



**Minutes for VMRC Consumer Services Committee Meeting
January 28, 2026 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

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

Committee Members Present: Crystal Enyeart, Gabriela Castillo, Dominique Mellion, Jessica Quesada, Kenneth Hentley, Liz Herrera-Knapp, Megan Ybarra

Committee Members Not Present: Sarah Howard

Public Present: Delia Evans, Anel Renteria, Dena Hernandez

VMRC Staff Present: Gabriela Castillo, Midori Perez, Brian Bennett, Robert Fernandez, Katina Richison, Libby Contreras, Jason Toepel, Aaron McDonald, Christine Couch, Tara Sisemore-Hester, Leinani Walter, Claire Lazaro, Lizzie Valerio, Sean Keyes, Mayra Ochoa

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

Crystall Enyeart called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Lizzie took roll call, quorum was established. Crystal asked for approval of the agenda. Kenneth Huntley made a motion to approve, Megan Ybarra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review and Approval of the Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes of 11/19/25

Crystal asked for a motion to approve the minutes of 11/19/25. Kenneth Huntley made a motion to approve, Megan Ybarra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Comment

1. Dena Hernandez, SCDD Northern Hills shared they are working on themes months for statewide events. She shared SCDD has signed up for Disability Pride Month and Emergency Preparedness Month and would like SAC6 and VMRC to support in collaboration.

D. Intake & Early Start

Tara reported Early Start intakes have slowed down a bit. Early Start audit meeting will be help with Leinani Walter and DDS. In addition, they are working closely with Libby Contreras for early start center-based programs in the mountain counties.

E. Case Management

Christine shared National Core Indicators (NCI) surveys are getting ready to be mailed. Postcards were created to share with folks and will be distributed to case management and SCDD and will share with CLASP. She shared Minette Oliver and herself will be presenting at the next SAC6 meeting about person centered IPP.

F. Self-Advocacy Council Area 6 (SAC6) Update

- January 6th, Jessica and Crystal attended the VMRC annual Board Dinner.
- On January 7th, Sac6 Leadership meet to review the website.
- January 8th Sac6 members meet with the Supported Life Conference Planning team committee on zoom.
- January 10th, Sac6 goals committee met to review Sac6 goals.
- On January 14th, Sac6 members attended the VMRC Finance Committee meeting and also the VMRC Executive committee meeting.
- January 15th, Sac6 Chair Kenneth attended the SDAC meeting.
- On January 20th Sac6 members attended the RAC (Reginal Advisory Committee meeting).
- January 21st, Sac6 Leadership meet with VMRC Liaison to share the homework/feedback sac6 had on the webpage design.
- January 22nd, Crystal attended the CVTC open house in Jackson.
- January 23rd, Sac6 consultant Dena and Sac6 Secretary Steven H. attended the ARCA CAC meeting on zoom.

F. Community Services

1. Resource Development

Robert shared updates on CRDP grants that were awarded. They have interviewed and assigned grants to providers in employment support and adult level 7 homes. Children's residential homes are in the interview process for potential recipients.

Libby shared updates on CRDP on infant toddler early start ABA based programs starting in the Mountain Counties. She shared the grant awards were based on unmet needs per reporting from service coordinators. She referenced the low numbers Tara mentioned, it is because the programs are meeting the needs of the every infant and toddler who is referred in San Joaquin and Stanislaus County.

2. Quality Assurance

Brian reported that the team alongside Human Resources are working on back fills of open positions.

G. Transportation Update

Anel shared transportation stats for the current month of January 2026. She shared if you have questions or concerns, please contact the office.

H. Fair Hearing Update

Jason reported there have been 14 new fair hearing requests in the last two months.

I. Coalition of Local Agency Service Providers (CLASP) Update

Liz reported CLASP have met twice on upcoming DSP training opportunities and current employment laws they should be aware of, currently there is \$24,198.15 in the account and 94 paid members. She shared information on their social media and next meeting details.

J. Clinical Update

Lizzie shared updates on behalf of Claire, who was unable to attend. The coalition advised the community to ensure that Medi-Cal has the correct mailing address, as

redetermination notices are mailed out, and individuals may lose benefits if not completed on time. Additionally, St. Luke's Family Practice in Modesto accepts patients without insurance, and undocumented individuals.

- K. Next Meeting - Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 4:00 PM, Hybrid (In-Person and via Zoom Video Conference)**
- L. Adjournment at 4:31pm**