

Minutes for VMRC Board of Directors Meeting

06/26/2024 | 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton Office, Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Board Members Present: Alicia Schott, Lisa Utsey, Dr. Steve Russell, Erria Kaalund, Gabriella Castillo, Jody Burris, Jeff Turner, Jose Lara, Crystal Enyeart, Liz Herrera Knapp

Board Members Not Present: Robert Balderamma (informed absence), Gabriela Castillo

VMRC Staff Present: Doug Bonnet, Aaron McDonald, Leinani Walter, Tara Hester, Christine Couch, Brian Bennet, Gabriela Lopez, Julie de Diego, Evelyn Solis, Melissa Stiles, Angie Shear, Cindy Jimenez, Claire Lazaro, Bud Mullanix, Jason Toepel, Gina Ramsey, Joel Demattei, Megan Gascon, Whitney Costley, Anne Gerber, Brandy Saldivar, Elizabeth Rand, Melissa Oldeen, Shana Molotch, Taylore Alday

Public Present: Rachelle Munoz (Facilitator), Angela Lewis (Facilitator), Irene Hernandez (interpreter), Isela Bingham (interpreter), James Ford DDS, Dena Hernandez (SCDD), Erick Thurmond, Evelyn's iPhone, Maria Elena Diaz, Marlen Martinez, Senior CAPS, Jessie, Liliana Esucerdo, Maureen Fitzgerald, Myra Montejano (R&D),

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Reading of the Mission Statement

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Dr. Devitt. Doug Bonnet took roll call. A quorum was established. The board read the Mission Statement.

B. Review of the Meeting Agenda

The agenda was reviewed with no recommended changes.

C. Review and Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting minutes of 04/24/24

Emily Grunder made a motion to approve the minutes of 04/24/2024. Lynda Mendoza seconded the motion. The board of directors meeting minutes of 06/24/2024 passed unanimously.

D. Presentation - Performance Contract Draft

See attached presentation by Leinani Walter, Executive Director Linda Collins made a motion to approve the Performance Contract Draft. Robert Balderama seconded the motion. The Performance Contract Draft passed unanimously.

E. Public Comment

1. Dena Hernandez, SCDD North Valley Hills. Thank you to Dr. Steve Russell for recommending a nomination to the Regional Advisory Committee. Thank you to VMRC for their involvement in the Manteca Police Department accreditation process for their autism awareness; Melissa Claypool attended. Thank you to Doug Bonnet for the Stockton Police Department's meeting today at the VMRC office. Thank you to the outgoing VMRC board members on behalf of the SCDD team. Goodbye to Doug and thank you for your assistance with the collaborative projects between VMRC and SCDD.
2. Mary Duncan – She is in opposition to a decision made for hiring an attorney to manage the bargaining contract. She shared her concerns and some historical information about the prior relationship between the union and this attorney that has been hired.
3. Dora Contreras – Thank you Director Walter for sharing the ICC ideas in her report. She has an issue with several families who cannot access soc/rec services because they do not have credit cards or are below income levels that do not allow for them to pay for services and then get reimbursed by VMRC. She would like the board to consider tutoring as a social/rec allowable item. She wants to inform the board about the families in SDP who have finished their person-centered plan and the plan has not been translated, and these families cannot read English.
4. Tumbora Hill shared that he was happy that his questions that he presented to the board were answered by Brian Bennet to his satisfaction
5. Parent Carolina shared that she has been waiting 6 months for intake and asked if online intake forms are being monitored
6. Parent Grisella shared concerns about length of time for intake and she is currently waiting for a psychological assessment for her child. She also stated

that VMRC needs more self-determination vendors. She also wanted to know what social rec included.

7. Jackie from the fiscal department shared concerns about an outside lawyer coming in for contract negotiation and wants them to be fair.

F. Consent Calendar Items

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May and June 2024
 2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May and June 2024
 3. Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes of May 2024
- These come as a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items. Erria Kaalund seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar Items were approved unanimously.

G. Committee Reports

- a. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee, Coalition of Local Agency Service Providers (CLASP) - Liz Herrera Knapp
 - Fees are now \$35, they have work groups and next meeting scheduled for July 22
 - 92 paid Members through June 30th
- b. Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) -Vivian Nicolas
 - Christine talked about the “Connect Parent” website, next meeting will be July 9
 - 115 participants in the self-determination program as of June 12, 2024
- c. Consumer Advisory Council, Self-Advocacy Council Area 6 (SAC6) - Crystal Enyeart
 - Lisa gave the report
- d. Finance Committee - Alicia Schott and Melissa Stiles
 - a. Approval of Contract Status Report (CSR) for May and June 2024 - Melissa Stiles
Action
 - b. Approval of Contracts over \$250,000 for May and June 2024 brought forth a motion from the Finance Committee - Alicia Schott
Action
 - Linda C. 2nd motion on contracts over \$250,000
 - Myra from R&D presented transportation contract, 1st Lisa, 2nd Lynda M
- e. Consumer Services Committee - Jose Lara
 - No report
- f. Legislative Committee - Lynda Mendoza

-Lynda briefly talked about her experience on the committee and encouraged others to join in the new year

g. Bylaws Committee - Presentation of Proposed Changes to the Bylaws - Lisa Utsey

Action

-Lisa reported that bylaws were changed to reflect board meeting to 6 (six) times a year

h. Nominating Committee - Presentation of Proposed New Board Members - Margaret Heinz

Action

-Margaret H. proposed 3 new board members: Kenneth Huntley, Kyle Cox, Marisela Cruz

i. Popplewell Review Team - Erria Kaalund

-Erria reported there is a balance of about \$9,100

H. Executive Director's Report

-Reported about the Acorns To Oak Trees Outreach and Native American Engagement was successful. VMRC built relationships with Social Services Team at Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indian and Tribal Leaders. Families appreciated the connection with VMRC, educational information and intake & eligibility clinic.

I. Board Member Activities and Reports

-New schedule for the new year, 6 (six) meetings a year

J. Board Activities

-Alicia S reported on her visit to Harot Foundation home in Lodi that serves 30 adult residents up to age 59 and 6 senior residents. There is a large common area with smaller home-like areas within one building.

K. President's Report

-Thanked those who showed up for Acorns in the hills and annual board dinner at Papapavlos, Wednesday July 31st

L. Adjournment