



**VMRC Self
Advisory**



**Determination
Committee Meeting**



**Minutes
April 26, 2019**

<p><u>VMRC SDAC Members - Present</u> Karen Bonacci (FA) Lisa Culley (FA) Sandra Graham (DRC OCRA) Dr. Claire Lazaro - chair (FA) Alphonse Mickahail- vice chair (on phone) (FA) Dr. Bethany Mickahail (on phone) (FA) Dena Pfeifer(SA) Roger Goatcher (FA) Gricelda Estrada (FA)</p> <p><u>VMRC SDAC Members- Absent</u> Mary Bonacci (SA) John Forrest (FA) Mohamed Rashid (SA) Yadira Placsencia (FA) Martha Arely Solano (FA) Liz Zastrow</p> <p><u>SCDD Staff</u></p> <p>SA= Self Advocate FA= Family Advocate</p>	<p><u>Guests</u> Lisa Smith (facilitator for Dena) Tracy Parker (SA) Patrice Koffi (FA) Nick Agular (SA) Norma Torres (FA) Josefina Nieves (FA) Elizabeth Gomez (FA) Marcela Ramos (FA) Maricela Robledo (FA) Nancy Sanchez (FA) Dora Contreras (FA)</p> <p><u>VMRC Staff</u> Tony Anderson- Executive Director Cindy Mix- Director of Consumer Services Elizabeth Diaz- SD Program Manager Tania Candelaria- Service Coordinator Doug Bonnet- Special Assistant to the Executive Director David Narbonne- Service Coordinator Carlos Hernandez- Cultural Specialist Angelique Shear- Project Manager</p>
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Call Meeting to order- Dr. Claire Lazaro-chair- called to order at 10:12 AM

Introductions- Committee Members and audience- all introduced themselves. Elizabeth Diaz from VMRC provided translator services for Spanish speaking families.

Establish Quorum- Dr. Claire Lazaro-chair established a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda- There was a request to add Other Matters to the agenda after the next steps. Motion: to approve the agenda as amended by Roger Goatcher and seconded by Dena Pfeifer. Vote taken –motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes from March 18, 2019 – Motion to approve the minutes with corrections to change the adjourned time to 3:50 PM- Roger Goatcher made the motion and it was seconded by Dena Pfeifer. Vote taken -motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment-

- Question- How is the word getting out and why has SC not mentioned at IPP's. Cindy Mix Director of Consumer Services responded that SC's have been provided and script and flyer for the last two years. Tony Anderson also responded that there is information on the website.
- Question: How can families get the word out other than the website? Sending of e-mails etc. Tony responded that we also get the word out via Facebook, twitter. Cindy Mix also reported that we have e-mail. Clair asked that we resend the next steps and the orientation flyer. Send a test e-mail to see who is responds and send things physically to those who do not respond.
- Comment- I am worried that this is the 3 or 4th meeting that have the same issues. The families that have been selected and the families not informed not being informed.

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

Tony Anderson- VMRC Executive Director/ Cindy Mix Director of Case Management

- Cindy Mix reported that the flyer for the trainings have been passed around. This is the flyer that was mailed and send via e-mail. If you want to register today please see Angie Shear after the meetings. We have about 70 people signed up for the Orientations so far. There was a change regarding the independent facilitator from the last meeting. Anyone other than a spouse of and adult or parent of a minor can be a paid independent facilitator. There is an internal group that includes the Self Determination Program Manager, Self Determination Service Coordinator's, Angie Shear, Tara Sisemore Hester and fiscal. This group met this morning to start the process for the planning team meetings and how we will proceed after the orientation. Our hope is to start holding the meetings and getting the budgets certified. Person Centered Thinking Training continues and it happens every month. Tony is still working on the conference for independent facilitators that they would like to do. We are waiting for the approvals to come through for this training.

VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Next Steps-

- The dates for the DDS Self Determination Orientation Trainings have been posted so please sign up. Everyone is also encouraged to attend a Person Centered Thinking Training as well.
- Dr. Claire Lazaro reported that they would like to add all of the committee member's names of the website. Also included would be if the person is a Family Advocate (FA) or Self Advocate (SA), the persons county and ethnicity. A final decision can be made at a future meeting.
- All of the committee members were asked to review the Self Determination Committee Guidelines that were created when the committee first started and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting.

VMRC SDAC Membership Update -

Dena Hernandez- SCDD North Valley Hills was not at the meeting so there was not a report at this time.

Other Matters- Dr. Claire Lazaro announced to the committee that she will be stepping down as the chair person for the committee.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2019 at 10:00am at VMRC Community Training Room Stockton

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angelique Shear, Valley Mountain Regional Center

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