



VMRC Self Determination Advisory  
 Committee Meeting  
 Minutes  
 August 15, 2019

**VMRC SDAC Members - Present**

- Karen Bonacci (FA)
- Mary Bonacci (SA)
- Lisa Culley (FA)
- Gricelda Estrada (FA)
- Alphonse Mickahail (FA)
- Dr. Bethany Mickahail (FA) (on phone)
- Dena Pfeifer (SA)
- Mohamed Rashid (SA) Chair
- Mariela Ramos (FA) Vice Chair
- Nancy Sanchez (FA)

**VMRC SDAC Members - Absent**

- John Forrest (FA)
- Roger Goatcher (FA)
- Christine Hagar (DRC OCRA)
- Claire Lazaro (FA)
- Yadira Plascencia (FA)
- Martha Solano Arely (FA)
- Liz Zastrow (Lodi USD)
- Phylicia Martinez
- Veronica Segovia
- Kerstin Williams (SA)
- Dena Hernandez (SCDD NVHO)

SA=Self Advocate  
 FA=Family Advocate

**Guests**

- Dora Contreras (FA)
- Liz Harrell (DDS)
- Jose Lara (FA)
- Consuelo Munoz (FA)
- Mariza Ochoa (FA)
- Lori Smith-facilitator
- Maria Solano (FA)
- Norma Torres (FA)
- Oralia Tostado (FA)
- Amy Toy (FA)
- Maricela P (FA)

**VMRC Staff**

- Doug Bonnet-Assistant to the Director
- Tania Candelaria-SD Service Coordinator
- Elizabeth Diaz-SD Program Manager
- Carlos Hernandez-Cultural Specialist
- Cindy Mix-Director of Case Management
- David Narbona-SD Service Coordinator
- Claudia Reed-CFO
- Cesar Enriquez-Interpreter

**Call Meeting to Order**– Mohamed Rashid-Chair-called to order at 3:33pm

**Introductions**-Committee Members and audience-all were introduced. Cesar Enriquez provided Spanish translation for those who needed translation.

**Establish Quorum**-Mohamed Rashid-Chair– There was no quorum, so no voting would take place at the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**-no vote due to no quorum

**Approval of the minutes from July 18, 2019**-no vote due to no quorum

### **Public Comment**

- Dora Contreras asked if guests would be able to ask presenter questions.
- Jose Lara shared his concerns that SDAC meetings are held at a time that is not conducive to parents schedule. He is requesting that meetings are held in the mornings while children are in school, otherwise, respite hours must be used in order to attend meetings.
- Maria Solano would like to be a member of the SDAC when there is an opening. Other SDAC Members supported Maria as a possible member for the SDAC.
- Dora Contreras asked the process of how SDAC members who have not been attending could be replaced with those who have expressed an interest in joining and have been attending the meetings.

**Presentation**-Liz Harrell-DDS, provided updates on the Self Determination Program Phase In from the state level, and gave some of the current data on numbers (as of June). She indicated that families needed to start with the PCP first, before anything else was completed. Families can begin the PCP process while other details of the program were still worked on. She announced that DDS has released a calculator on their website to help with budget calculations. She spoke about Independent Facilitators and what their role was in SD. Attendees asked about Independent Facilitator trainings in our area, and trainings are in the planning stages at this time, so no definite dates could be announced yet.

### **Update on the Self Determination Program Phase In & Orientation-*Information***

Cindy Mix-Director of Case Management

- Data for our area: 100 Self Determination slots allotted. 21 people have dropped or are not continuing or have moved, 79 are continuing. 66 people have attended orientations, and the Service Coordinators are contacting to begin scheduling IPPs. There are 13 people who have not been heard from, they have received multiple contacts from VMRC staff,

including multiple phone calls from the Service Coordinators, emails & letters sent through mail. There are over 500 people on interest list who have completed an information session who could potentially fill the open slots when DDS holds the next lottery. Case Management & Fiscal Staff met and discussed the budget and spending plans. Fiscal staff will be attending some IPPs to assist with certification of the budget and for observation of the process. FAQs from the local orientations are posted on the VMRC website. FMS service providers are still in the vendorization process. Tania Candelaria updated the group that the SD Service Coordinators are scheduling initial meetings with those in the SD Program. Initial meetings are slotted for about 3 hours.

**VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Next Steps-Information**

Mohamed Rashid-Chair-Look at options for Independent Facilitator trainings. VMRC to schedule “Meet & Greet” in each county, once survey information is received by Cindy Mix.

**Next Meeting-September 19, 2019**

(Monthly 3rd Thurs of each month-3:30-5pm)

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:30pm**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Culley-Family Resource Network*