



Minutes for VMRC Executive Committee Meeting

11/08/2023 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM

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

Committee Members Present: Dr. Suzanne Devitt, Margaret Heinz, Brandy de Alba, Lisa Utsey, Alicia Schott

Committee Members Not Present: Jose Lara, Lynda Mendoza

VMRC Staff Present: Tony Anderson, Bud Mullanix, Doug Bonnet, Tara Sisemore Hester, Evelyn Ledesma Solis

Public Present: Rachelle Munoz (facilitator), Isela Bingham (interpreter), Irene Hernandez (interpreter), Tumboura Hill

Brandy de Alba called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

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

Doug took roll and established a quorum.

B. Review and Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023

Lisa Utsey made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 10/11/23. Alicia Schott seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 10/11/23 were approved unanimously.

C. Items for Approval

None.

D. Public Comment

Tumboura Hill – My name is Tumboura Hill. I'm here to represent Quality Assurance Training and Advocacy. I'm here, 1 is for concern and the other is for discouragement. I worked here for years and I know many people in this workplace. I even taught with Brandy at SUSD. So, I know people and I've seen them in their capacity of work and what they are capable of and how good they are. My concern is that when I come to you and tell you something, that you ignore it. And you think I'm not gonna keep going until it gets resolved. I told you last year that when I started I'm looking to ally. I'm not trying to combat or go against you. I'm looking to engage you and talk to you. I got 3 minutes here. So that's not enough time to talk. But there is nothing beyond this. Nothing from the public. We just say our piece and leave. Unfortunately, we you do that, then we have to reach out to other agencies and look for other methods. I could create my own podcast and have public comment all day long about what you guys have, but im trying to engage you. I give out my card to everybody, email, nobody calls, but If I go talk to another agency they want to hear everything. But I'm sitting right here in front of you trying to tell you and you think you are going to ignore me and that's not going to work. And I'm saying this in front of you all, you got my information, you want to talk, conversate, hear what I see, hear what I think, I'm available. I'm not trying to go against you, but I keep talking to you and I keep getting a time length time. I'm not listening to you. And that's not going to work. And I think you really need to rethink because it only gets worse. I came here a month ago. You guys have approved 92 million dollars in contracts. I talked to Brian, I talked to Robert, I sent 5 or 10 emails because this guy still haven't been paid a thousand dollars for work he'd done almost 6 months ago from my client. And everybody acts like they're listening, but they're not listening, but I'm telling you, it's only gonna get worse, and I keep trying to say, can we just talk before it goes there. Because it's not benefitting anybody being tone deaf and pretending like you don't hear us out there. \$1000. You guys have approved 92 million dollars in contracts since he did the work. And he still hasn't been paid. So what does he do? Sue the regional center? Do we come here and serve the board? Do we bring cameras in here? That's my question to you. Is that what you want? Cause you know I'll do it. Or, just pay him his money.

E. Items for Discussion

1. Executive Director's Report – Tony Anderson

2. Notable Consumer Information – Tony Anderson

3. Vendor Information – Tony Anderson

4. Self-Determination Update – Tony Anderson

5. Other Matters – Tony Anderson

6. Personnel and Union Update – Bud Mullanix and Tony Anderson

F. President's Report

G. Next Meeting - The Executive Committee will not meet in December 2023.

H. Adjournment