



## VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes-December 19, 2024

### **VMRC SDAC Members - Present**

Karen Bonacci (FA)  
Mary Bonacci (SA)  
Jeannet Cardenas (FA)  
Lisa Culley (FRN)-secretary  
Gricelda Estrada (FA)-vice chair  
John Forrest (FA)  
Vivian David Nicolas (FA)-chair  
Chrys Quiwa (SA)  
Mariela Ramos (FA)  
Arely Solano (FA)  
Colleen Yoder -DRC/OCRA

### **VMRC SDAC Members- Absent**

Kenneth Huntley (SA)  
Vanessa Plascencia (FA)

**SA**=Self Advocate

**FA**=Family Advocate

### **Interpreters**

Irene Hernandez-Zoom (English to Spanish)  
Isela Bingham -Zoom (Spanish to English)

### **State Council on Dev. Disabilities**

Dena Hernandez, North Valley Hills Office

### **Public Guests who identified**

Maria Elena Diaz  
Maribel Falcon  
Marcela Sanchez  
Josefina Romo  
Fernando Gomez, ICC  
Kim Sinclair, ASLA  
Reyna Rangel Simon

Oscar Mercado  
Dora Contreras  
Jose Flores  
Rubi Saldana  
Blanca Mercado  
Anita Hurtado  
Maria Gutierrez  
Nancy Millan  
Ana Soto  
Chelsea Coffin  
Judy Mark  
Norma G  
Tumboura Hill  
Carola Camacho Maranon  
Faviola Cruz  
Yadira  
Mari Sierra  
CC  
Bertha

### **VMRC Staff**

Christine Couch, Director of Consumer Services, Adult  
Gabriela Lopez, Cultural Specialist  
Michele Poaster, Participant Choice Specialist  
Cindy Strawderman, Admin Support Manager  
Emelia Vigil, Program Manager  
Tiombe Harris  
Midori Perez  
Mayra Ochoa, Director of Equity & Engagement  
Evelyn Ledesma

**Item 1: Call Meeting to order-** Vivian David Nicholas-Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

**Item 2: Introductions-** Committee members introduced themselves. Public guests added their names to chat.

**Item 3:** Quorum was established

**Item 4:** Approval of agenda-Motion was made by Colleen, who also read an email she received regarding Conflict of Interest. Motion-1<sup>st</sup> by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vivian. Vote passed, with abstention by Gricelda.

**Item 5:** Approval of minutes from 9/19/24 & 10/17/24-Motion to approve by Vivian, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. Motion approved, with extensions from John, Jeannet, Gricelda, and Mariela.

**Item 6:** Vivian provided updates on binders, RFP process meeting w/VMRC, and need for SDAC Leadership to review bylaws and suggest any needed changes.

**Item 7:** Nominations for Assistant Secretary tabled for future meeting

**Item 8:** Vote on ICC Coaching and Project Expressway Proposals

Proposal #1 1:1 Coaching, guidance, & support---\$35,000

Proposal #2 Project Expressway-quicker transition timeline---\$50,000

Total timeframe: 12 months or longer, as committee agrees

Motion made by Lisa to approve the 2 proposals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen.

Public comment made by: Gricelda, Judy, Karen, Vivian, Colleen, Fernando, Oscar, Tumboura.

Votes to approve by: Karen, Mary, Lisa, Gricelda, Chrys, Mariela, Arely. Abstentions by Jeannet, John, Vivian, Colleen. Motion passed.

**Item 9:** Public Comment made by Fernando (Thank you for approving project), Tumboura (how are SDP #'s verified and presented by committee? How many people are fully in SDP?). Multiple requests for CHAT to be open during entire meeting.

**Item 10:** VMRC Update-Mayra Ochoa will be leading Self Determination, enhanced team and Participant Choice Specialists.

As of December 11<sup>th</sup>-117 participants, 41 Female, 76 Male

By county: SJ-74, Stan-35, Mtn-7, Sac-1, San Bernardino-1.

By age: 0-5: 1, 6-15: 40, 16-23: 36, 24+: 40

By ethnicity: Other-22, multi-cultural-6, White-35, Latino-45, African American-9

Exited SDP: 2020-1, 2021-1, 2022-15, 2023-11, 2024-12

**Item 11:** Updates given from 10/24 meeting and Vivian presented information on IF training opportunities.

**Item 12: Membership-**Dena reported there were no new applications from the openings from

Amador, Calaveras or Tuolumne Counties.

**Item 13:** Tabled to another meeting

**Item 14: Next meeting:** Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 3:30pm-5:00pm on Zoom. Chris Arroyo will be presenting on Board Membership.

**Item 15: Meeting Adjourned 5:00pm**

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Culley*

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**SCDD SDP Orientation:**

<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/?fbclid=IwAR3BNnHWCWly4gwgXdXgYxfcHubPZnVuJKF6hyrpV5bREdsi-8IXZFJdSY>