



## **Minutes for Executive Committee Meeting**

05/10/2023 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM

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

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

**Committee Members Not Present:** Margaret Heinz (informed absence)

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

**Others Present:** Isela Bingham (interpreter), Mohamed Rashid, Irene Hernandez (interpreter), Griselda Estrada,

### **A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda**

Lynda Mendoza, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 630pm. Doug Bonnet took roll call. The committee reviewed the agenda. The committee has a quorum.

### **B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 04/12/23**

The committee reviewed the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 04-12-2023. Alicia Schott made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 04-12-2023. Suzanne Devitt seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 04-12-2023 were approved unanimously.

### **C. Items for Approval – n/a**

### **D. Items for Discussion**

## Executive Director's Report

- There's a new Early Start Standard package that DDS is preparing to have available to all families. The state wants one standard piece of information to be the same across the state. We are including up to eight local resources for the packet that will go to our families and a welcome letter.
- Last month I reported DDS now has a standard package of documents for the Self-Determination program and next the state will be working on a standard process and information for Vendorization and one for Intake.
- National Core Indicators results are in, and they will be posted on our website by the end of the month. Historically we have just included a link to these reports, but it appears they may be wanting us to have a dedicated page.
- The Performance Contract Spring Review is now published on our website. Next, we will be scheduling a public presentation at a board meeting to review the findings. Almost all were within or above state average.
- The Office of Administrative Hearings Advisory Committee will be meeting on May 15th. This is a new process for the public to give feedback on the changes to the appeal process. Jessica Quesada, a member of the Self-Advocacy Council 6 has been selected as a member.
- DDS published a new directive on the Coordinated Family Supports program. The changes include:
  - CFS Service Code and Sub-Code: In the event a direct service provider has not been identified, CFS providers can provide direct support for up to 90 days while a permanent direct care service provider is identified and put in place.
  - CFS Assessments: Regional Centers shall authorize CFS assessments of up to 12 hours.
  - Self Determination Program (SDP) participants cannot access this service at this time.
- The Little Hoover Commission published their report, here are the recommendations:
  - RECOMMENDATION 1: INCREASE CONSISTENCY IN CLIENT EXPERIENCES ACROSS REGIONAL CENTERS
  - RECOMMENDATION 2: TARGET AND REDUCE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES
  - RECOMMENDATION 3: STRENGTHEN STATE OVERSIGHT OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SYSTEM
  - RECOMMENDATION 4: MODERNIZE TECHNOLOGY
  - RECOMMENDATION 5: STANDARDIZE THE VENDORIZATION PROCESS
  - RECOMMENDATION 6: STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARDS
  - RECOMMENDATION 7: IMPROVE SERVICE COORDINATION
- The May Revise is coming this Friday. In reading the Spring Letter presented at the last budget hearing it looks like there will be some modifications to DDS headquarters in IT and other administrative position/transfers plus some funding statewide to assist regional centers with Home and Community Based Service compliance.
- The Disability Resource Fair organizing committee is moving forward and has received three sponsorships already. The date is set for Oct 7, 2023 from 11 am to 3 pm.
- Nurses Awareness Month, Mental Health Awareness month, and AAPI Month.

## Notable Consumer Incidents/Complaints

Case Management is collaborating with the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) and offering Advanced Health Care Directive (AHCD) clinics in the VMRC offices. OCRA

provides training to parents, families, and people we serve and then meets privately with anyone interested in completing the AHCD. VMRC attends the clinics and is available to answer questions, provide support and serve as a witness to the completion of the document.

**Vendor Issue**

Career Expo number 1 was in Sacramento on May 3 and by all accounts it was a successful event and providers really appreciated it. We had 250 job seekers attend and we had about 60 providers registered. Tony Anderson was interviewed on television Fox 40 News and we continue to run ads on television. Next event is June 15th from 10 am 2 pm in Lodi at the Grape Festival site.

**Self-Determination Updates**

- The FMS rate increase is now official.

**Rates for Participants Whose Preferred Language is English**

FMS Model	Total Number of Employees/Providers in Spending Plan*		
	0-4	5-10	11+
Bill Payer	\$230	\$450	\$690
Co-Employer	\$380	\$600	\$840
Sole Employer	\$380	\$600	\$840

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**Rates for Participants Whose Preferred Language is Not English**

FMS Model	Total Number of Employee/Providers in Spending Plan*		
	0-4	5-10	11+
Bill Payer	\$255	\$495	\$760
Co-Employer	\$420	\$660	\$925
Sole Employer	\$420	\$660	\$925

**Other Matters – none**

**Union and Other Staff Issues**

Last month we reported we were negotiating with the union regarding a change to the Employment Specialist position that the board recently approved. Unfortunately, we were unable to come to an agreement so we decided mutually to make no change.

**E. Public Comment**

Gricelda Estrada – I just have a question and concern, once the zoom meetings are removed and we are coming in person. I would like to continue to advocate to continue to allow zoom for families.

**F. President's Report – n/a**

**G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 6:30 PM, VMRC  
Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and Via Zoom Video  
Conference (Hybrid)**