



VMRC/SDAC Meeting notes from 05/21/2026

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

Committee members absent: John (informed), Mariela

Guests: Alejandra Paramo, Oscar Mercado, Kayley Proenza, Maribel Falcon, Chelsea Coffin, Lucia Espinoza, Carolina Arzate, Helen Perez, Maria Elena Diaz, Jeannette Sandoval, Dora Contreras, Michele Poaster, Victoria Moreno, Mayra Ochoa, Gabriela Lopez, Emelia Vigil

**Call Meeting To Order:** Gricelda started the meeting at 4:32 PM.

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

**Public Comment:**

Sue-would like SDAC members to have their cameras on

Gricelda-requests that VMRC staff update the committee on the training that SC's receive on SDP

Maribel-Asks if something can be done regarding orientation training for those transitioning to SDP, especially in Spanish. One training per month is not enough.

A discussion about training ideas started. Colleen suggested that our committee draft a statement to be read at a future VMRC board meeting recommending that VMRC designate specific staff as SDP service coordinators, as it is difficult and time-consuming for families to work with both an SDP Participant Choice Specialist and a service coordinator. This will be a future agenda item.

Sue agreed that SDAC members attend the VMRC board meeting to make a recommendation.

The committee voted to work on a proposal to solicit someone to provide an IF training. There was one abstention, one no vote, and four yes votes, so the motion passed.

Gaby explained the training that SC's receive on SDP, which is the SCDD training. Michele and Gaby are also training SC's quarterly during the staff unit meetings. DDS has also provided SC training on SDP.

Judy or her staff will provide dates for the committee to choose to complete the committee centered plan.

Gricelda requested that Dena assist with presenting updates from the SSDAC meeting and also if anyone knows of outreach events that the SDAC should attend to please share with the committee.

A motion was made by Lisa to spend \$5,000 of committee funds on community engagement items for outreach events (2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue). FRN offered to store items, and members can pick them up there for any outreach. The motion passed unanimously. Lisa will create an order in July and work with Gaby and Mayra to make the purchase.

Gricelda provided information at two events recently-Autism Moms in Manteca, and an event in Lathrop.

The committee will work to schedule an event workgroup meeting.

The ICC provided its report and requested a no-cost extension to allow it to spend the remaining funds until September 2026. This was approved. There will be an SDP Conference at the Endowment Center in LA on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fernando provided information on six key areas that need solutions. The ICC meets monthly with VMRC SDP staff to address VMRC-specific issues.

1. Delays in authorizations following PCP submission
2. Delays in SC responses and referral processing
3. Budgets are provided for only six months
4. Generic resource exhaustion requirements are creating unnecessary delays
5. Lack of sensitivity and family-centered consideration during meetings
6. Discouragement and underutilization of approved services

Colleen asked if there are enough PCP's to provide timely service-Fernando replied that there are not enough PCP's to cover the number of people in the pipeline to transition to SDP. Sue is concerned that few have transitioned in a year and wonders how VMRC compares to other regional centers.

VMRC provided their monthly report

**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting ended at 6 PM.

Notes respectfully submitted by Lisa Culley