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## **Tony Anderson Named Executive Director of Valley Mountain Regional Center**

**STOCKTON, CA** – The Board of Directors of Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) is pleased to announce their selection of Mr. Tony Anderson as VMRC’s new executive director. Anderson will succeed outgoing Executive Director Paul Billodeau, who is retiring at the end of December. The Board’s decision was made after an extensive statewide search and a thorough selection process by a search committee made up of representatives from the Board of Directors, VMRC staff, individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, family members, service providers, and the area chapter of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.



For the past 12 years, Anderson has served as executive director of The Arc of California, a statewide advocacy organization representing the interests of people with developmental disabilities, their families and program providers. Prior to his tenure at The Arc of California, Anderson’s 29-year career in the field of developmental services spanned across all levels of the regional center service delivery system starting as a direct support professional, then a case manager at North Bay Regional Center and executive director of Bayberry, Inc. a service provider in Napa, California. Anderson later received a Governor’s appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities as deputy director of policy, planning and governmental relations where he worked on several major statewide initiatives including a major realignment of the State Council and then-Area Boards to come into federal compliance under the Developmental Disabilities Act. Anderson then became executive director of The Arc of California in 2004 where he has helped provide strategic guidance and direction through some of the State’s most difficult and challenging fiscal seasons.

“I am extremely excited to join the team and community of the Valley Mountain Regional Center,” Anderson said, “and to help advance their work to ensure inclusive communities throughout the region and beyond.”

Anderson will assume his new role on January 3, 2017. He will be headquartered at VMRC’s Stockton office and will oversee a staff of 300 between the Stockton, San Andreas, and Modesto offices.

*Valley Mountain Regional Center is a non-profit organization contracted with the Department of Developmental Services to provide services and supports to over 11,000 people with developmental disabilities and their families in Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties. For more information on VMRC, please visit [www.vmrc.net](http://www.vmrc.net)*

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