

VMRC Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2026
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Valley Mountain Regional Center
702 N. Aurora Street
Stockton, CA 95202

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A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda – Dr. Jody Burriss, President

B. Review and Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 9/9/26 – Dr. Jody Burriss

Action

C. Public Comment – Dr. Jody Burriss, President

- *Each member of the public may have 2 minutes for comment. If an interpreter is needed, 4 minutes will be given. Public comment can address items on the agenda that have been properly noticed for action and/or items that are not on the agenda, however, items not on the agenda cannot be responded to or discussed in the public board meeting because they are not properly noticed items (7 days advance notice).*

D. Items for Discussion

1. Executive Director's Report –Leinani Walter
2. Case Management – Julie DeDiego and Erin Martin
3. Community Services – Brian Bennett
4. Self-Determination – Mayra Ochoa
5. Human Resources – Amanda Verstl

E. President's Report – Dr. Jody Burriss, President

F. Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2027, at 5:00pm (In-Person and Zoom)

G. Adjournment – Dr. Jody Burriss

VMRC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2026 | Cohen Board Room, Stockton Office and Zoom

Members Present:	Dr. Jody Burris, Jeff Turner, Kenneth Huntley, Crystal Enyeart
Members Absent:	Dominique Mellion, Kyle Cox
Staff and Guests Present:	Amanda Verstl, Aaron McDonald, Julie De Diego, Brian Bennett, Myra Ochoa, Dr. Thompson Kelly, Erin Martin, Vickie Cahoon, Donna Sioson, Nathan Sioson, Sean Kyes
Public Present:	Geri Witt, PA

Call to Order

Chair Dr. Jody Burris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kenneth Huntley moved to approve the previous Executive meeting minutes as presented.

Second: Jeff Turner

Vote: Motion passed unanimously by voice vote, with no opposition or abstentions.

Public Comment

No public comments were received in person or online.

Executive Director's Report

Amanda presented the report on behalf of Executive Director Leinani Walter.

- Leinani is recovering well from hip surgery and expected to resume remote work the following week.
- Interviews for the Adult Case Management Director position were planned for the following week.
- Julie De Diego was recognized in her new role as Director of Children's Services.
- The Intake Department was moved under the Clinical Division to strengthen coordination and clinical alignment for individuals and families entering services.
- Board members were encouraged to participate at the VMRC table during the upcoming Cultural and Disability Resource Fair.

Case Management Report

Julie De Diego and Aaron McDonald requested guidance regarding information the Executive Committee would find useful in future reports. Members requested concise, high-level updates on significant operational developments, challenges, and service-related issues.



- Children's and Adult Services leadership are streamlining service coordinator responsibilities to increase direct support time with individuals served.
- VMRC continues outreach and collaboration with diverse communities and community partners.
- In partnership with San Joaquin County child welfare agencies, VMRC identified ZIP code 95205 as a priority area for prevention efforts and increased family engagement.

Community Services Report

Brian reported that VMRC was preparing three affordable housing proposals for submission to the Department of Developmental Services:

- Senior housing: 27 units for VMRC individuals served; $2.4 million requested.
- Adult housing in San Joaquin County: 8 units; $800,000 requested.
- Adult housing in San Joaquin County: 18 units; $1.5 million requested.
- Planning continued for the Cultural and Disability Resource Fair and Microbusiness Fair.
- VMRC began reviewing and updating agency service standards in response to rate reform and regulatory changes. Updated standards will be presented to the Board as appropriate.

Self-Determination Program Report

Myra reported 165 active Self-Determination Program participants, including 46 added since January 2025.

- Participant distribution: 61 female and 104 male; 60% in San Joaquin County, 35% in Stanislaus County, and 5% in the mountain counties.
- VMRC continues partnering with the Local Advisory Committee and Integrated Community Collaborative to expand participation.
- Mandatory SDP training is being developed for staff. Program Manager training is underway, with Service Coordinator training to follow.
- The Committee discussed outreach strategies to increase awareness and participation among underrepresented communities.

Human Resources Report

- Total staff headcount was 615, with nine active vacancies: four internal and five external recruitments.
- Open positions included four Service Coordinator positions in Tracy, San Andreas, and Stockton, and one Fiscal Assistant position.
- Recent promotions included Senior Receptionist, Program Manager, Enhanced Service Coordinator, and Director of Children's Services.
- Three Service Coordinators were scheduled to begin September 21. A Licensed Clinical Psychologist had joined VMRC, filling a long-standing vacancy.
- VMRC began limited reopener negotiations with SEIU regarding compensation, holidays, sick leave, vacation, and benefits.

President's Report

Dr. Jody Burris summarized recent Association of Regional Center Agencies activities and priorities:

- Secure funding to support direct support professional training and workforce retention.
- Expand benefits counseling to help individuals pursue employment while understanding the effect on benefits.



- Continue advocacy for adequate funding under the revised regional center allocation methodology.
- ARCA Academy was scheduled for September 25-26, 2026.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting was scheduled for November 9, 2026, at 5:00pm (In-Person and Zoom)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned following completion of all business.

Recorded Motion

Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Result
Approve previous meeting minutes	Kenneth Huntley	Jeff Turner	Passed unanimously