

Memorandum**Executive Committee**

Tom Bowe, President, Elizabeth Victor-Martinez, Treasurer/Chair, Margaret Heinz, Secretary, Claire Lazaro, Vice President, Chris Varela, Chair Consumer Services Committee

From: Tom Bowe, Board President

MEETING AGENDA

Date: **Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

Time: **6:00PM**

Place: VMRC Stockton Office – Cohen Board Room

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| 1. | Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda | Committee Action |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2018 meeting | Committee Action 1 |
| 3. | Issues for Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Executive Director's Report b. Notable Consumer Incidents/Complaints c. Vendor Issues d. Self-Determination | |
| 5. | Approval to Waive One-Month Information Period | |
| 6. | Executive Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Update | |
| 7. | Other Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/Training | |
| 8. | Next Meeting – November 7, 2018 | |
| 9. | Adjournment | |

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**Valley Mountain Regional Center
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

Present:

Tom Bowe, President
Margaret Heinz, Secretary
Elizabeth Victor-Martinez, Treasurer
Claire Lazaro, Vice President (via Conference Call)
Chris Varela, Chair Consumer Services Committee
Tony Anderson, VMRC Executive Director
Jan Maloney, VMRC Executive Assistant/Meeting Recorder

Committee Actions noted in bold.

Tom Bowe, brought the meeting to order at 7:08pm

1. Review and Approval of Agenda

Action was taken by unanimous consent.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2018

Action was taken by unanimous consent.

3. Issues for Discussion

a. Executive Director's Update:

Tony advised meeting attendees that VMRC turned in our caseload ratios report which included two public hearing forums.

Tony is working with consultants and our internal team to develop the new website for VMRC to provide a better user experience for all stakeholders who visit our site. There is also considerable progress being made with other technology projects including the InsideXchange site, mobility project, early calendar, and vendor portal.

There will be a Public Hearing for the Performance Contract on September 13, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at VMRC in Stockton.

The training and development Workgroup and all the sub-workgroups continue to meet and make progress on updating policies and procedures, auditing the LMS courses, and developing trainings.

The state's HCBS Advisory Group met for the first time since March of 2017. I am an appointed member of this Advisory committee.

Tony met with the school district and SELPA directors in our region, and discussed trends in population and regional center/school collaboration, and VMRC's efforts to improve outreach with our Spanish Speaking community.

b. Notable Consumer Incidents/Complaints:

Last month Tony reported an interaction with a reporter that might become public. After Anthony Hill and Tony met with her and described the process and responsibilities regarding conservatorship.

After an exhaustive search throughout California VMRC had to make an appeal to DDS for an out of state placement. After extremely cautious review of the appeal, the department agreed to allow the placement as a rare exception. In reviewing the out of state placement, it has come to light that we there may be an out of state placement that was not approved by DDS as required by law. If VMRC is found to be in violation, it could become an audit exception requiring reimbursement to the state from the operations budget.

There have been a couple of high profile deaths in the community, one was a person who was a recent transfer from a developmental center, and the other was a person who visits the Stockton lobby regularly, and is known to many. Both cases are being investigated by police.

c. Vendor Issues:

A parent had a complaint about some vendors not accepting PATCH, and she has created a petition which currently has over 20,000 names. VMRC is working to try to change the PATCH code but vendors will have to do something different if they are going to use the new code.

d. Self-Determination:

Claire Lazaro continues to manage the Self-Determination advisory committee, which is a joint committee of Valley Mountain Regional Center and the Local Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Cindy Mix will attend the statewide advisory committee meetings with the DDS Director. Our published list maximum is now 100 people, and our list of interested individuals for the program is now at 156 with several Spanish speaking families continuing to sign up. So far it appears we will have the distribution of diversity to begin the SDP initial phase.

e. 2018 Communitàs Award:

Tom reported he is having difficulty connecting with this year's Communitàs Award recipient, and Jan Maloney will step in to help.

4. October Board Meeting Agenda:

Consent: Minutes of August 8, 2018 committee meeting.

Information/Education: Nothing was added.

5. Approval to Waive One-Month Information Period:

There was nothing that required waiving the one-month information period this month.

M/S/C (VICTOR-MARTINEZ/HEINZ) to enter Executive Session to discuss the Union update.

6. Union Update:

The update was given in closed session.

7. Other Matters:

There were no other matters this month.

8. Next Meeting:

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 3, at VMRC in Stockton at 6:00 pm.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm