



VMRC Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes-June 26, 2025

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)
Kenneth Huntley (SA)
Vivian David Nicolas (FA)-chair
Mariela Ramos (FA) (via Zoom)
Arely Solano (FA)
Colleen Yoder -DRC/OCRA

VMRC Staff

Gabriela Lopez, Cultural Specialist
Engagement
Christine Couch, Director of Adult Services
Michele Poaster, Service Coordinator

VMRC SDAC Members- Absent

Chrys Quiwa (SA) Informed

SA=Self Advocate

FA=Family Advocate

Interpreters

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

State Council on Dev. Disabilities

Dena Hernandez, North Valley Hills Office

Item 1: Call to Order - Gricelda Estrada, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.

Item 2: Introductions- In-person committee members introduced themselves. Public guests and committee members on Zoom added their names to the chat.

Item 3: Quorum was established. Lisa took attendance by roll call.

Item 4: Approval of agenda- Passed unanimously.

Item 5: Vivian reported on the following:

- Provided an update from the Statewide SDAC meeting from June 24, 2025. The next statewide meeting will be held on September 9th. The meeting will address priorities for the following year. She shared Trailer Bill language surrounding the SDP, budget development, unmet needs; budgets may be revised if needed; DDS will be reviewing budgets above a certain threshold (didn't give a number); budgets will be recalculated annually; Ifs must meet state standards and paid from the client's budget; FMS will not be paid out of the budget.
- LVACs around the state have been collaborating to spread information about the program.
- Announced that Chrys Quiwa is stepping down from the SDAC due to his work schedule.
- Vivian's address-she loved acting as the Chair for the committee, and it was an excellent experience for her. She felt the highlight of the past year was the Resource Fair, and she looks forward to what the committee will do going forward. She loved the passion that all those involved in the committee shared. She hopes that the Town Hall and other events, such as IF coaching and the board retreat, will take place soon.

Item 6: ICC Self Determination Support Project-Information-Contract was signed with a start date of June 1, 2025. VMRC received referral forms from ICC to initiate the referral process.

Dora reported that training has taken place, and IF training has been completed. Four or five coaches have been identified, and they will see clients starting next week.

Item 7: Election of new officers:

Chair: Kenneth Huntley

Vice Chair: Gricelda Estrada

Secretary: Lisa Culley

Assistant Secretary: Arely Solano

Item 8: Public Comment:

Karen is so happy that a Self-Advocate was elected as Chair of our committee. This demonstrates that the committee is committed to hearing the voice of self-advocates.

Item 9: Next meeting: Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm on Zoom.

Item 10: Meeting Adjourned 7 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Culley