



**Valley Mountain Regional Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Valley Mountain Regional Center  
702 N. Aurora Street, Stockton, CA 95202  
Cohen Board Room  
DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1-866-299-7945  
CONFERENCE PASSCODE 7793177#**



**Monday, June 10, 2019 - 6:00 PM**

**MEETING AGENDA**

***The mission of Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) is to support people with developmental disabilities as they enrich their lives through choices and inclusion. VMRC is committed to securing quality, individualized services in collaboration with families and the community.***



**A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Reading of Mission Statement**



**B. Review and Approval of Agenda**

**C. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2018 ..... 1**

**D. Presentation**

- VMRC IT Director, Gordon Hofer, New Board Technology

**E. Adoption of Consent Items**

- Finance & Personnel Committee Minutes, May 1, 2019 ..... 7
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**F. Announcements and Public Comment (Maximum 3-minutes per person)**

**G. Committee Reports**



**i. VMRC Consumer Advisory Committee**

**(Lisa, Esteves, SAC6 Representative)**

Next meeting Saturday, June 8, time and location TBD



**ii. Consumer Services Committee .....25**

**(Chris Varela, Chair, Dena Pfeifer, Vice-Chair)**

Next Meeting Monday, September 9, 4:00 pm, VMRC Stockton Office



**iii. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee (CLASP)**

**(Candice Bright, CLASP Representative)**

Next Meeting June 24, 10:00 am, VMRC Stockton Office



**iv. Finance and Personnel Committee**

**(Elizabeth Victor-Martinez, Chair/Emily Grunder, Vice-Chair)**

Acceptance of Contract Status Report (CSR) ..... 29

Next Meeting July 3, 5:30 pm, VMRC Stockton Office

**v. Legislative Committee**

**(Candice Bright, Chair)**

Next Meeting August 26, 12:00 pm, VMRC Stockton Office

**vi. Bylaws Committee**

**(Lynda Mendoza, Chair)**

Next Meeting TBD

**vii. Self-Determination Advisory Committee ... .....33**

**(Mohamed Rashid, Chair)**

Next Meeting June 20, 3:30 pm, VMRC Stockton Office



Nominating Committee

**viii. Nominating Committee**

**(Linda Collins, Chair/Andrea Rueda, Vice-Chair)**

Slate of Officers

Recommendation of New Board Members

Next Meeting TBD

**ix. President's Report**

**(Tom Bowe, President)**

Approval of the 2019-2020 Board Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting TBD



**H. Board Member Visits**

**I. Executive Director's Report**

**J. Other Matters**

**K. Next Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, July 8, 2019

**Time:** 4:00PM

**Location:** Valley Mountain Regional Center,  
702 Aurora Street, Stockton, CA 95202  
Cohen Board Room



**L. Adjournment**

Information = The item is brought to the board for information and is likely to be an action item at a future meeting.

**\*VMRC Policy on Public Input**

In accordance with California Welfare & Institutions Code sections 4660 through 4669, meetings of the Valley Mountain Regional Center Board of Directors are open and public, with only those exceptions provided in statute. Accordingly, time is allowed at each Board of Directors meeting for public input on any issue whether or not it is on the agenda for that particular meeting. Such input shall be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.

"Public input" is defined as verbal comment or written submissions provided to the Board by any person who is not a member of the VMRC Board. Materials will be maintained by VMRC for at least two years from the date of the meeting.

The VMRC Board of Directors reserves the right to determine the form or manner of its response. As a general rule, the Board will not respond to comments or questions that relate to agency personnel policies, the union contract, or collective bargaining issues. However, the Board may, at its discretion, direct staff in executive session to investigate and report on such issues raised under public comment.

**\*VMRC Policy on Executive Sessions**

As provided in California Welfare & Institutions Code sections 4660 through 4669, the Valley Mountain Regional Center Board of Directors may hold an executive session to consider real estate negotiations, appointment, employment, evaluation or dismissal of an employee, staff salaries and benefits, labor negotiations, and any matter dealing with a specifically identified consumer for whom appropriate authorization has not been provided to enable public discussion of the matter. The Executive Assistant shall keep confidential minutes of executive sessions. The subject of each executive session shall be announced prior to and at the conclusion of each such session.

*The VMRC Board requests that all participants refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, and other fragrances, and use unscented personal care products in order to promote an irritant-free environment.*

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## **Valley Mountain Regional Center**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Board of Directors Meeting Monday, April 8, 2019 6:00 pm**

**Valley Mountain Regional Center Cohen Board Room Modesto Office  
1820 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, CA 95358**

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- A. President Tom Bowe**, Chair, called the meeting to order 602pm.

Doug Bonnet administered roll call.

Tom Bowe led the board in the reading of the mission statement: *"The mission of Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) is to support people with developmental disabilities as they enrich their lives through choices and inclusion. VMRC is committed to securing quality, individualized services in collaboration with families and the community."*

- B. Agenda** – Tom Bowe asked for a motion to move Item I, Committee Reports, to above Item E. Andrea Rueda moves to approve the agenda and Dena Pfeifer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Minutes Approval** – Tom Bowe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the February 25, 2019 meeting. Tom Toomey moved to approve the agenda and Emily Grunder seconded the motion. Candice Bright opposed and Chris Varela abstained. Motion was approved.

- D. Consent Items** – Tom Bowe asked for a motion to approve and adopt the following Consent Items:

1. Consumer Services Committee, Minutes of March 11, 2019 meeting.
2. Executive Committee, Minutes of Meeting of March 6, 2019 meeting.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee, Minutes of Meeting of March 6, 2019.
4. Contracts Approved by the Finance Committee.
5. Executive Director's Monthly Report.

Dena Pfeifer moved to approve and adopt the consent items and Lynda Mendoza seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- E. Announcements/Public Comments** – Christine Hager of Clients Rights, thanks VMRC for the teams putting together the Transition Fairs, and gives a huge “shout out” to Tony Anderson for staff support at Choices Conference on Friday, April 5.

Dena Hernandez of SCDD – Names the volunteers of VMRC for the Choices Conference on Friday...Katie Alcantara, Rafael Arroyo, Carlos Hernandez, Tumboura Hill, Wanda Johnson, Marlene Lombardo, Karla Pacheco, Dave Vodden, Lauren Watkins, and Malik Williams. Dena thanks everyone named for volunteering.

Mohamad Rashid – Mo mentioned that he spoke at Choices.

Christine Hager – thanks Doug Bonnet who also volunteered at Choices.

Gia McElroy – submitted a written statement: “I have read the 12/12/2018 minutes from the VMRC Board Meeting of that date including the summary of the public statement by me.” “I would like it added to this month’s minutes that, as regards to the summary of my statement, it is a summary only as written by someone else’s interpretation of 3 pages condensed into a summation paragraph. Some meaning may be lost or misinterpreted without my exact wording as well as by omission of other portions of the statement I made that night. Respectfully submitted. Gia McElroy (Parent/Advocate).”

**F. Committee Reports**

**VMRC Consumer Advisory Committee** – Lisa Esteves, Sac 6 Representative – Sac 6 Report for the VMRC Board – “Sac 6 is preparing for the annual statewide Self-Advocacy Conference. We have 2 VMRC consumers presenting sessions and we will host the dating game. Our Sac 6 officers continue to meet and collaborate with Tony Anderson. We appreciate the opportunity to work with Tony and VMRC. Thank you to the VMRC staff for all of their help with the Choices Conference.”

**Consumer Services Committee** – Chris Varela, Committee Chair – Chris reported that she does not have a report due to minutes not being on the website and she did not take minutes on that day. Next meeting will be in May and Dena Pfeifer will be taking over as the committee chair. Chris announced that she will be stepping down from the VMRC Board in June.

**Finance Committee** – Elizabeth Victor Martinez, Committee Chair – Elizabeth asked for clarification from Claudia Reed, CFO on the contract amendment E2. Claudia mentioned that the amendment is for \$250,000 for CPP. Claudia commented that this amendment translates into good news for VMRC on operations side. VMRC will spend this money out of CPP and not operations.



Elizabeth mentioned a POS summary report and OPS summary report and asked if there are any questions. No questions were asked. Committee did not have a Finance meeting in April. Executive Committee accepted the \$250,000 plus contracts.

**Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP) VMRC Vendor Advisory Committee –** Candice Bright, CLASP Representative – Candice stated that the last CLASP meeting was on 03/25/19. In the meeting, Patricia Green, Quality Assurance Manager, went over upcoming VMRC provided trainings and Tony Anderson reviewed the Rate Study. The Provider Conference is upcoming on 10/08/19 in Stockton. This will be an opportunity for DSP's to get continuing education units. An Art of Acknowledgement training was held on 04/01/19, in which 65 people attended. The training was fantastic and Candice thanked Tony for it. The next Leadership Meeting will be on 04/15/18, and the next CLASP Meeting will be held on 04/22/19 at 10am in Stockton.

**Legislative Committee –** Candice Bright, Chair – The committee met 03/19/19 and went over the presentation for 03/28/19. On the 03/28, the turnout was low, but there was great discussion about some bills that may potentially affect us. On April 3 it was Grassroots day. Candice, Lynda Mendoza, Mohamad Rashid, and Anthony Hill met at the state capitol in Sacramento. There they met with 8 legislators. It was fantastic and the team worked well together. There was also a 1500-2000 person rally that day in support of an 8%, across the board increase until the Rate Study is resolved. The next committee meeting is on 05/22/19 where they will discuss the May revise. Candice asked Tom if a group picture that was taken in front of capital of the above mentioned 4 attendees was ok to send to legislators, along with a letter. Tom indicated that this request did not warrant Board action and approved the request.

**Nominating Committee –** Claire Lazaro, Chair – The committee met today and reviewed 8 applicants. Three applicants will be invited for an interview. A few of the applicants were automatically disqualified due to the applicant being a vendor, and for them to become a board member, they will need to go through CLASP. CLASP will then vote on who the representative is. There are also a few other applications that the committee needs clarification on whether or not they are vendors. Interview dates are set for 05/01/19 at 3:45 pm and 05/07/19 at 400 pm at the Stockton VMRC office. Officer board recommendations will be discussed by the Executive Committee and presented in June at the Board Meeting. Claire gave an update on Self Determination. An Advisory Committee meeting will be held on 04/26/19 at 10:00 am in Stockton. Board members are invited to attend. VMRC and the assigned Self Determination staff will meet in May and June to prepare for orientation.

- G. **Presentation on DDS Rate Study –** Brian Bennett, Assistant Director of Resource Development This is the VMRC response to the rate study to present to DDS. VMRC and CLASP received information from vendors on how the rate study would affect our vendors and VMRC. See hyperlink: <https://vmrc.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Rate-Study-Presentation.pptx>.

The Association of Regional Center Agencies developed an extensive report which will cover many other sections. Board will get copy of report.

Next Steps – senate budget committee coming up May 2, May 10 is budget revise. May 28 floor sessions only, June 15 – Budget Bill will be passed.

These comments from providers and families went to DDS, legislators, legislative analyst office (LAO) and their regional centers. Views are pretty consistent amongst regional centers. Early Start concerns are shared amongst regional centers. 1.8 billion dollars is the cost of implementing this proposal.

Chris Varella – comment that she was in managed medi-care, she tells Tony we will have to push back hard because all of the requirements will increase but the funding decreases.

- H. Executive Director's Report** – Tony Anderson, Executive Director – Tony provided report to the Board. Tony gave an update on some parental feedback on disparity. Some parents had come to our Board Meetings and said that VMRC is not giving services and good case management to some Hispanic families. Tony had staff follow up and the findings were that these families all do receive some services. Some parents then went to the state capital at a budget hearing and said that they didn't get services. The legislators listened to the families. VMRC looked into these claims and proved them to be not accurate. VMRC does provide services to these families. Tony stated that in terms of total cost, we do spend more money on Caucasians than any other group, but this doesn't tell whole story. What VMRC's findings did show is that, in terms of respite services, there is not a disparity to Hispanic families in any younger and school age groups. In general there is a disparity in services for adults for Hispanics. The biggest disparity is in care homes and day programs of adults. These are some very expensive services and our other communities of color are not accessing those services. Tony reported that Cindy Mix has come up with several creative ideas for working with these families to ensure they receive additional services from the regional center and others and looking into why is there a disparity in care home services? Why is there a disparity in day program services? That's what we are looking at now. Tony says the many meetings in Sacramento were very necessary. It is great that the advocates come out and express themselves, but we would prefer that they be truthful. Tony asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

- I. Board Member Visits** – Linda Collins signed up for visits and hasn't heard anything. Linda will get with Doug Bonnet to look into this. Lynda Mendoza has signed up for visits as well and she commented that she is getting a very late notice to attend. Doug Bonnet will look into this as well. Cindy Mix commented that staff says that they have made calls to Board Members, and they don't get return calls. Tom recommended to funnel through Doug Bonnet. Mary Sheehan asked that board members have correct contact information.

- J. President's Report, Tom Bowe** – Tom thanked the Board Members for going to Grassroots Day in Sacramento.

**Human Resources Update** – Bud Mullanix, Director of Human Resources – Bud stated that they are continuing to recruit. Staff is at 344. Full time staff is actually at 337 still. They have 6 open spots, 3 of which are in background. These are not new positions, but backfills. Two employees just transferred. They are still working on hiring a clinical director. They are talking to 5 candidates. They are also working on filling the Dental Coordinator contract position. An update will be given on staffing at the May 1, Executive Committee Meeting.

**Closed Session** – Andrea Rueda made a motion to move to closed session. Lynda Mendoza seconded the motion and the board moved to closed session. The public was adjourned. Tom asked for a motion to reopen the closed session. Andrea Rueda made a motion and Emily Grunder seconded the motion.

**Action taken during closed session:** The board agreed to give Executive Director, Tony Anderson, a positive performance review.

**K. Next Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, June, June 3, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton Office  
702 North Aurora Street, Stockton, CA 95202  
**Phone:** (866) 299-7945, code: 7793177#

- L. Adjournment** – Tom Bowe adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.





**Valley Mountain Regional Center  
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 5:30 pm**

**Valley Mountain Regional Center, Cohen Board Room**

**702 N. Aurora St., Stockton, CA 95202**

**Dial-in Number: 1-866-299-7945**

**Conference Passcode: 7793177#**

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Elizabeth Victor-Martinez,  
Chair/Treasurer, Tom Bowe, President

**Finance Committee Members Absent:** Margaret Heinz, Secretary, Connie  
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**VMRC Staff Present:** Tony Anderson, Executive Director, Melissa Stiles, General  
Ledger Manager, Doug Bonnet, Special Assistant to the Executive Director

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**Chair Elizabeth Victor-Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.**

**There is not a quorum.**

- A. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Reviewed, not approved due to no quorum.
- B. Review and Approval of March 6, 2019 Minutes:** Reviewed, not approved due to no quorum.
- C. Issues for Discussion:** CPA's Sue Cipponeri and September Reeves of Kemper CPA Group presented the completed Independent Auditor's Report of VMRC Financial Statements for the year ended on June 30, 2018. See attached. They issued a qualified opinion. Ms. Cipponeri and Ms. Reeves report that VMRC management was very cooperative, they did not have any difficulty with anyone, and management gave them everything that they needed.

**D. Public Comment:** None.

**E. Fiscal Department Update:** See attached reports.

**F. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 5:30pm, VMRC Stockton Office, Cohen Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.



**Valley Mountain Regional Center  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 6:30 pm**

**Valley Mountain Regional Center, Cohen Board Room**

**702 N. Aurora St., Stockton, CA 95202**

**Dial-in Number: 1-866-299-7945**

**Conference Passcode: 7793177#**

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Tom Bowe, President, Elizabeth Victor-Martinez, Treasurer (Finance Committee), Lynda Mendoza (Bylaws Committee)

**Executive Committee Members Absent:** Candice Bright (Legislative Committee), Chris Varella (Consumer Services Committee)

**VMRC Staff Present:** Tony Anderson, Executive Director, Bud Mullanix, Human Resources Director, Doug Bonnet, Special Assistant to the Executive Director

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**President Tom Bowe called the meeting to order at 6:42pm.**

- A. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Approved by unanimous committee consent.
- B. Review and Approval of April 3, 2019 Minutes:** Approved by unanimous committee consent.
- C. Issues for Discussion:**
  - a. - g. (excluding d.) Executive Director's Update – Tony Anderson, see attached report.
  - d. Personnel and Union Update – Bud Mullanix, Bud noted that as of 04/29 agency was 100% staffed. Currently have 1 Office Technician position available.

Posting for Assistant Clinical Director has been posted. Retention issue is only from retirements.

- D. June Board Meeting Agenda:** Meeting set for Monday, June 10, 2019, in Cohen Board Room, Stockton Office, 6:00pm. Elizabeth Victor-Martinez will give presentation during Board dinner on reading financial reports. The CPA's from Kemper Group will present during the meeting and be on the agenda. Gordon Hofer will present on the new Board software. He will be placed on the agenda after the agenda and meeting minutes approvals. The Board will adopt the calendar for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.
- E. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:30pm, VMRC Stockton Office, Cohen Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.





**Legislative Committee**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

**VMRC Stockton Office – Cohen Board Room**

**Dial-in Number: 1-866-299-7945**

**Conference Passcode: 7793177#**

**Legislative Committee Members:** Candice Bright, Chair, Lynda Mendoza, Mohamad Rashid, Daime Hoornaert, Emily Grunder

Absent – Dena Hernandez, Robert Balderama

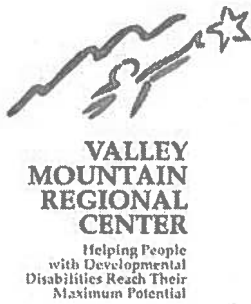
**Staff:** Anthony Hill, Legal Affairs Analyst Tony Anderson, Executive Director, Angie Shear, Program Manager, Doug Bonnet, Special Assistant to the Executive Director

Meeting called to order at 1014am by Candice Bright, Chair.

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda.....Committee Action
  - a. Emily Grunder motioned to approve the agenda, Mohamid Rashid seconded, the committee unanimously approved the agenda.
2. Review and Approval of March 19, 2019 Minutes.....Committee Action
  - a. Daime Hoornaert motioned to approve the minutes, Emily Grunder seconded, the committee unanimously approved the minutes.
3. Items for Discussion.....Information
  - a. May Revise Update
    - i. Tony Anderson stated that the assembly met yesterday.
    - ii. Tony Anderson sent out copies of the May Revise and confirmed that everyone had read it. Tony reviewed new Key New Major Assumptions of May Revise, Key Revised Major Assumptions, Rate Study Hearing Update, Assembly Senate Budget Sub 1, and Trailer Bill Proposals. See attached.
    - iii. Tony Anderson reviewed the Bill File Review on the website.
4. Next Meeting
  - a. Set for Monday, August 26th, at 12pm at the VMRC Stockton Office Cohen Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm by Candice Bright, Chair.





## **Nominating Committee MEETING MINUTES**

VMRC Modesto Office,

DIAL-IN NUMBER: 1-866-299-7945

CONFERENCE PASSCODE 7793177#

Monday April 8, 2019

4 pm - 5 pm

### **Nominating Committee Members**

Claire Lazaro (Vice President), Committee Chair, Dena Pfifer (board member), Daime Hoornaert, CLASP, Lynda Mendoza (board member), Linda Collins (Board member), Mohamed Rashid (board member), Andrea Rueda (board member), Tom Bowe, Ex-Officio, Staff: Tony Anderson, VMRC Executive Director.  
Absent: Dena Hernandez, SCDD North Valley Hills,

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### **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

Tom Bowe moved/Pfifer second, Lynda Collins and Daime Hoornaert abstained, the motion carried

### **Review of Current Applications for 2019-2020 VMRC Board Members**

The committee reviewed eight applications and directed staff to double check to confirm four of the applicants were not vendors which would disqualify them from serving on the board and confirm another fully understood the application and whether they needed an accommodation.

The committee directed staff to set up interviews for the remaining 3 applicants for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Claire Lazaro, chair asked members who would like to be considered as candidates for the slate of officers to leave the room.

The committee deliberated and came up with the following slate of officers for election at the upcoming June 2019 board meeting.

- Margaret Heinz, President
- Mohamed Rashid, Vice President
- Elizabeth Victor-Martinez, Treasurer
- Lynda Mendoza, Secretary

Tom moved the slate/ Linda Collins seconded – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm



Here's the Directors Travels for this week. Note there are a couple of webinar opportunities you might find interesting plus we have a the big game coming up this Friday in Stockton for Autism Awareness. Hopefully some of you will be able to come out for the event. Have a great week.

Tony

**Monday April 15, 2019 – (vacation day)**

Bud Mullanix, Director of Human Resources will be hosting a training for managers and individuals interested in becoming managers in their careers.

Cindy Mix, Director of Consumer Services, will be hosting the meeting of the leadership of the Coalition of Local Area Service Providers. The CLASP elected leaders meet monthly

**Tuesday April 16, 2019**

Senior Leadership will be meeting from 9 am to 12 noon to provide status reports from each department director as well as updates from Angie Sheer who manages many large scale projects from the Mobility Project, the Early Start calendaring, the website, the Learning Management System, and much more.

The American Association on Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities will be hosting a webinar, "Being 'of the Community': Exploring and Celebrating Community Living for Adults with IDD" from 1 pm to 2 pm. "*Community Living and Participation for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, edited by Amy Hewitt, PhD, and Kelly Nye-Lengerman, PhD, is an exploration of how to create the ideal conditions to facilitate community living and participation for people with IDD. Register for free:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7203734499401413645>

I'll be in a few private meetings with individual employees to discuss their ideas about workplace engagement.

**Wednesday April 17, 2019**

VMRC will be hosting a training session, Cerebral Palsy and Brain Injury, in the Cohen Board room in the Stockton office from 10 am to 12 noon. You must register to attend:

<https://www.vmrc.net/calendar/cerebral-palsy-and-brain-injury-class/>

I will be participating in 6 monthly individual supervision meetings with each of the senior leaders that I supervise to provide support for the challenges they face in their leadership roles, culminating in a meeting with President Tom Bowe to prepare for upcoming board activities.

**Thursday April 18, 2019**

Mary Sheehan, RN Clinical Director, Bud Mullanix, and I will be participating in interviews all day long for the Clinical Director position to be available as of this July 2019. We have several high quality applicants and hope to make a decision within a week of the interviews.

The Training and Development workgroup on Case Management, chaired by Cindy Mix, will be meeting in the Stockton office.

**Friday April 19, 2019**

I've set aside time today to review the Learning Management System courses that I have been assigned on the Training and Development Workgroup. The workgroup is almost done with the review of the LMS and about 60% done with the review of the policies and procedures.

The Stockton Ports will be playing the Modesto Nuts at Banner Island Park in Stockton. The Ports have dedicated this game as an Autism Awareness event and VMRC will be having a friendly interoffice competition to go along with the fun. This is a great event for the whole family so come on out and cheer on your local office and your local team. Tickets to the game are only \$10 with the promo code "aan2019":  
<http://bit.ly/PortsGroupPortal>.

Here's the Directors Travels for this week hope you all have a great week.  
Tony

### **Administrative Professionals Week. . .**

#### **Monday April 22, 2019 – The Legislature reconvenes from Spring recess**

We'll be hosting the meeting of the Coalition of Local Area Service Providers at the Stockton office, chaired by Corinne Seaton, UCP. To learn more click here:  
<https://www.vmmc.net/clasp-2/>

Advocates from Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) will be attending legislative hearings in Sacramento in support of the SB 412 (by Senator Mark Stone), a bill sponsored by ARCA to remove the Family Cost Participation program fee. To view this bill and others monitored by the legislative committee go to the committee webpage:  
<https://www.vmmc.net/legislative-committee-2/>

I'll be meeting with Barbara Johnson (Psychologist) and Anthony Hill (Legal Affairs Advisor) to discuss the MOU with Kaiser.

#### **Tuesday April 23, 2019**

Senior Leadership will be meeting from 9 am to 12 noon to provide status reports from each department director as well as updates from Carlos Hernandez, Cultural Specialist, Enos Edmerson, Employment Specialist, and Wilma Murray, Transportation coordinator and Employment manager.

Bud Mullanix, Director of Human Resources, will be hosting a training in the Cohen Board Room, for managers and those interested in becoming managers in their career plans.

#### **Wednesday April 24, 2019 – Administrative Professionals Day**

I'll be participating in two meetings of the training and development workgroup. The first is called "Train the Trainers", a work group focused on developing the presentation skills of trainers and improving the learner's experiences, and the second is the "Tools of the Trade" workgroup focused on developing trainings on how to use the applications and tools for implementing the various tasks at VMRC.

Carlos Hernandez and Cindy Mix will be participating in the statewide status meeting on the work of the Cultural Specialists in the regional centers.

#### **Thursday April 25, 2019**

I will be serving as an appointed commissioner attending the San Joaquin County First5 meeting at the Public Health offices.

I will be attending meetings in the state capitol discussing our progress on addressing the disparities in our regional center.

**Friday April 26, 2019**

We will be hosting the fourth of five transition fairs for high school students planning to leave high school within the next few years. The teachers and student will have an opportunity to learn about adult services for people with developmental disabilities and plan for the next steps in career, college, independent living, etc.

The Self-Determination Advisory Committee, chaired by Claire Lazaro, Vice President, will be meeting in the Cohen Board room from 10 am to 12 noon. See the committee webpage for details: <https://www.vmrc.net/self-determination-advisory-committee/>

I will be meeting with the Integrated Community Collaborative to discuss their grant deliverables to help us address the disparities in our region.

**Saturday April 27, 2019**

I will be attending the memorial service in Sacramento for Ken Buono, former DDS Chief Deputy, to honor his contribution to developmental services in California.



Here's the Directors Travels for May 6, 2019. I missed last week but will include the updates from that week in the final report that goes on the website later today if you're interested. Have a great week we'll see a few of you this week.

Tony

## **May is Mental Health Awareness Month. . .**

### **Monday May 6, 2019**

I'll be attending an organizing meeting for the upcoming June All Staff meeting which will include the Longevity Awards and a staff training.

I'll be participating in the Workgroup meeting on Healthcare Coordination and Access with the departments of Developmental Services, Healthcare Services, and regional centers. We will discuss dental coordinator updates, care coordination opportunities and more.

I'll be attending the evaluation committee meeting for the First5 Commission in San Joaquin County. The committee reviews the evaluation for the grant funded projects of the commission.

### **Tuesday May 7, 2019**

We be participating in the weekly senior leadership meeting which includes status reports and organizational decisions. This week will highlight a status report from Mara King, Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions, and Katina Richison, Special Projects, Special Incident reporting, waiver issues, etc.

The nominating Committee chaired by Linda Collins, will be interviewing the final applicants for the remaining board positions.

### **Wednesday May 8, 2019**

Bud Mullanix, Human Resource Director, will be conducting a training for new managers and those interested in becoming managers in their careers.

The Social Media Team will be meeting in their monthly review to assess our online presence and our growth and engagement analytics.

There will be a webinar, "Mental Health Policy Briefing: Raising the Priority of California Children with Special Health Care Needs" from 2 -2:30 pm sponsored by the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health.

### **Thursday May 9, 2019**

I'll be attending the hearing on the rate study held by the California Senate Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services chaired by Senator Richard Pan. This hearing will be televised on CalChannel: <http://www.calchannel.com/>

### **Friday May 10, 2019**

Today is the last day for legislative policy committees to meet so bills that don't make it through this committee will not make it through this year.

We'll have two meetings today regarding the use of Therap to help us manage the Special Incident Reporting process. The first meeting will focus on implementation and the second has to do with interfacing with our SANDIS software.

Good morning board members. Below is the Directors Travels for this week. Looks like another fun and busy week at VMRC, have a great week.  
Tony

***May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Drowning Prevention Month***

**Monday May 13, 2019**

I'll be participating in a planning meeting with the Quality Assurance and Resource Development departments focused on our plans for development using the Community Placement Plan funds and the Community Resource Development Plan funds.

I'll be participating in the Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting from 10 am to 12 noon. To learn more about this committee visit their webpage at:  
<https://www.vmmc.net/self-determination-advisory-committee/>

Weekly check-in meeting with Doug Bonnet to review activities, events, and communication strategy for the week.

I'll be hosting a private meeting of invited stakeholders who are representative leaders from the community working to help us in our efforts to address the disparities in our region.

The Consumer Services Committee, chaired by Dena Pfifer, will be meeting in the Cohen Board Room from 4 pm to 5 pm. To learn more about this committee visit their webpage at: <https://www.vmmc.net/consumer-services-committee-2/>

**Tuesday May 14, 2019**

We be participating in the weekly senior leadership meeting which includes status reports and organizational decisions. This week will highlight a status report from Anthony Hill our Legal Affairs advisor.

Enos Edmerson and Wilma Murray will be participating in the Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Blueprint Interagency Leadership Workgroup with the Local Partnership Agreement (LPA) core partners.

Senior Leadership will be meeting to discuss the next year's budget as it relates to our information Technology projects.

**Wednesday May 15, 2019**

I will be participating in a series of 6 one on one supervision meetings with members of the senior leadership team in monthly support for the agency leaders.

The San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Board chaired by Tasso Kandris, will be meeting at the Behavioral Health Services, Conference Room B, 1212 N. California Street in Stockton.

**Thursday May 16, 2019**

Cindy Mix, Director of Consumer Services, and I will be participating in an outreach forum called, "El cafe con el jefe" (Coffee with the Boss), from 9am – 11am at ATCAA, 18080 Blue Bell East, Sonora, CA 95370 (Behind Sierra Bible Church). This provides us an informal format for discussion issues important to advocates in our community.

**Friday May 17, 2019**

Angela Njoroge, our Nurse Manager, will be attending the San Joaquin TEETH project meeting. The meeting will include updates on oral health and action plan workgroups, a presentation on the Community-Based survey on oral health information available to county residents.

I'll be completing the analysis of the Valley Mountain Learning Management System assigned for my review in the Training and Development Workgroup.

Today is the last day for legislative fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house.

Good morning everyone. Below is the weekly Directors Travels for your fun and enjoyment. Like always I'll be seeing a few of you this week either attending some of these events and meeting or running them. Have a great week. (BTW I cc'd three of our community partners in this board update thought it would be a good idea.)  
Tony

***May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Drowning Prevention Month***

**Monday May 29, 2019**

The Coalition of Local Area Service Providers, chaired by Corinne Seaton, UCP, will be meeting at the VMRC Stockton office from 10 am to 12 noon. To learn more about the current activities of CLASP click here: <https://www.vmmc.net/clasp-2/>

I'll be reviewing the recommendations from the interviews for the Assistant Director for Clinical Services, a decision will be made this week.

The Training and Development workgroup on information technology will be meeting from 1 – 2 pm.

I'll be meeting with Doug Bonnet to review the activities from last week and plan for the week ahead.

The statewide Self-Determination stakeholders will be meeting from 4 pm to 5 pm with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

**Tuesday May 21, 2019**

This morning we'll be welcoming Claire Lazaro, our new Clinical Director, introducing ourselves and hearing from Claire her vision for serving at VMRC.

The Senior Leadership will be meeting after the "meet and greet" breakfast with Claire Lazaro.

I'll be meeting with Rapone Anderson and Ernie Cruz (both from DDS) to discuss a variety of issues and new activities in developmental services.

I'll be meeting with Laura Reeves, local advocate, in the director's office.

I'll be meeting with well know DSP Motivational speaker Peter Liedy, regarding participation in our upcoming conference for providers scheduled for October 2019.

**Wednesday May 22, 2019**

The Board Legislative Committee, chaired by Candice Bright, will be meeting from 10 am to 12 noon in the Cohen Board Room in Stockton. To learn more about this committee including the file of legislative bills they are tracking visit the [VMRC Legislative Committee webpage](#).

I'll be meeting with the new Clinical Director, Claire Lazaro, for our first supervision and support meeting.

I'll be meeting with Officer Jesus Zavala about organizing Autism awareness training for local law enforcement.

I'll be attending the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Communications Committee consisting of directors and communication professionals from several different regional centers. We're working on improving our reputation in the communities we serve and the legislature.

I'll be participating in the monthly advisory meeting with the leadership of SAC6 led by the following officers: Jessica Quesada, Chairperson, Lisa Utsey, Vice Chairperson and Treasurer, Brianna Delgadillo, Secretary, Joe Chase, Sgt at Arms, Lisa Esteves, VMRC Representative to the Board and Consumer Services.

**Thursday May 23, 2019 – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability Capitol Action Day (State Capitol)**

I'll be participating, as a commissioner, in the San Joaquin First5 Commission meeting in Stockton at the San Joaquin County Public Health Services, 1601 E. Hazelton Avenue, from 8 – 12 noon.

I'll be attending the Home and Community Based Services Advisory Committee as an appointed member. The meeting will be all day in Sacramento hosted by Alta CA Regional Center.

Today is our final Transition Fair for the year and it will be in Tuolumne County at the Sonora High School Library from 10 am to 12 noon.

**Friday May 24, 2019**

I'll be participating in problem solving meeting with one of our consumers and their family and a team at VMRC the main topic is transportation.

**VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER  
MINUTES OF CONSUMER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, May 13, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** Dena Pfeifer, Lori Smith her facilitator, Linda Collins, Mohammad Rashid, Daime Hoornaert, Dena Hernandez, Christine Hagar, Lisa Culley, Mark Collins a consumer, Mary Sheehan, Claire Lazaro, Lisa Esteves, Patty Perreira, Parent, Robert Fernandez

**ABSENT:**

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Dena Pfeiffer, Interim Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

**1.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dena Hernandez announced the upcoming "Get Safe Training". Flyers are pending.

- San Joaquin County Office of Education location:
  - Monday, August 19- 10am-12 noon (first Self-Advocate session)  
6pm-8pm (first Family Advocate session)
  - Tuesday, August 20- 10am-12 noon (second Self-Advocate session)
  - Wednesday, August 21- 6pm-8pm (second Family Advocate session)
- Valley Mountain Regional Center Community Training Room : 702 N Aurora Stockton, CA 95202
  - Wednesday, August 21- 10am-12 noon (third Self-Advocate session)

Christine Hagar – Office of Clients Rights thanking Carlos Hernandez for his assistance

Lisa Culley –Thank you to VMRC for being co-sponsor of Choices

**2.0 REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**M/S/C (Linda Collins/Mo Rashid): Approve the minutes of March 11, 2019 as written.**

**3.0 CLINICAL**

Mary Sheehan Shared there we had two new employees starting today. Claire Lazaro started today as Clinical Director. Karissa McGuffin started as a contract Dental Coordinator.

#### 4.0 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Robert Fernandez, handed out a new listing of current projects that are currently in development.

Brian Bennett Provided information regarding Chesney Professional Care Home. They currently have an exception capacity of 11 beds.

**M/S/C (Linda Collins/Mo Rashid): To keep the exception of 11 bed capacity.**

Nicole Weiss – discussed that QA is being very close to closing out all Alerts from previous calendar years. Nicole will also be presenting VMRC's proposed CPP/CDRP plan 2019-20 in a public meeting.

#### 5.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE

5.1 Alerts: No alert report, for today.

#### 6.0 CASE MANAGEMENT

- Staff changes— Kathy Ward in RD/Contracts retired on May 4th. Heaven Richardson hired. Graciela Catalan now on Deflections. Several SC resignations and backfills.
- Medicaid Waiver Audit occurred 3/18-3/27. VMRC did well. No follow up needed.
- Self-Determination Program. SD Orientations scheduled. One occurred on 5/9. VMRC trainers Liz Diaz, David Narbona, Tania Candelaria, Angie Shear and Tara Sisemore-Hester. Emails with a checklist or hard copies sent out to all participants.  
Developing a process for budget certification after orientations.
- Person-Centered Thinking Training—trainings began for vendors and families effective March, 2019. Modesto scheduled odd months, Stockton in even months. Flyer handout. Angie Shear is taking registrations.
- POS Disparity annual meetings were held in March. 3/5 in Sonora; 3/16 in Modesto; 3/27 in Lodi.
- VMRC received a \$75,000 grant for POS Disparity-community outreach. The annual Cultural Fair is being planned for 10/5 in Stockton. Two CBOs received grant monies to assist VMRC—ICC for parent training and advocacy, and SCDD for trainings.
- *The Summer Series* IEP Training schedule:
  - June 5— 9am-12noon —**Stockton—Education**—SC training w/ Karen Honkala (Lodi Unified), Tara Sisemore-Hester and Julie de Diego
  - 1pm-3pm—Breakout sessions to review the IEP document
  - June 12— 9am-12noon—**Stockton—Parent**—SC training regarding the parent perspective with Ann Cirimele and other parents (Spanish-Speaking as well)



## Minutes of Consumer Services Meeting

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July 24— 9am -12noon—**Modesto—Education**—Manifestation Issues, Interaction between SELPAs and School Districts, and Transition into Adult Programming

August 7— 9am-12noon—**Stockton—Legal** —Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) in Spanish/English

- Coffee with the Boss scheduled in Sonora for 5/16. Coffee with the Cops being scheduled via Safety Committee.
- CalFresh—county staff are providing information to VMRC staff this month.
- Transition Fairs—One more scheduled on 5/23—Sonoma HS.
- Recent events included: Choices on 4/5, Autism Forum 4/10, Child Abuse Prevention Symp-4/10. Autism Awareness Night on 4/19.
- SSP/Restoration will be direct deposited or available via EBT card soon.
- Communications Committee working with staff to develop a Lifetime/Timeline training video to be unveiled at the Cultural Fair.
- Mary Sheehan Retirement: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### 7.0 TRANSPORTATION

Wilma was not in today for an update.

### 8.0 NEXT MEETING

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., Stockton VMRC office, Cohen Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Recorder: Cindy Strawderman



# Valley Mountain Regional Center

## Contract Status

AS OF: March 31, 2019

	OPS	POS including Federal C	General Total	OPS CPP	POS CPP	CPP Total	FG/SC Total
<b>Current Fiscal Year 2019</b>							
Contract Year E-2	30,383,851	195,220,728	225,604,579	529,488	1,439,438	1,968,926	451,782
Spent to Date	23,416,045	142,310,067	165,726,113	446,214	166,255	612,468	284,301
Unspent	6,967,806	52,910,661	59,878,466	83,274	1,273,183	1,356,458	167,481
<b>Last Fiscal Year 2018</b>							
Contract Year D-4	29,493,605	182,331,242	211,824,847	529,663	665,293	1,194,956	493,607
Spent to Date	28,985,828	180,142,069	209,127,897	520,453	442,293	962,746	458,980
Unspent	507,777	2,189,173	2,696,950	9,210	223,000	232,210	34,627
<b>Second Prior Fiscal Year</b>							
2017 Contract Year C-5	28,050,790	168,263,354	196,314,144	476,820	344,693	821,513	462,758
Spent to Date	28,050,790	166,138,791	194,189,581	476,820	199,409	676,229	452,771
Unspent	-	2,124,563	2,124,563	-	145,284	145,284	9,987

## Valley Mountain Regional Center

2018-2019	OPS	POS	General Total
Advance on Contract net of Offset Letters	7,717,995	48,174,492	55,892,487
Paid through March 2019 Claim	18,749,063	110,699,483	129,448,546
Billed through March 2019 Claim	(21,278,052)	(125,959,576)	(147,237,629)
Net cash	5,189,006	32,914,399	38,103,405
2017-2018			
Advance on Contract net of Offset Letters	567,834	1,036,631	1,604,465
Paid through March 2019 Claim			-
Billed through March 2019 Claim			(1,901,346)
Net cash			(296,881)
2016-2017			
Advance on Contract net of Offset Letters	-	-	-
Paid through March 2019 Claim			
Billed through March 2019 Claim			
Net cash			-
SPA Receivables through March 2019 Claim			(2,192,266)
Amount Borrowed in June 2018 repaid in July 2018			(3,500,000)
Total net cash			32,114,258
Cash Balance GL March 2019			35,874,339
Includes cash receipts from other than State Claims, i.e.			
CPP Claims			
Grant Income			
Foster Grandparents/Senior Companion			
Interest Income			
Training for Vendors			
SPA Fees			
Any other miscellaneous receipts			

## POS EXPENDITURES

March 31, 2019

	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Changes to Budget	Budget	% of Total Budget
Community Care Facility	46,903,460	42,150,033	44,674	60,212,082	77.9%
ICF/SNF FACILITY	245,494	38,221	-	602,554	40.7%
Day Care	951,405	903,701	-	1,198,402	79.4%
Day Training	26,441,279	26,583,733	-	37,377,350	70.7%
Supported Employment	1,307,745	1,189,378	-	1,721,757	76.0%
Work Activity Program	387,618	412,056	-	580,174	66.8%
Non-Medical Services-Professional	448,314	394,794	-	586,448	76.4%
Non-Medical Services-Programs	16,460,574	16,113,908	-	23,097,726	71.3%
Home Care Services-Programs	885,411	445,628	-	1,005,686	88.0%
Transportation	1,913,902	1,645,627	-	2,467,131	77.6%
Transportation Contracts	12,228,780	11,854,020	-	17,323,149	70.6%
Prevention Services	10,286,290	9,271,880	-	13,527,861	76.0%
Other Authorized Services	14,158,473	13,152,511	-	18,885,039	75.0%
P&I Expense	32,008	31,386	-	51,695	61.9%
Hospital Care	342,500	342,500	-	538,049	63.7%
Medical Equipment	276,837	295,066	-	508,768	54.4%
Medical Care Professional Services	2,709,375	2,167,742	-	3,285,985	82.5%
Medical Care-Program Services	45,068	25,704	-	83,434	54.0%
Respite-in-Home	9,257,893	7,731,679	-	11,360,367	81.5%
Respite Out-of-Home	395,128	359,427	-	710,225	55.6%
Camps	29,520	16,260	-	96,846	30.5%
	<u>145,707,074</u>	<u>135,125,254</u>	<u>44,674</u>	<u>195,220,728</u>	<u>74.6%</u>
CPP	135,654	78,742	1,316,643	1,439,438	
<b>Total Purchase of Service</b>	<u>145,842,728</u>	<u>135,203,996</u>	<u>1,361,317</u>	<u>196,660,166</u>	<u>74.2%</u>

## OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES

March 31, 2019

	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Changes to Budget	Budget	% of Total Budget
Salaries and Wages	14,309,701	12,704,487	-	17,788,385	80.4%
Temporary Help	2,090	760	-	15,000	13.9%
Fringe Benefits	4,425,652	4,308,205	-	6,068,945	72.9%
Contracted Employees	47,787	59,656	-	85,000	56.2%
<b>Salaries and Benefits Total</b>	<b>18,785,229</b>	<b>17,073,109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,957,331</b>	<b>78.4%</b>

	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Changes to Budget	Budget	% of Total Budget
Facilities Rent	1,366,981	1,270,694	-	1,875,000	72.9%
Facilities Maintenance	496,221	495,273	-	516,000	96.2%
Information Technology	1,303,411	906,445	-	1,623,001	80.3%
General Office Expense	141,157	397,094	-	413,861	34.1%
Operating Expenses	332,133	315,325	-	414,300	80.2%
Equipment	125,211	223,588	-	230,000	54.4%
Professional Expenses	342,670	370,786	-	683,258	50.2%
Office Expenses	95,543	99,166	-	184,500	51.8%
Travel and Training Expenses	368,599	355,343	-	431,100	85.5%
Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Expenses	357,965	367,724	-	451,782	79.2%
CPP Expense	446,214	278,743	264,656	529,488	84.3%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>24,161,335</b>	<b>22,153,289</b>	<b>264,656</b>	<b>31,309,621</b>	<b>77.2%</b>

Operating Expenses: Telephone, Utilities

Equipment: Equipment Purchases, Equipment Contract Leases

Professional Expenses: Accounting Fees, Advertising, ARCA Dues, Bank Fees, Consultants, Insurance, Interest, Legal Fees, Fees, Licenses and Miscellaneous

Office Expenses: Consumer Medical Record Fees, Postage and Shipping, Printing

Travel and Training Expenses: Board of Director Expense, Travel Admin, Travel Consumer Services



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**VMRC Self  
Advisory**



**Determination  
Committee Meeting**



**Minutes  
May 13, 2019**

**VMRC SDAC Members – Present**

Karen Bonacci on phone(FA)  
Lisa Culley (FA)  
Christine Hager (DRC OCRA)  
Dr. Claire Lazaro - (FA)  
Alphonse Mickahail- vice chair (FA)  
Dr. Bethany Mickahail (on phone) (FA)  
Dena Pfeifer(SA)  
Kristin Williams (SA)  
Gricelda Estrada (FA)  
Mariela Ramos (FA)  
Mohamed Rashid (SA)  
Martha Arely Solano (FA)

**VMRC SDAC Members- Absent**

Mary Bonacci (SA)  
John Forrest (FA)  
Yadira Placsencia (FA)  
Liz Zastrow  
Roger Goatcher (FA)  
Phylicia Martinez  
Nancy Sanchez  
Veronica Segovia

**SCDD Staff**

SA= Self Advocate  
FA= Family Advocate

**Guests**

Lisa Smith  
Nick Agular  
Norma Torres (FA)  
Maricela Robledo (FA)  
Rosa Chable(FA)

**VMRC Staff**

Tony Anderson- Executive Director  
Cindy Mix- Director of Consumer  
Services  
Elizabeth Diaz- SD Program Manager  
Doug Bonnet- Special Assistant to  
Executive Director  
Carlos Hernandez- Cultural Specialist  
Angelique Shear- Project Manager

**Call Meeting to order-** Alphonse Mickahail-vice chair- called to order at 10:15 AM.

**Introductions-** Committee Members and audience- all introduced themselves. Ceaser Enriquez provided translator services for Spanish speaking families.

**Establish Quorum-** Alphonse Mickahail-vice chair established a quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda-** There was a request to amend agenda to remove Claire Lazaro as the person reporting in the sections of SCDD Self Determination Advisory Committee and VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Next Steps. The motion was made by Claire Lazaro and seconded by Dena Pfeifer. Vote taken-motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from April 26, 2019 –** Motion was made by Dena Pfeifer to amend the minutes to change Marcela Ramos from the list of Guests to VMRC SDAC Members. The motion was seconded by Mohamed Rashid. Vote taken-motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment-**

- There were no public comments at this meeting.

**Election of Officers-** Claire Lazaro described the role of the chair and Alphonse Mickahail described the role of the Vice Chair. The positions that are needing to be filled is Chair, Vice Chair and secretary if possible. The hope is that the Chair of the committee will attend the statewide advisory committee meetings as well. Nominations were opened to the floor.

Chair- Mohamed Rashid and Mariela Ramos

Vice Chair- Alphonse Mickahail and Mariela Ramos

Secretary-Christine Hagar and Martha Arely Solano



Nominations from the floor were closed and voting by a show of hands was taken.  
Chair

Mohamed Rashid - 6

Mariela Ramos - 5

Abstained - 2

Vice Chair

Alphonse Mickahail – 5

Mariela Ramos - 7

Abstained – 1

Secretary

Christine Hagar - 7

Martha Arely Solano – 5

Abstained – 1

The new officers of the Self Determination Advisory Committee are as follows:

Chair: Mohamed Rashid

Vice Chair: Mariela Ramos

Secretary: Christine Hagar

### **Update on the Self Determination Program Phase in & Orientation- *Information***

Tony Anderson- VMRC Executive Director/ Cindy Mix Director of Case Management

Cindy Mix reported the first Self Determination Orientation training was held last Thursday. The schedule of upcoming trainings was reviewed and everyone was encouraged to attend. 15 selected participants attended the training last Thursday. We are still waiting on information on the Independent Facilitator Training. The questions that people brought forward regarding communication is continuing to be reviewed. An e-mail test was sent that included 95 e-mails that were sent and there were only 26 responses to these e-mails returned. There were only 3 e-mails that contained errors and undeliverable. Tony Anderson reported he has updated the Constant Contact list and will also be sending out information this way. VMRC will also continue to use social media as a way to deliver messages regarding Self Determination. The Self Determination Advisory Committee members will also be included in the Contestant Contact list. A draft of the first Constant Contact e-mails about Self Determination was reviewed.

## **VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Information-**

Claire Lazaro reported that the next Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee meeting will be held in Sacramento on June 9-10. The new chair of the local Self Determination Committee should attend this meeting. It was also reported that DDS released their second newsletter on Self Determination. This newsletter can be found on the DDS Website.

## **VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Next Steps- Information**

Claire Lazaro requested that people attend the Person Centered Thinking trainings. She also reminded everyone that the Orientation is required for the people who were selected to participate in the program.

## **VMRC SDAC Membership Update -**

Dena Hernandez- SCDD North Valley Hills was not at the meeting. She reported through e-mail to Tony Anderson. The report indicated that the Self Determination Advisory Committee had 6 new members, 3 individuals that were appointed by VMRC and 3 individuals that were appointed by SDCC. There is still not much representation from Amador and Calaveras counties and it is hoped that there could be more from those areas. It was also reported that Dena received applications for the Advisory Committee at the May 9th orientation but they were not from Amador or Calaveras County.

**Next Meeting** – The committee discussed having regularly set meetings so that everyone can plan to attend. The decision was to hold the meetings on the 3rd Thursday every month at 3:30-5 PM. The next three meeting dates are June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Meeting Adjourned at 11:26 PM**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Angelique Shear, Valley Mountain Regional Center*