



Minutes for Executive Committee Meeting

06/14/2023 | 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM

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

Committee Members Present: Alicia Schott, Margaret Heinz, Suzanne Devitt, Lisa Utsey

Committee Members Not Present: Lynda Mendoza, informed absence

VMRC Staff Present: Doug Bonnet, Brian Bennett, Christine Couch, Bud Mullanix, Evelyn Solis Ledezma, Tony Anderson, Gabriela Lopez, Tara Sisemore Hester

Public Present: Isela Bingham, Rachelle Munoz, Irene Hernandez

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

Margaret Heinz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. 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 05/10/23

The Committee reviewed the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 05-10-2023. Alicia Schott made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 05-10-2023. Suzanne Devitt seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 05-10-2023 were approved unanimously.

C. Items for Approval

1. Job Description – Community Access Specialist: Tony Anderson shared that the budget included an Education Specialist which was funded through the new budget funds. We used the money we saved for this position, Community Access Specialist. Brian Bennett explained that this position was on our Operations Request thru CPP for the last 3 years and it has not been funded. This will focus on housing in the

community. This job description was modeled after other similar positions at other regional centers. Bud Mullanix added that he would like to post the position pending Board Approval. Suzanne Devitt made a motion to approve the Community Access Specialist as presented. Linda Collins seconded the motion. The Community Access Specialist is approved unanimously.

2. 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Board of Directors Meeting Schedule – Margaret Heinz presented the meeting schedule, 4th Wednesday of every other month, starting in July at 6pm, hybrid. Alicia Schott made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Board of Directors Meeting Schedule. Suzanne Devitt seconded the motion. The 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Board of Directors Meeting Schedule is approved unanimously.

D. Items for Discussion

Executive Director's Report

- Just a reminder to everyone that the Director's Travels is published every week to provide the board a general idea of what we're doing each week to achieve the mission of VMRC. If you ever wonder how any of our activities relate to the mission drop an email and Tony will let you know.
- We got word that our Performance Contract submission was approved. Next, we will be scheduling a public presentation at a board meeting to review the finding.
- The Disability Resource Fair organizing committee is moving forward and has received two sponsorships already. The date is set for Oct 7th, 2023, from 11 am to 3 pm.
- This is Pride month, and we are sharing information and resources with our staff and community throughout the month. Our very own board member Emily will be featured in an ARCA article about her story.
- We will be off from work next month June 19th for "Juneteenth" the day recognized as the end to the American Slavery institution.
- Coordinate Family Supports - four have been approved but it's taking all of us quite a while to process as it's new.
- Translating IPP timelines - we have a new performance measure for regional centers to see how fast we get translated IPPs back to families.
- Recently I heard a regional center say their providers were complaining that regional centers and the state didn't know or understand the struggles of the provider community and that we were not doing anything to help. My article in the June 9th Newsletter is in response. I talk about the national crisis and everything the state and VMRC has been doing to help. <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/The-VMRC-Newsletter--22.html?soid=1127281735087&aid=4WIRh-yhnoc>
- October 24th CLASP Provider Conference, save the date
- SLI - save the date October 26th and 27th
- CDSA - Save the date DSP Collaborative presentation Sept 19-21
- June 14, 2023 - 5310 Program for transportation new vans etc.
- Almost all of us got cut for not meeting the hiring mandates - it's a myth most of us did meet it and if we could have approached it statewide, we would have done it. We are now at 500 employees and close to 20,000 people served as mentioned in past meetings the three of us are among the fastest growing regional centers in the state.

Notable Consumer Incidents/Complaints

See the SDP highlights. Tara Sisemore Hester shared about a young child who had been eloping has not eloped since additional supports put in the home.

Vendor Issue

- The new DSP survey is out and providers who complete it will receive \$8000 incentive payment.
- Similarly, RCs are being asked to validate data regarding which individuals they serve are working for subminimum wage.
- Career Expo number 2 is tomorrow in Lodi at the Grape festival from 10 am to 2 pm. If you have some time, please come out and support the providers. Thursday is our big DICE event (Disability Industry Career Expo) in Lodi our first event hosted over 250 applicants in Sacramento. We have 60 providers participating and we expect a couple of hundred applicants again. If you're in the area you're welcome to check it out.
- Three start up contracts are being wrapped up for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. HCBS received additional funds to modify services in day programs to serve deaf + consumers: CVTC was awarded and will be modifying their sites and training their staff.

Union and Other Staff Issues

Community Access Specialist Position review. This is the housing specialist position in the resource development department aimed at increasing affordable housing stock and other resources for people with developmental disabilities. Bud Mullanix shared we have 495 employees with 10 starting on June 20. Our turnover rate is very good, about 3% for the year. May and June had 5 employees leave.

Self-Determination Updates

This month I received two very exciting stories of people in the self-determination program and how they used their program to try and succeed in things many thought impossible for them in the past. One young person had no friends or acquaintances, but he was able to take dance lessons and be successful. His mother showed pictures of him dancing with the group in the Disneyland parade. Another young adult who never left the house was seen on video in a stage performance in front of an audience in a beautiful ballroom gown dancing. And a third person is thriving through the therapeutic benefits of music. The advisory is having a meet and greet dinner for the community to join them and talk about the SD program on Thursday night.

Other Matters

Margaret and I will be attending the ARCA annual meetings this week in Sacramento.

E. Public Comment

No public comment .

F. President's Report

Margaret Heinz shared about the Career Expo number 2, tomorrow in Lodi at the Grape festival from 10 am to 2 pm. If you have some time, please come out and support the providers. Thank you to everyone who is sharing this on social media. Please encourage people to come out.

Margaret visited PCS on March Lane and Futures Explored. Both programs were welcoming and fun! She encouraged everyone to visit programs and check out the services out in the community. This will inform you as a board member.

Margaret is going to Sacramento tomorrow with Tony Anderson for an ARCA meeting on Thursday and Friday.

G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 6:30 PM, VMRC Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and Via Zoom Video Conference (Hybrid)