



**VMRC Self  
Advisory**



**Determination  
Committee Meeting**



**Minutes  
July 18, 2019**

<p><b><u>VMRC SDAC Members - Present</u></b>          Lisa Culley (FA)          Christine Hager (DRC OCRA)          Alphonse Mickahail (on phone) (FA)          Dr. Bethany Mickahail (on phone) (FA)          Dena Pfeifer (SA)          Mohamed Rashid-chair (SA)          John Forrest (FA)          Roger Goatcher (FA)          Claire Lazaro (FA)          Mariela Ramos –vice chair (FA)          Kirsten Willians (SA)          Gricelda Estrada (FA)          Karen Bonaci (FA)</p> <p><b><u>VMRC SDAC Members- Absent</u></b></p> <p><b><u>SCDD Staff</u></b>          Dena Hernandez- North Valley Hill</p> <p>SA= Self Advocate          FA= Family Advocate</p>	<p><b><u>Guests ?</u></b>          Nicholas Aguilar (Premier Healthcare)          Maria Solano (FA)          Lori Smith – Facilitator          Marcela (FA)          Dora Contreras (FA)          Amy Toy (FA)          Maricela Robledo (FA)</p> <p><b><u>VMRC Staff</u></b>          Doug Bonnet – Director’s Assistant          Cindy Mix- Director of Consumer Services          Elizabeth Diaz- SD Program Manager          Carlos Hernandez- Cultural Specialist          David Narbona – SD Service Coordinator          Tony Anderson – Executive Director          Tania Candelaria – SD Service Coordinator          Cesar Enriquez - Interpreter</p>
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**Call Meeting to order-** Mohamed Rashid-chair- called to order at 3:38pm.

**Introductions-** Committee Members and audience- all introduced themselves. Cesar Enriquez provided translator services for Spanish speaking families.

**Establish Quorum-** Mohamed-chair established a quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda-** Motion: to approve the agenda by Claire Lazaro and seconded by Dena Pfeifer. Vote taken –motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from June 20, 2019 –** Motion to approve the minutes – Dena Pfeifer made the motion and it was seconded by Roger Goatcher. Vote taken -motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment-**

- Dora shared that they have a flyer for a Spanish training on July 25 and want it on the VMRC website. Train the trainer – to train parents about the future of the children with special needs. This is for those who have been selected for self-determination. The ICC will bring this vision of the future at this training for all clients that are part of the regional centers of California. It will not be provided in English.
- Is VMRC going to provide training for people to be independent facilitators? Mohammed explained we will have the training in the future but do not have dates at this time.
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**Update on the Self Determination Program Phase in & Orientation- *Information***

Cindy Mix Director of Case Management

- The annual cost statements for all of participants who have attended orientations have been generated. This is 62 people out of the 100. The self-determination staff have put together a cover letter with the cost statement to be sent out to the 62 participants.
- 19 people have not responded to our attempted contacts.
- August 9 is final orientation from 9-4pm. 4 people are registered.
- Anyone who doesn't attend the August 9 orientation will be considered not in the program or not interested. This list of names will be sent to DDS.
- SD SC's will work with the SC's to start holding the person-centered planning sessions in August and September. We have allotted 3 hours for each planning session. The Current SC, the SD SC and the SD PM will attend these initial personal planning team meetings. If the SD PM cannot attend, then one of the trainers will attend. The initial 3 hours is just to get the plan started and the team understands they will have to schedule follow up

meetings to finish the plan and the IPP. Families still have the option of scheduling their own person centered planning meeting without the RC.

- Each of the SD SC's will be given a surface to use along with the tools, posters, markers used in the planning process.
- FMS is still in the vendorization process and should be done by the end of the month. There are 2 FMS vendors.
- There is one person, Lincoln Training Center, going thru the vendorization process for person centered planning. When the vendorization process is finished VMRC will share the information.

Tony Anderson, Executive Director

- There are some people from Michigan who are willing to come out and do a large scale conference about self-determination, person centered planning and independent facilitation.

Mohammed Rashid, Chairperson

- He shared that he spoke with Liz Harrel, DDS who is willing to come to the August 15 meeting to talk about an overview of Independent Facilitation but she isn't doing the training to be certified as an Independent Facilitator. She suggested we contact SCDD for specific training. Mohammed will invite her to the meeting to speak for 45 minutes.
- He shared that he spoke with Judy Mark. She was requested by families to come to the area and speak about Self-Determination and the Lanterman Act on August 9. The committee agreed that August 9 is not a good date for all members, since we already have an orientation scheduled. Judy is inviting the self-determination advisory committee to attend the training. We don't have any details on location or translation yet. Claire shared that she spoke to Judy and informed her that the self-determination orientation is scheduled on the same date.
  - Christine Hager, OCRA shared concerns about the various agencies giving trainings on self-determination and the advisory committee has no way of knowing what is being shared in the training to families and self-advocates.
  - Griselda Estrada shared the more informed we are the less intervention there will be. The families would like to receive trainings in order to participate. We are not going to distort the information and we are not going to saying that we you are sending

us in English. It's only simply and easily for the community that speaks Spanish. We will like to be informed in order to participate please. She shared that it's very important for the committee members to attend Judy's training on August 9. She asked if the committee can give all of the emails to Judy so that she can communicate with the committee. She said that Judy already has a plane ticket for that day. We aren't obligating anyone to attend.

#### **SCDD Self Determination Advisory Committee-**

- The committee break down handout was shared. We still need self-advocates from Mountain Counties.

#### **VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Next Steps-**

- Mohammed will follow up with Judy Mark on the proposed August 9 training.
- Mohammed will follow up and invite Liz Harrell to the August 15 meeting to give a 45 minute presentation.

#### **VMRC SDAC Membership Update -**

- No report

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 3:30pm at VMRC Board Room Stockton

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:27pm**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Hager – Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy*