives- None to report
11. **Unmet needs-**
- None
12. **Old business-**
- None
13. **Closed Session-** CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

**Adjournment at 11:07 am- Next meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10 am via Zoom**