

Director's Report
Board Meeting
February 24, 2020

Director's Travels Since
the Last Board Meeting



Directors Travels:

Week of February 17, 2020

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Monday February 10, 2020

Office is closed for the President's Day Holiday. Here's our President's Day Tweet:

"On this [#PresidentsDay2020](#) take a second to remember that about 26% of the population has a disability, [@CDCgov](#), DYK about 24% had a disability? check it out: <http://www.lincinc.org/disability-in-history-u-s-presidents/>"

Tuesday February 11, 2020

The Senior Leadership team will be meeting in the morning to provide status reports and work through issues impacting VMRC. This meeting will feature Katina Richison, manager of Special Projects, to report on the status of SIR reporting.

The Developmental Services Task Force, Service Access and Equity Workgroup, will be meeting in Sacramento from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Conference line: 844-867-6169. Access code: 1486563. (call 10 minutes prior to start time.)

Cindy Mix, Director of Consumer Services, will be meeting with the program managers to provide status updates and work on service issues.

Doug Bonnet and I will be meeting with Christine Couch to review the status of website posting compliance.

Wednesday February 19, 2020

I'll be meeting with each of the Directors and Managers in individual supervision meetings from 10 am to 4 pm in the Director's Conference room.

Margaret Heinz, president, Doug Bonnet, and I will be meeting to prepare for upcoming board of directors activities from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Following this meeting on board activities, Margaret and I will be meeting for general support and supervision between the president and executive director.

Dr. Justin Schrottenboer will be representing VMRC at the Behavioral Health board meeting from 5:00 -7:00 P.M. at Behavioral Health Services, 1212 N. California Street in Stockton.

Thursday February 20, 2020

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I'll be attending the San Joaquin County First 5 Commission meeting from 8 am to 12 pm as an appointed commissioner.

First 5 San Joaquin provides financial support for health, preschool and literacy programs, to meet the needs of families with children 0-5 years old. For more information about First 5 San Joaquin visit: <http://www.sjckids.org/Events/Committee-Meetings>

The Self-Determination Advisory Committee, chaired by Mariela Ramos, will be meeting from 10 am to 11:30 am in the Community Training Room 120. To learn more about this committee visit their webpage at: <https://www.vmrc.net/self-determination-advisory-committee/>

I'll be participating in the planning meeting for the upcoming Mental Health Services Act funded conference that will be held this coming May 2020. To learn more about this conferences visit the webpage at: <https://www.vmrc.net/mentalhealth/>

Friday February 21, 2020

The senior leadership at VMRC will be meeting with the new team from the Department of Developmental Services to discuss how the department will be working with the regional centers and what can they do to be helpful to VMRC.

Futures Explored in Stockton will be having an open house from 3 to 6 pm at their Stockton site, 8026 Lorraine Ave, Suite #201, which will be followed with their film premiere of "The Future of Creativity" (\$10 per ticket to the movie premiere).

I'll be meeting with our team of board directors who will be attending the ARCA training (see below) on board development. The meeting is for planning for the conference board training and follow-up.

Saturday February 22, 2020

Margaret Heinz, President, and a team of board members, including Mo Rashid, Vice President, Lynda Mendoza, Secretary, and Doug Bonnet, Special Asst to the Director, will be attending board development training organized by the Association of Regional Center Agencies.



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Monday February 10, 2020 (Self-Determination Orientation Day 1)

Cindy Mix, Director of Consumer Services, and I will be hosting a “Listening Session” with the staff of the mountain counties office from 10 am to 11 am in San Andreas, Calaveras. This session will be a mixed session since the group is smaller. I’ll send out the announcement for the employee surveys that will be managed through our contract with Kinetic Flow. This is our third of three surveys aimed at measuring progress on several organizational initiatives and employee engagement since 2014.

I’ll be meeting with Matthew Bahr, Attorney, during the lunch hour, for a update on the legal issues for VMRC and status of the fair hearings.

Claire Lazaro, Clinical Director, and I will be hosting a “Listening Session” for the Clinical and Early Start teams in the Modesto office room 134 from 2 pm to 3 pm. This is the last of several “Listening Sessions” organized by Doug Bonnet, Special Asst to the Director, and so far each one has been really good providing senior leadership with important information.

Tuesday February 11, 2020 (Self-Determination Orientation Day 2)

I’ll be participating in the editorial board meeting for the Frontline Initiative, a national publication focused on the development of the Direct Support Professional workforce in the country.

The Senior Leadership team will be meeting in the morning to provide status reports and work through issues impacting VMRC.

Doug Bonnet and I will be meeting with John Joyner, of Project2, to review a variety changes we’ve made to the website since December. This is a newly established monthly meeting.

I’ll be attending the Train the Trainer subgroup of the Training and Development Workgroup. The committee is working on building a cultural competence resource for trainers.

VMRC Dental Coordinator, Karissa McGuffin, BSDH, RDH, will be providing a presentation on Oral Health for the Care Giver from 10am-12pm, in Stockton. The

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training is free, offers 2 CEU's. To register contact Lorraine Rodriguez @ Irodriguez@vmrc.net or (209) 955-3687.

Wednesday February 12, 2020 - Offices are closed for Lincoln's Birthday Holiday

Thursday February 13, 2020

Doug Bonnet and I will be meeting with the leadership of the Self-Advocacy Council 6 in the Director's Conference room 3 pm to 5 pm. We will review the latest amendment to the contract, last quarterly meeting, RAP event, etc.

Dr. William Kehoe will be presenting seminar on "The Prescription Process: Choosing And Working With Your Pharmacist " from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in Stockton. The seminar is free and offers , 2 CEU's, but you must register to attend. To register contact Lorraine Rodriguez @ Irodriguez@vmrc.net or (209) 955-3687.

Friday February 14, 2020

I'll be attending the Valentine's Day Dance with local self-advocates at the Stribley Community Center in Stockton. This is an annual event for consumers dance, have a good time, and celebrate Valentine's Day.



Directors Travels:

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Monday February 3, 2020

I'll be attending the first day of a three days conference, 2020 Child Health, Education, and Care Summit organized by First5 California, in Irvine CA. Today's keynote speaker will be Erin Gruwell, Educator and Author, Freedom Writers Foundation.

The Board's Consumer Services committee, chaired by Dena Pfeifer, will be meeting in the Cohen Board Room from 4 pm to 5 pm. To view the committee materials visit their webpage at: <https://www.vmrc.net/consumer-services-committee-2/>

Tuesday February 4, 2020

I'll be attending the second day of the First5 California conference. Our morning keynote speaker will be Rosemarie Allen, President and Ceo, Center for Equity and Excellence and the lunch keynote will be Patricia Kuhl, Co-Director, UW Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences.

The Resource Development team at VMRC will be hosting a session "Unmet Residential Resource Needs Informational Meeting in the Stockton Office. To attend you must register: <https://www.vmrc.net/calendar/unmet-residential-resource-needs-informational-meeting/>

Wednesday February 5, 2020

I'll be attending the final day of the First5 Conference. Our closing keynote for the conference will be Nadine Burke Harris, Surgeon General of California.

The Board Finance Committee, chaired by Linda Collins, Treasurer, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Cohen Board Room. To view the committee materials visit the committee's webpage at: <https://www.vmrc.net/finance-committee/>

The Executive Committee of the Board, chaired by President Margaret Heinz, will be meeting in the Cohen Board Room from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. To view the committee materials visit their webpage at: <https://www.vmrc.net/executive-committee-2/>

Thursday February 6, 2020

I'll be hosting a "Listen Session" with Cindy Mix in Modesto from 10 am to 11 am in conference room 134. The purpose of the listening sessions is to create a forum for staff

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to tell the senior leadership about their experience working at Valley Mountain Regional Center. This is being done ahead of the upcoming surveys from Kinetic Flow that will be measuring how we're doing on our employee engagement and work satisfaction etc. It also marks the end of the current strategic plan and the beginning of the next strategic plan.

I'll be attending a listening session in Stockton with the community services division, including Quality Assurance and Resource Development from 12 noon to 1 pm.

I'll be participating in the Cultural and Linguistic Competence organizational change committee meeting in Stockton.

Friday February 7, 2020

I'll be attending the quarterly meeting of the Self-Advocacy Council 6 at the Stribley Community Center in Stockton from 10 am to 2 pm.



Directors Travels:

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Monday January 13, 2020

We'll be meeting with the Leadership of the Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP) will be meeting to review any local feedback from colleagues and develop the agenda for next week's meeting with the full membership.

Meeting with Doug Bonnet to review the status of the Medicaid Provider form that must be turned into the Department of Developmental Services by the end of the day. We also will be reviewing the final preparations for this week's all-staff meeting and training.

I'll be meeting with a planning in preparation of the next Mental Health Services Act Grant conference "Bridging the Gap" chaired by Dr. Barbara Johnson our Psychologist.

We'll be meeting with the officers of the Self-Advocacy Council (SAC6) to discuss issues important to self-advocates in our region. SAC6 serves in an advisory capacity to Valley Mountain Regional Center.

Tuesday January 14, 2020

The Senior Leadership team will be meeting in the morning to provide status reports and work through issues impacting VMRC.

Carlos Hernandez, Cultural Specialist, and Carrie Murthy, chair of the Train the Trainer workgroup, will be working with the committee members and several parents and self-advocates to create vignettes for with people of various cultural backgrounds.

Wednesday January 15, 2020

I will be meeting with each of the Directors under my supervision throughout the day. The meetings focus on organizational issues from their perspectives and what I can do to help them be successful in their efforts.

I'll be meeting with Doug Bonnet and Margaret Heinz, Board President, to discuss plans for upcoming board and committee meetings and the status on our board member recruitment and development. I'll also be meeting with President Heinz privately as one of her obligations as president is to provide direct supervision of the executive director.

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Justin Schrottenboer, VMRC Psychologist, will be attending the San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Board Meeting from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Behavioral Health Services, Conference Room B, 1212 N. California Street, Stockton, CA 95202

Thursday January 16, 2020

I'll be attending the ICC meetings all morning in Sacramento. The council will be working on State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP), improving State Systems, and efforts to improve Communication & Outreach for the state's Early Start program.

The CLASP Conference planning team will be meeting to begin planning for the next provider conference that will be held in November 2020. Candice Bright, committee chair, will lead the committee's first discussion on theme and content.

The Self-Determination Advisory Committee, chaired by Mariela Ramos, will be meeting in the Cohen Board from 3:30 pm to 5 pm. VMRC recently received funding for the committee activities for successful implementation of program and VMRC will provide details of this funding.

Friday January 17, 2020

We will be having our first of two all-staff meeting for 2020. This is an annual schedule meant to get all the staff together to meet each other, and management to communicate updates directly to everyone at same time, and provide trainings that are educational and inspiring. We'll begin the day look back at our history as a system and the impact of the national parent movement that created it. Next we'll have one of our founding leaders in the Lanterman Act system, Denny Amundson, former DDS Director, provide a look back on the California Developmental Services system. We'll then host a panel of parents who will talk about what Valley Mountain Regional Center has meant to them and their family over the years. After lunch we'll get updates from the department heads highlighting the latest or upcoming developments from the part of the organization they lead. We will end the day with a celebration and recognition of staff who have met a milestone in their longevity at Valley Mountain Regional Center.