



# Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 6:30 PM

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

702 N. Aurora Street

Stockton, CA, 95202

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## Meeting Book - Executive Committee Meeting

### Executive Committee Meeting

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

Margaret Heinz

#### B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 04/12/23

Action

Margaret Heinz

#### C. Items for Approval

Action

Margaret Heinz

#### D. Items for Discussion

##### 1. Executive Director's Report

Tony Anderson

##### 2. Notable Consumer Information

Tony Anderson, Tara Sisemore-Hester, Christine Couch

##### 3. Vendor Information

Tony Anderson and Brian Bennett

##### 4. Self-Determination Update

Tony Anderson

##### 5. Other Matters

Tony Anderson

##### 6. Personnel and Union Update

Tony Anderson and Bud Mullanix

#### E. Public Comment

Margaret Heinz

Each member of the public may have 3 minutes for comment. If a translator is needed, 6 minutes will be given.

#### F. President's Report

Margaret Heinz

#### G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 6:30 PM, VMRC

Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and Via Zoom Video Conference (Hybrid)

Margaret Heinz



## Minutes for Executive Committee Meeting

04/12/2023 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM

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**Committee Members Present:** Jose Lara, Margaret Heinz, Lynda Mendoza, Alicia Schott, Suzanne Devitt, Linda Collins

**Committee Members Not Present:** None

**VMRC Staff Present:** Doug Bonnet, Christine Couch, Tony Anderson, Evelyn Ledesma Solis, Bud Mullanix, Mark Crear

**Public Present on zoom:** Irene Hernandez (interpreter), Erynn (QATA), Mello (QATA), Quality Assured Training and Advocacy Hill, 19166, Monica, Jarieu (QATA), Margarita King

**Public Present in person:** Isela Bingham (interpreter)

Margaret Heinz, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

### A. Review of Meeting Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. No Comments.

### B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 03/08/23 – Action

The committee reviewed the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 03-08-2023. Alicia Schott made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 03-08-2023. Lynda Mendoza seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 03-08-2023 were approved unanimously.

### C. Public Comment

none

## D. Items for Approval

none

## E. Items for Discussion

### 1. Executive Director's Report

- San Joaquin County Child Abuse Prevention Symposium was today I moderated a panel of VMRC staff and Doreen Bestolarides, focused on child abuse prevention of children with developmental disabilities. Doug is on the organizing committee and has been a commission on the Children Service Coordinating Commission for many year.
- The 2023 CHOICES Conference is back and will be held on April 14th at the SJ County Office of Education. I have a five minute limited to my welcome speech and they say they will hold me to it.
- AB 1147 is a bill that would make several changes to the regional centers. Our association, ARCA, does not have a position on the bill so it's very important that we not make public expressions of support or opposition at this time because it may be perceived as us negotiating around ARCA. If the bill is still around this summer we can get a presentation training from ARCA to understand the content and process issues for tis proposal.
- The Little Hoover Commission has still not published their report but we anticipate this will be published soon and public policy changes are expected. The lead for the report says, "Lawmakers have invested significantly to strengthen various aspects of the state's developmental disabilities system in recent years, including providing funding to improve the system's information technology infrastructure, data collection efforts, and service access and equity. Much of this work is ongoing, yet questions remain..."
- Our HCBS evaluator Anna Simms reported that all the providers in our region have come into compliance with Home and Community Based Services setting rules as required by Medicaid. Anna and her team did an amazing job and we are happy to report that no consumer had their services disrupted.
- After significant negotiations and analysis we have decided to end our contract with Tenisi and Bud will contract with an experienced IT professional that will support the team and our IT department. - This is not a staff issue but if Bud and the contractor feel we have a good match we may develop a job description which will come to the executive committee.

### **Notable Consumer Incidents/Complaints**

TMS Issue– Christine Couch, Director of Case Management Services shared the new policy of the payee, Trust Management Services (TMS). TMS will not support an account balance in excess of \$2000. The accounts that have a balance greater than \$2000 are due to the stimulus funds received over the last two years. TMS expects these stimulus funds to be spent no later than April 27, 2023.

### **Vendor Issue**

The next events for the DSP Collaborative with Alta are two job fairs. Here's the commercial we're planning to run on television:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/lirsebm8qr2h1xemkewbz/h?dl=0&preview=DSP+Expo+30+s+commercial+v2.mp4&rlkey=a0mbuu6vtoar9so2xqjb310w1>

### **Union and Other Staff Issues**

We want to make the employment specialist position an exempt status position. The negotiations are still ongoing. Personnel and Union Update – Bud Mullanix, Director of Administration Services shared that the current staffing is 488 with the 10 new staff starting. We are working collaboratively with the union on some projects.

### **Self-Determination Updates**

- SDP Update
- I recently moved the SDP team into the Adult Case Management Department. Liz Diaz now reports to Christine Couch (Tara now has the San Andreas office management under her department).
- Regional centers shall require only the documents provided in the enclosed packet for all potential vendors interested in providing Self-Directed Supports. Any deviation from the use of this packet requires advance approval from the Department. The packet includes the following documents:
  - Checklist
  - Qualifications and Agreement Form
  - Financial Management Services Qualifications and Agreement Form
  - Application
  - Disclosure Statement
  - Conflict of Interest Form
  - Business Associate Agreement/HIPAA Form
  - HCBS Provider Agreement Form
  - W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

### **F. President's Report**

Margaret thanked Tony Anderson, Claire Lazaro and Doug Bonnet for their hard work on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Child Abuse Symposium. The panel included Delores Bestolarides, Dr. Roxanne Wright and Val Harris.

ARCA Academy, April 29, 2023 is happening and many board members are attending. Tony and Doug will join them on Friday for dinner, with Gaby and Christine supporting board members. Margaret shared this is a great learning opportunity and a great collaboration between regional centers.

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