**Valley Mountain Regional Center**

**Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC)**

**MEETING NOTES**

**September 29, 2015 at VMRC Stockton Office**

Participants in Attendance: Lisa Utsey, Leinani Walter, Christine Hager, Angie Shear, Liz Zastrow, Dena Hernandez, Bob Enyeart, Gia McElroy, Crystal Enyeart, Mandy Carranza and Paul Billodeau.

Note taker: Leinani Walter

* Reviewed Bagley Keene Opening Meeting Act which is a required procedure for all Self Determination Advisory Committees statewide.

*The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (“the Act” or “the Bagley-Keene Act”), set forth in Government Code sections 11120-111321, covers all state boards and commissions. Generally, it requires these bodies to publicly notice their meetings, prepare agendas, accept public testimony and conduct their meetings in public unless specifically authorized by the Act to meet in closed session.*

*You may obtain copies of the “Act” from the Attorney General’s Home Page, located on the World Wide Web at http://caag.state.ca.us. You may also call the Attorney General’s Office at (800) 952-5225 or at TTY/TDD telephone numbers are (800) 952-5548.*

* June 30th Minutes approved. Motion by Liz Z. and Lisa U. second.
* No public comment provided.
* VMRC SDAC Operating Rules – Dena H will provide sample bi-laws for group to develop its own by-laws and elect officers etc. Angie S. agreed to check with VMRC front desk staff to ensure in the future, SDAC members will be guided into the meeting room to avoid delays in start of meeting.
* SD Waiver Update from Paul B. – no updates yet but public comments has closed.
* SCDD Statewide SDAC – Deena H asked for volunteer to represent VMRC SDAC at statewide meeting in Sacramento. Lisa U. volunteered. Lisa will report back and advise if she chooses to continue.
* Self Determination & Person Centered Planning Power point Reviewed. COMMENTS: Christine H noted power point may be too complex for families to grasp initially. Liz Z. glad person centered planning is coming back into focus. Angie C power point is text heavy and may be less accessible for some people with and without disabilities. Paul B reported that all RC’s liked pilot program but reported higher cost than expected. ARCA may have some concerns about whether program will in fact be “cost-neutral” or not. Also, there are concerns about quality assurance in the program. Angie C also noted the possible tax implications as a concern for families as well. Question posed to the group as to whether RC’s will now be responsible for all funding for a consumer who would be ordinarily placed in an ICF which would have been funded by Medi-Cal. It is not clear if this will be the case or not.
* Future Trainings on Self-Determination – possible trainers may include SAC6 and Family Resource Network.
* ***Next Meeting Date for SDAC: January 19, 2016.***