



## **VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Notes February 28, 2017**

### **Attendance:**

Melinda Gonser, VMRC Board President; Leinani Walter, OCRA CRA; Ryan Bradley, OCRA; Tony Anderson, VMRC Executive Director; Cindy Mix, VMRC Director of Case Management; Joseph Hernandez, Premier Healthcare; Claire Lazaro, SDCA Chair & Parent; Bethany Mickahail, Parent; Alphonse Mickahail, Parent; Dena Hernandez, SCDD North Valley Hills; Lisa Culley, FRN & Parent; Christine Hager, OCRA; Katie Hornberger, OCRA; Gia McElroy, Parent and Angelique Shear, VMRC Project Manager

### **Not in Attendance:**

Jayme Florez, Self-Advocate from Tuolumne County, Crystal Eyneart, Self-Advocate from Amador County, Liz Zastrow, Lodi Unified School District, Mandy Carranza, Family Advocate Stanislaus County, Dena Pfeifer, Self-Advocate San Joaquin County

**Note Taker:** Angelique Shear

**Call to Order** at 3:10 PM

**Introductions** of everyone present at the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes-**

The minutes of the November 11, 2017 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Bethany Mickahail to approve the minutes. Alphonse Mickahail seconded the motion. All were in favor. There were no opposed and no abstentions. Motion carried.

**Public Comment-** There was no public comment at this meeting.

### **SCDD Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee-**

Claire Lazaro reported that she has really not heard anything about the current status of the Self Determination Waiver. Katie Hornberger and Tony Anderson

were in an update meeting today. Tony Anderson reported that the Self Determination project was originally set up to fit within the full current DD waiver. At this time the current DD waiver is in the process of being renewed and services reviewed with the federal government. This has caused some of the issues for the Self Determination Waiver. The Self Determination Waiver has to work some of its services through the DD Waiver. There are still some questions that need answers. Some of the questions that are being asked and answered are involving the FMS services and how that is going to financially impact the consumer budget. Another issue that is being discussed is related to conference attendance with funds from the consumer budget. The discussion to resolve the conference attendance concerns seem to be that if the conference is a Developmental Disability training that is specific to supporting the individual whose individual budget the money is coming from then this may be an approved use of funds. The conferences or trainings need to be linked to the specific consumer themselves and their identified need. There was also discussion regarding the concern that rates which have already been established within the community and the ability or not to have a way to contract to pay a different rate for a needed service. There will be a need to develop clarification on which rates to pay to providers and when different rates may or may not be paid. The committee asked Tony Anderson when the Self Determination project may be moving forward. He indicated that currently DDS is saying that within a couple of weeks they should be able to move forward with the answers to the remaining questions. There will then be a need to go through the process again where there is then a 30 day period to tell the public about the changes and get their feedback. So the current thought from DDS is that maybe within 4 months from the end of the 30 day public comment period there may be some forward movement. The discussion continues with conversation about the HCBS waiver and the New Rules that are being implemented. The understanding at this time is the individuals are still subject to the HCBS Waiver Rules including the assessment of providers, accessing Generic Resources before Self Determination funds can be utilized and the requirement for community integration. Finally there is a group who is working on developing a Webinar about Self Determination for people who want more information. This is not the pre orientation meeting. This is just an informational Webinar.

**Update of the Self Determination Advisory Committee Brochure and Handouts-** Cindy Mix reported that the handout has been distributed at meetings. There are now approximately 28 people who have requested to be added to the interested in Self Determination list. VMRC Service Coordinators will continue to hand out the flyer at meetings.

**Person Centered Planning (PCP)** - Dena Hernandez was prepared to present on Person Centered Planning. It was decided in the interest of time to hold the presentation until the next meeting.

**VMRC SDAC Next Step-** This topic was not discussed.

**Next Meeting June 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM at VMRC**

Meeting Adjourned a made a motion that was seconded by at 4:14 PM.