



Directors Travels:

Week of August 12, 2019

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Monday August 26, 2019

I'll be meeting with Anthony Hill regarding the Legal Services Review Team procedures, a process and duty recently transferred under his leadership and job duties as Legal Affairs/Compliance Officer.

We'll be meeting with the Coalition of Local Area Service Providers. We'll review the recent Trailer Bill Language (TBL) representing several changes to the Lanterman Act, updates on the upcoming provider conference, Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) staff reports, and receive updates from the CLASP leadership. For more information visit the [CLASP webpage](#).

The Board of Directors Legislative Committee, chaired by Board Secretary Lynda Mendoza, will be meeting to review the TBL presentation and discuss forums and procedures for sharing this information. See the first draft of [The Lanterman Act Changes Again](#)...on the Legislative Committee webpage.

The VMRC senior leadership will meet to review administrative policies for our first meeting in our internal initiative to update all policies.

Tuesday August 27, 2019

The senior leaders will be meeting in the morning to discuss a variety of organizational issues and provider status updates. Carlos Hernandez, Cultural Specialist, Enos Edmerson, Employment Specialist, and Wilma Murray will provide our special guest status reports this week.

I will be moderating a panel discussion at the Autism Speaks Town Hall forum presented by The Arc Amador and Calaveras County and Autism Speaks at the Margaret Dalton Children's Center in Jackson from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Wednesday August 28, 2019

I'll be meeting with, VMRC Psychologists, Dr. Barbara Johnson and Justin Schrottenboer, Claire Lazaro, Clinical Director, Linda Collins, Board Member, and Doug Bonnet Assistant to the Director to work on organizing for the upcoming Mental Health Services Act grant funded conference.

¹ The Directors Travels is a semi-weekly communication from the VMRC director to the board of directors. It is intended to give the board a snap shot of the activities of the director, the staff leadership, and the board of directors as we work together to build community and achieve our mission.

Thursday August 29, 2019

I'll be meeting with Matthew Bahr (Attorney) and Anthony Hill, Legal Affairs Advisor to discuss the transition from current in-house counsel on a variety of cases to outside counsel.

Wilma Murray and Enos Edmerson will be hosting the Northern California Employment Specialist meeting all day in the Cohen Board Room.

I'll be meeting with the leadership of SAC6 to review a variety of topics related to our contract with them to provide self-advocacy. One issues we're discussing is how SAC6 can more comprehensively participate in the board committee structure.

Friday August 30, 2019

I'll be attending meetings with regional center directors and staff of the Association of Regional Center Agencies to discuss a variety of policy issues impacting community services and regional center operations.

The week that was... (Monday August 19-23, 2019)

Last week after the board of directors meeting on Monday we hosted a very productive regional center tour and presentation on Tuesday to several legislative policy staffers from the Legislative Analyst's Office, and Democrat and Republican staff consultants. Tours included observations of the residential screening process, OT and PT clinics, an intake assessment, and care homes visits. Our senior leadership, along with Enos Edmerson and Carlos Hernandez provided excellent overviews of their areas of responsibility including candid and in-depth dialogue on policy and service delivery issues. Our guest's feedback was extremely positive following the visit.

The week also include my monthly supervision meetings, Frist5 San Joaquin Commission meeting, and analysis and presentation preparation regarding the Trailer Bill Language, "The Lanterman Act Changes Again..."