



**VMRC Self  
Advisory**



**Determination  
Committee Meeting**



**Minutes  
October 3, 2018**

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| <p><b><u>VMRC SDAC Members - Present</u></b><br/>         Claire Lazaro- chair<br/>         Alphonse Mickahail- vice chair<br/>         Bethany Mickahail (on phone)<br/>         Karen Bonacci<br/>         Roger Goatcher<br/>         Dena Pfeifer</p> <p><b><u>VMRC SDAC Members- Absent</u></b><br/>         Mary Bonacci<br/>         Mandy Carranza<br/>         Crystal Enyeart<br/>         Jayme Florez<br/>         John Forrest<br/>         Christine Hager (DRC OCRA)<br/>         Gia McElroy<br/>         Liz Zastrow</p> | <p><b><u>Facilitators</u></b><br/>         Lori Smith</p> <p><b><u>Guests</u></b><br/>         Lisa Culley -Family Resource Network<br/>         Joseph Hernandez- Premier Healthcare</p> <p><b><u>VMRC Staff</u></b><br/>         Tony Anderson- Executive Director<br/>         Cindy Mix- Director of Consumer Services<br/>         Carlos Hernandez - Cultural Specialist<br/>         Elizabeth Diaz- SD Service Coordinator</p> <p><b><u>SCDD Staff</u></b><br/>         Dena Hernandez- North Valley Hill</p> |
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**Meeting Called to Order**

Claire Lazaro-chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

**Welcome & Introductions-** were made by all present.

**Approval of Minutes**

There was not a quorum - therefore the minutes could not be approved/changed. The minutes will be put on the agenda at the next meeting.

**Public Comment-** No Public Comment was made at this meeting.

**Outcome of the DDS Materials Review Meeting on August 24, 2018 - Information**  
*Claire Lazaro-chair*

- ✓ Claire reviewed the handout that contained the input from the August 24, 2018 meeting. She sent this information to DDS as requested and before the deadline. DDS received input from all over the state and will compile it. Dena reported that the Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) also provided input directly to the DDS staff who presented the Orientation Materials at their last meeting in Sacramento.

### **Update on the Self Determination Program Roll out- information**

Tony Anderson, VMRC Executive Director, and Cindy Mix VMRC Director of Case Management gave an overview of the last conference calls that occurred between the regional centers and DDS. Cindy shared her notes from the two meetings and informed the committee that many details are still in flux. In order to not confuse or complicate the roll out- she will keep the committee posted as details are confirmed. Cindy also shared that anyone who was selected from the lottery for the 100 VMRC spots was contacted by their service coordinator as well as those not selected. Some people in the first 100 selected may decide not to participate and in those instances- DDS will select another person. A member asked about an "Emergency Funding" piece to the FMS system for folks in self-determination. Cindy didn't know but said she would bring it up to DDS.

### **SCDD Statewide SDAC Update - Information**

Claire Lazaro- chair will attend the next meeting which will be a conference call. She will call in from the VMRC Stanislaus location on October 16, 2018 at 2pm. She will give a report at the next VMRC SDAC meeting.

### **Next Steps for VMRC SDAC**

Clair Lazaro, Chair discussed next steps:

- 1) Claire has let DDS know that VMRC is willing and able to host the Orientation Trainings. It was suggested that there be a FMS specific training since this is a complicated topic.
- 2) Committee should schedule the next three months of meetings at this meeting.
- 3) Make the effort to have the agenda and minutes translated into Spanish before the meeting

### **VMRC SDAC Membership Update & Next steps- Information**

Dena Hernandez informed the committee on the process for future members to be appointed to this committee. SCDD appoints half the members and VMRC

appoints the other half. SCDD has a process where the application must go thru their membership committee and this can take months. VMRC is able to appoint right away. Two applications have been submitted to SCDD and there are still openings from Amador and Calaveras that need a self-advocate or family advocate. Dena suggested that VMRC send out the info about the VMRC SDAC to all those selected to the SD program and invite them to attend a future meeting. Perhaps this will get someone interested from those underrepresented counties. VMRC said they could do this. Dena will put together a save the date flyer with the 3 dates.

### **Other Items**

Committee selected dates and times for the next meetings. Tony discussed the possibility that the two VMRC locations in San Andreas and Stanislaus might be able to host any members who could call in from those public locations opposed to driving to Stockton. This is will explored once members from those counties apply.

**Next Meetings:** All at VMRC Howard Cohen Board Room Stockton

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 3:30pm**

**Monday, December 3, 2018 at 10:00am**

**Monday, January 14, 2019 at 2:00pm**

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:31am**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Dena Hernandez- SCDD North Valley Hills*