



Minutes for VMRC Executive Committee Meeting

03/13/2024 | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM

Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton Office, Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Committee Members Present: Jose Lara, Lynda Mendoza, Margaret Heinz, Suzanne Devitt, Lisa Utsey, Brandy de Alba

Committee Members Not Present: Alicia Schott informed absence

VMRC Staff Present: Evelyn Solis, Aaron McDonald, Doug Bonnet, Christine Couch, Bud Mullanix, Leinani Walter, Gabriela Lopez

Public Present: Tumboura Hill, Rachele Munoz, Irene Hernandez, Isela Bingham, Erick Thurmond, Aleida O

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda

Brandy DeAlba called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. A quorum was established. The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

B. Review and Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024

Lisa Utsey made the motion to approved the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024 and Margaret Heinz seconded the motion. The Executive Committee meeting minutes of February 14, 2024 were approved unanimously.

C. Items for Approval – n/a

D. Public Comment

Tumboura Hill – He shared that he is working with consumers in the community. He is seeing things reoccur. He shared a plan of correction by the DDS. He has 3 different cases where we have gone outside of the 45 days for the IPP.

E. Items for Discussion

1. Executive Director's Report by Leinani Walter. She has made it 30 days! She feels hopeful. The budget hearings are happening. The VMRC POS public meeting happened and created a presentation that was accessible and user friendly. Doug Bonnet added that 4/2 is Grassroots Day in person! Our team of staff and self-advocates and parents will be there to meet with our elected officials. April 24 and 25 is take your child to work day with lots of fun activities planned. Bud Mullanix shared that we've done this for a number of years! We just finished the celebration of social worker week with an online store for staff to pick their preferred item.
2. Notable Consumer Information by Christine Couch. We are prepping for Grassroots Day and including people who receive services. We are also identifying consumers and families to attend the 3/21 Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 Hearing.
3. Vendor Information by Brian Bennett. No report.
4. Self Determination Update by Christine Couch. We have 107 people in self determination. The SDAC leadership team meets with VMRC's leadership team in the beginning of April.
5. Other Matters by Leinani Walter. No report.
6. Personnel and Union Update by Bud Mullanix. We have 535 employees and he shared the information about the employee diversity. He shared termination stats with an average of 1.4% for January/February. He reported we have monthly labor/management meetings and introduced Leinani in February. Leinani added that we recently had a language survey with about half of the staff completing it, with findings that approximately 150 staff speak a language other than English, with over 17 languages being spoken.

F. President's Report

Suzanne Devitt shared we are so glad Leinani has been here for 30 days! Alicia Schott will be our ARCA representative

G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 PM, Hybrid (Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference)

H. Adjournment