

DVSS Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 10th, 2023

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Patricia Custer (Patti): Were going to go ahead and get started. I do have Ben (Benjamin Johnson Jr.) and Tara Shahangian on the phone with me as well.

- Most of you know that Lindsey Latham has left our office. He took another job with a different state department. So we have taken his position and combined it with the VOCA team's position. Therefore, we will not be hiring a person to replace his position. But you have your VOCA program specialist, and they will now be your DVSS program specialist as well. However, we do look to have someone new hired to take over the agencies that I do. We aim to be doing interviews the week of August 21st, so hopefully we can get that person on a few weeks after that.
- With that being said, we do have majority of the contract renewals, budgets and budget narratives back from you guys. But if you didn't get those back to us, or have questions or need help, please reach out to us and we will be happy to help you. You cannot invoice for the month of July until you have a finalized contract back from us.
- On the FVPSA portion, like I said that will be released sometime in September. Once that happens, we will get contract renewals out to you with the FVPSA portion on it. We will get those out as soon as we can. As soon as that gets released to us, then you can backdate your FVPSA on the invoice and invoice us for the FVPSA.
- We also have the forms. We did send out the FY24 forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us we should have those posted hopefully by the end of tomorrow (August 15th). Those should be posted on the website.
- Provider updates- So we started this, and you know if you were on the VOCA call the other day, that we are going to give each provider a chance to speak during these meetings; and share a little bit about what going on in your agency, give any updates on if you're doing any fundraisers, or any special events you have coming up. We will start that next month because I don't want to spring this on anybody at the last minute today, like we did for the VOCA call. We will go in alphabetical order, so next month we will do: *Avenues, Agape house, Alive, Audrain County, and then Barnes Jewish Hospital (AWARE)*. So those five, if you want to come prepared next month to talk for say a couple of minutes. Again it'll just be about what you're doing, and what's going on in your agency, if you have anything coming up, etc.
- We also have the unit of service. We have not decided anything with that, or have had any more meetings regarding that. It is still in the discussion process at this moment.

- Does anybody out there have any special events or fundraisers? I muted everyone before, but you should be able to unmute yourself now. Also, if you don't want to share right now, you can always email us about any special events or fundraisers, if you'd like us to attend a board meeting, anything at all. We're happy to come out and come speak or just listen if you want us to. You can always email those us so we can come out and visit.

We are trying to get out and visit everybody and once we get everyone finished, which we should be almost finished, we will start that cycle over to come out for more visits again. Especially once we get this new person on, we will want to get that new person out to visit everyone.

- The meeting is kind of short and sweet today. I did schedule the next meeting for September 20th at 2:00 pm. So that'll be right after the VOCA call. I know that's two meetings in a row but hopefully they won't take too long because I know everyone has valuable time. So unless anyone has any questions, or comments. We can go ahead and end it here and then hopefully we have some more prepared for next month.

Kristen Dunham, MMLS: There was a question in the chat asking you to repeat the FVPSA announcement.

Patti Custer: Sure, so FVPSA will be released in September. So as soon as it is released, we will get a contract amendment out to you with that dollar amount. Then, once we get a finalized contract back from you all, you can invoice us back to July 1st for the FVPSA money.

- I have one comment in here that says "We are invoicing COVID first, is that preferred?" No, so you'll do your FVPSA monthly; so I would spread your money out over all 8 categories just like you did your budget, and then bill it like that.
- Any questions, comments? Also if you would like to discuss something in the next meeting, you can always email me and well put it on the agenda to discuss.
- That's all we really had we just wanted to update about the FVPSA, and you can rebill us and backfill that from July 1st when we get the FVPSA released out. As soon as we get that released, we will get those contract amendments out to you all. Alright, thanks everyone! I hope you have a good day and a good weekend.

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