



VMRC/SDAC Meeting notes from 04/16/2026

Committee members in attendance: Jeannet, Gricelda, Arely, John, Colleen, Lisa and Sue

Committee members absent: Mariela

Call Meeting To Order: Gricelda started the meeting at 4:36 PM.

Introductions and Quorum: A quorum was established, and the agenda was approved.

Chat was disabled for the meeting and unable to be accessed in the settings during the meeting, possibly due to an update by Zoom. Gabby will look at the settings to fix. Oscar provided some guidance to open the chat, which did not work for today. The meeting continued without the chat.

Public Comment:

Fernando-Thanked everyone who went to Sacramento to advocate for continued funding for our community, including Gricelda and her family.

Arely-1. VMRC to have written report ahead of time to share with members. 2. Leadership to have access to applications to the SDAC. 3. VMRC to do training of SDP to service coordinators.

Dena-CHOICES thanks Gricelda and her family for sitting at the table to advertise the SDP. There were 510 people at the conference (400 self-advocates, 25 family members, 85 support staff and volunteers).

Maria Elena-Barriers to families-hard for families to initiate SDP. Families who are in traditional services are finding that vendors or other providers do not want to participate in SDP. And other companies are not able to provide due to their name (Star Therapy).

Sue-Families are reporting that VMRC SCs tell families not to go to SDP, but to stay with traditional services. Who is the SDP team for VMRC?

Kayley Proenza-Told Gaby that Irene is interpreting to both English & Spanish. Gaby will continue to interpret for Gricelda.

Ms. Espinoza-Children are trying to transition to SDP, and cannot access horseback riding because it is considered therapy, not social/rec.

Connie-Concerned that there is a provider working with her daughter and does not understand California law. BARRIER

Oscar-LVAC structure-would like this committee to focus on what families are experiencing in order for VMRC staff, administrators, and providers to hear what families are going through, and also on training for the LVAC members.

Maria Granados-Not many families have moved into SDP due to barriers, and those families in SDP are also having problems. Agrees SCs try to get families to move back to traditional. Used water safety as an example.

Zoom Account: Discussion of purchasing a Zoom account for the SDAC. Colleen stated realistically it would be difficult to manage the account, and the committee would need to create a position that would be responsible for all the issues related to the creation of a Zoom account. Arely agrees that the committee should have their own account, but understands that more needs to be discussed. Lisa agreed with Colleen and Sue that it would be difficult to have our own account, and that we should work with VMRC and communicate better to make their Zoom work for us. Jeannet stated that she agrees that the SDAC should have their own account, and that a technician is paid to manage it for this committee. Gricelda agrees that the committee should have their own access, possibly using the account of another group. Lisa stated that if it is approved, the committee should have their own account, not use that of another group. Colleen stated that we need to be mindful that the regional center is not actively trying to create barriers and issues with Zoom for the SDAC meetings. Lisa asked if the committee could become a user on VMRCs account.

Action: Motion made by Janeth to create a Zoom account (Arely 2nd). Gricelda-yes, Arely-yes, Jeannet-yes, Colleen-no, Sue-no, Lisa-no. A tie vote means it does not pass. Sue offered to assist with Zoom and will work with VMRC and Gaby to try to make it work better.

Independent Facilitator Training: A company can submit a proposal to provide IF training for family members and others who want to learn more about IF. Jeannet agrees. Sue would like more information on company and cost. Lisa explained that we are not at that point yet, but the committee needs to decide how much funding to allocate to the training, how we want to accept proposals, and other details. Colleen offered that we also need to decide who will take the lead on the proposal and work with VMRC to create the proposal and/or other things that must be done before distributing our request. Jeannet asked about the deadline to spend funds, which is 3/2027. There is about \$79.6K left on our committee allotment. Sue made a motion to accept bids for IF training, then see what is submitted, and decide (2nd by Lisa). Vote tabled for the next meeting.

VMRC Report: attached at end of this report

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting ended at 6 PM.

Notes respectfully submitted by Lisa Culley

SDAC Report 4/16/26

SDP Updates: As of April 14, 2026

148 SDP Participants

Gender

56 Females

92 Males

Ethnicity

65 Latino/ Hispanic

41 White

8 Multi Cultural

10 African American

24 Other

Counties

87 San Joaquin County

50 Stanislaus

10 Mountain Counties

1 share case in Alameda

Initial meetings:

The SP Team attended a total of 25 SDP Meetings, of which 5 were initial SDP meetings for the month of March.

Since February we have had 4 participants transition to SDP.

FY 23-24 Allocation

DDS Directive: Funds must be expended by March 2026

Budget	\$90,983.00
Vendor	
4IMPRINT	9,095.65
ANDY'SCAFE	587.50
CHALKWILD LLC	642.36
CHOICES INSTITUTE	5,000.00
DENA M HERNANDEZ	284.92
EXPRESSPRINT AND SHIP	505.44
FAMILYRESOURCENETWORK	1,482.50
GLORIAJSANCHEZ	82.25
INTEGRATEDCOMMUNITY	54,843.97
IRENEHERNANDEZ	2,997.56
ISELABINGHAM	2,435.52
LEGENDS APPAREL	5,790.22

OSCARG MERCADO	2,562.25
PANERABREAD	2,772.86
PERSON CENTEREDSERVICES	700.00
THESHINING STARS PROJECT	<u>1,200.00</u>
	\$90,983.00
Remaining Balance	0.00

FY 24-25 Allocation

DDS Directive: Funds must be expended by March 2027

Budget	92,053.96
Approved Expense Board Retreat	11,690.00
ICC-SOP Coaching	<u>756.03</u>
SPENT	\$ 12,446.03
Remaining Balance	\$79,607.93

Cristina Torres
 Financial Controller
 4/16/2026

FY24-25 Allocation-Expenses

DDS Directive: Funds must be expended by March 2027

Approved Expense	Approved Amount	Year toDate Expense	Remaining Funds
Board Retreat	\$13,000.00		
FY23-24		\$1,482.50	
FY24-25		11,690.00	
ICC-SDP Coaching	\$85,000.00		\$36,900.00
Note: ICC reflects a remaining contract balance of \$47,750 which is being addressed			
FY23-24		\$47,343.97	
FY24-25		756.03	