

# SAC 6 Chatter Letter



Spring 2019

## MEET TWO NEW SAC6 MEMBERS



My name is **Steven Herrera** and I represent Open Door Services in Manteca, as the Vice President of our consumer council. The reason why I joined SAC 6 is because I want to help make sure that all consumer voices will be heard during the Sac 6 meetings. I speak to fellow consumers every day and I plan to make their voices heard through me.



My name is **Catrina Castro** and I represent Open Door Services in Manteca, as the Treasurer of our consumer council. I recently joined SAC 6 in March 2019. I joined SAC 6 because I want to be more involved, in not just my program but represent consumers all over. The issues and topics discussed in SAC 6 are important and I want to be a part of change! Thank you for welcoming me!



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## **SAC6 Members SPEAK UP**

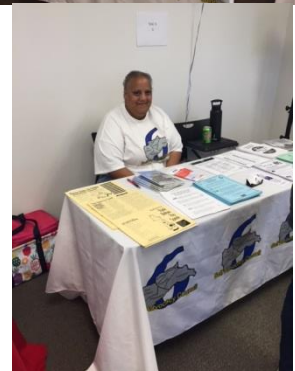


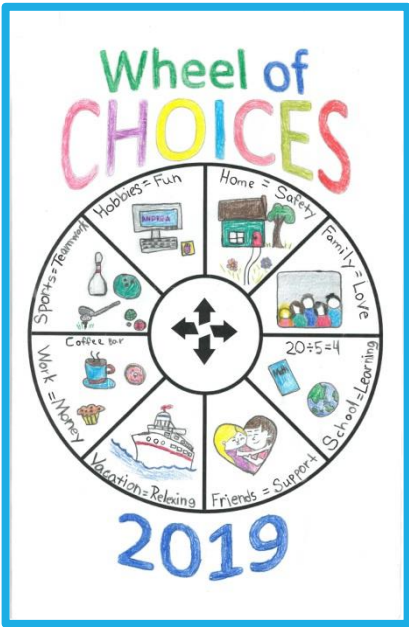
On March 20, 2019, Lisa Utsey attended the VMRC Purchase of Services Disparity Meeting hosted by Valley CAPS Modesto. Co-Sponsors of the event were VMRC, SCDD North Valley Hills and Disability Rights CA-Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy. Self-Advocacy Council 6 members gave suggestions and feedback on how VMRC can serve the community equally. VMRC Cultural Specialist, Carlos Hernandez gave a great presentation!!

## **SAC6 Members Share Self Advocacy Information at the San Joaquin & Stanislaus Counties VMRC Transition Fairs!**



On April 3, 2019, Robert Balderama worked the SAC6 table at the San Joaquin VMRC Transition Fair and on April 9, 2019, Lisa Utsey worked the SAC 6 table at the VMRC Transition Fair in Stanislaus County. Both events had great turnouts and we handed out information about Self Advocacy. We shared who we are and what we do! Lots of other helpful information was being shared!!! We had a lot of fun, met a lot of people and always a good way to spread the word about self-advocacy!

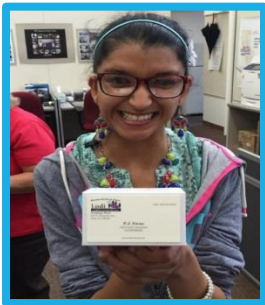




Lisa Utsey also attended the 2019 CHOICES Conference. This year's theme was "Wheel of CHOICES." We heard from many of our colleagues about the choices that they make that impact their lives. Congratulations to all of the award winners, and great job to all of the presenters! The micro business fair was great too! SAC6 also had a table with information and members Steven Herrera and Lisa Louise Esteves worked it for SAC6! Thank you to all of the agencies and volunteers who collaborated to make the CHOICES Conference 2019 a success!

**SAVE the DATE: CHOICES 2020 will be Friday, April 3, 2020...start saving now!**

## CHOICES Keynote Speakers did a SUPER JOB!



**PJ Swan**  
San Joaquin County



**Diana Powell**  
Tuolumne County



**Mohamed Rashid**  
Stanislaus County



**Cameron Rood**  
Calaveras County



**.....And thanks to Tim Cabral for co-emceeing!**



*We rocked our socks on National Rock Your Socks Day! I wore white and striped socks on the right. Rachelle and Christine also rocked their socks to bring awareness to others.*

*The point of wearing the socks is to bring awareness and knowledge and acceptance. It reminds people that “things that are different are still beautiful and wonderful,” says Jenny Andersson*



A special Official Ballot Arc of Amador was on January 28th, 2019. In fact, we received the certification from the County Clerk /Register of voters. One of our new staff helped us achieve an official election everyone wrote their speeches- By Crystal Enyeart



**SAC 6 is YOUR VMRC Consumer Advocates!**

**WANT a SAC6 Member to come and speak to your group?? JUST CALL US!**

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