VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
September 5, 2017

Attendance:

Claire Lazaro, SDCA Chair and Family Member; Dena Hernandez, SCDD North Valley Hills; Gia McElroy, Family Member; Alphonse Mickahail, Family Member; Bethany Mickahail, Family Member, Dimitri Michahail, self-advocate; Lisa Culley, Family Resource Network; Christine Hager, Office of Clients Rights; Leinani Walter, Office of Clients Rights; Tony Anderson, VRMC Executive Director; Liz Zastrow, Lodi Unified School District; Roger & Tracy Goatcher, Family Advocates

Not in Attendance:

Joseph Hernandez, Primer Healthcare , Jayme Florez, Self-Advocate; Crystal Eyneart, Self-Advocate; Mandy Carranza, Family Advocate; Dena Pfeifer, Self-Advocate; Mary Bonacci, Self Advocate; Karen Bonacci, Family Member; Cindy Mix, VMRC Director of Case Management; Angelique Shear, VMRC Project Manager

Minutes Taker: Dena Hernandez

Call to Order at 3:10 PM

Introductions- those present introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes- Minutes from the June 6, 2017 meeting was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Leinani Walter and seconded by Liz Zastrow. The motion passed.

Public Comment- There was no public comment.

SCDD Statewide SDAC August Meeting Update-

- Claire Lazaro informed the committee of the August 28, 2017 SCDD Statewide SDAC meeting in Sacramento.
- There was a presentation by Trudy Grable on Person Centered Planning.
- Jim Knight from DDS was there and shared the information on the future train the trainers on Self Determination.

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- Claire shared at the meeting that VMRC had 127 on the interested list which is a good. Claire said that Jim stated that people who attended the VMRC Self Determination Symposiums would not have to attend another "Interested List" meeting and VMRC can submit the names of those who attended the 3 symposiums to DDS.
- Claire explained the process- 1) People attend an info meeting on Self Determination, 2) add their name to the interested list, 3) DDS selection based on several criteria, 4) if selected by DDS- need to attend an orientation meeting. A person or family can decide NOT to go into the Self Determination program after the orientation- DDS will select another name from the regional center pool.
- DDS will be hosting a Day 1 and Day 2 Training- one will be a train the trainer and the second one will be specific to regional center staff. There will be one held at Alta Regional Center on October 4-5, 2017. Claire was asked to get the names of those interested and Dena Hernandez will get that info to April Lopez, chair of the SCDD Statewide SDAC. Claire, Dena , Lisa Culley will attend both days.
- Claire stated that would like to schedule more of these trainings and Claire asked Tony Anderson if VMRC would be willing and Tony said yes. Claire will let Jim Knight know at DDS.

Department of Developmental Services Self Determination Waiver –

Tony Anderson reported that there was no news on the waiver. The thinking is that within the next 3 months the waiver should be approved, if the federal government accepts the latest request. Tony said that VMRC now has 200 on the interested list.

Next Steps –

- Claire stated that the next steps will be to attend the DDS Train the Trainer in Sacramento and see what is learned from those trainings.
- Coordinate another Self Determination Symposium possibly in the Mountain Counties. Ask Joe Hernandez from Premier Healthcare if his organization is interested in this.

Other Items:

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- Gia requested that for the next symposiums that the speakers gear their presentations to those with more severe needs- she thought it would be more helpful to parents trying to decide if self-determination would be helpful to their family. She attended the last symposiums and there wasn't much discussion about behavior services or ABA which she believe many will want/need. Dena noted that all needs should be identified in the person center plan whether or not a person was in the self-determination program.
- The committee decided that if anyone wanted to call in that would be fine but that it would be listen only. Therefore it will be listed on the agenda that call in participants would be listen only.

Next Meeting: December 5, 2017 at 3:00 PM at VMRC

Meeting Adjourned at 4:11 PM.

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