



# VMRC Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 6:30 PM

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

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| A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda   | Alicia Schott               |
| VMRC Executive Committee AGENDA - September 11, 2024 .pdf   |                             |
| B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes   | Alicia Schott               |
| Exec Com Minutes, 06 12 24 (1).pdf  |                             |
| C. Public Comment   | Alicia Schott               |
| Each member of the public may have 3 minutes for comment. If a translator is needed, 6 minutes will be given. Public comment can address items on the agenda that have been properly noticed for action and/or items that are not on the agenda, however, items not on the agenda can not be responded to or discussed in the public board meeting because they are not properly noticed items (7 days advance notice). |                             |
| E. Items for Discussion Menu  |                             |
| 1. Executive Director's Report  | Leinani Walter              |
| 2. Notable Consumer Information   | Tara<br>Sisemore-<br>Hester |
| 3. Vendor Information   | Brian Bennett               |
| 4. Self-Determination Update  | Christine<br>Couch          |
| 5. Service Coordinator Communication  | Tara<br>Sisemore-<br>Hester |
| 6. Personnel and Union Update   | Bud Mullanix                |
| F. President's Report   | Alicia Schott               |
| G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM (In Person and Zoom)  | Alicia Schott               |
| H. Adjournment  | Alicia Schott               |



## **VMRC Executive Committee Meeting**

**September 11, 2024**

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda - Alicia Schott
- B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 06/12/24 - Alicia Schott  
**Action**
- C. Public Comment – Alicia Schott
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- D. Items for Approval
- E. Items for Discussion
  - 1. Executive Directors Report – Leinani Walter
  - 2. Notable Consumer Information – Tara Sisemore-Hester and Christine Couch
  - 3. Vendor Information – Brian Bennett
    - a) Quality Assurance
    - b) HCBS Compliance and updates
    - c) Social Rec vendorization
  - 4. Self-Determination Update – Christine Couch
  - 5. Service Coordinator Communication – Tara Sisemore
  - 6. Personnel and Union Update - Bud Mullanix
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## **Minutes for VMRC Executive Committee Meeting**

06/12/2024 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM

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Committee Members Present: Suzanne Devitt, Alicia Schott, Lynda Mendoza, Lisa Utsey

Committee Members Not Present: Jose Lara (informed absence), Margaret Heinz (informed absence)

VMRC Staff Present: Doug Bonnet, Evelyn Solis, Aaron McDonald, Angie Shear

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

Suzanne Devitt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

Doug Bonnet took roll and established a quorum. No changes were made to the meeting agenda.

### **B. Review and Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2024**

Lynda Mendoza made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2024. Alicia Schott seconded the motion. The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2024, were approved unanimously.

### **C. Public Comment**

Tumboura Hill – Good evening. I spoke earlier and I have the vendors that VMRC currently has. It is 2271 vendors. The concern that I have is that there are only 3 vendored

Independent Facilitators. They aren't vrending enough to expand the Self-Determination program. That's a far cry for what we need to help expand and grow the program. Thank you.

#### **D. Items for Approval**

None.

#### **E. Items for Discussion**

Doug Bonnet shared this report for Leinani Walter, Executive Director, who was not in attendance.

1. May 10<sup>th</sup> – Acorns to Oak Trees in Tuolumne Band of Mission Indians Reservation was amazing with leaders from the Tribe, Social Servies, VMRC Intake/Childrens/Adults/Enhanced and Emergency Services in attendance and supporting the wonderful clinical work of Acorns Staff. \*Doug-feel free to share more about how this event will be just the beginning of our work with Tribal Families.
2. June 4<sup>th</sup> - RONDA hosted in partnership with VMRC & ICC was very successful with over 80+ combined families and VMRC management in attendance. Share that we had a family cater the delicious meal, ICC brought traditional dancers and decorations provided by both VMRC and ICC parents. Also note that I facilitated a meaningful listening session about language access. Self-Advocates and families shared creative ideas about how VMRC can connect with and serve our Hispanic families better.
3. June 5<sup>th</sup> - Master Plan for Developmental Disabilities – Leinani attended in Sacramento; connected with community partners, state agencies, service providers, ARCA and DDS staff. Good meeting with meaning conversations and Leinani attended the discussion about language access and making sure services and resources (and in SDP) are reflective of the needs of the families served.
4. Deaf and hard of Hearing Specialist -- Staff person hired and will begin in late June.
5. NASDDDS Conference 12-14<sup>th</sup> focused on HCBS – Christine & Brian attending with Leinani and many other Regional Center Directors and Management Staff. More to report next month on the connections made!

Tara Sisemore Hester reported a child in Turlock was missing. She has a history of elopement. She was found safe. The SC followed up with grandmother to see if there were any additional supports that can support the client.

Doug reported that our Emergency Response Coordinator was monitoring the Tracy fire last week. We did not have any families that were served in the evacuation order zone. Aaron McDonald monitored this throughout the weekend.

Bud Mullanix – We are now at 550 employees and still growing. We're probably growing from 8-10 employees per month.

With the union we are prepping for the Union contract that expires in December. Setting up meetings with the union.

Our major focus is on recruiting, retention, and training as we continue to grow. We've had a harder time getting people interested in the Tracy office than we anticipated. We are getting good resumes, but the people don't have degrees.

For retention, we need to keep them. The first 9 months is the introductory period. It's a pretty long training period. Trying to put more focus on onboarding and new hire orientation as well as training.

Suzanne asked Bud how our salaries are in comparison to other RC's. Bud said that he is constantly monitoring it and we are competitive. We are below some big RC's, but we are above some similar sized centers.

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

Suzanne Devitt – Not much. We do have 1 more board meeting on June 26. We also had 1 resignation, our VP Brandy de Alba resigned.

Doug added that we are likely to have the annual board dinner on Wednesday, July 31, at Papapavlos in Stockton. There will be 6 board meetings in the new fiscal year. Finance and Executive Committees also next year will meet every other month instead of every month.

## **G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 6:30 PM, Hybrid (Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference)**

## **H. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.