



**VMRC Self Determination Advisory
Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 19, 2019**

<p><u>VMRC SDAC Members - Present</u> Isela Bingham (DRC OCRA)-Statute Karen Bonacci (FA) -VMRC Mary Bonacci (SA) -VMRC Lisa Culley-secretary (FA) -SCDD Gricelda Estrada (FA) -VMRC John Forrest (FA) -VMRC (on phone) Claire Lazaro (FA) Alphonse Mickahail (FA) -SCDD (on phone) Dr. Bethany Mickahail (FA) -SCDD (on phone) Mariela Ramos-chair (FA) -VMRC Kerstin Williams (SA) -SCDD (on phone)</p> <p><u>VMRC SDAC Members- Absent</u> Phylcia Martinez (FA) -SCDD Yadira Placsencia (FA) -SCDD Mohamed Rashid- (SA) -SCDD Nancy Sanchez-vice chair (FA) -VMRC Veronica Segovia (FA) -SCDD Martha Arely Solano (FA) -SCDD</p> <p><u>SCDD Staff</u> Dena Hernandez- North Valley Hills</p>	<p><u>Guests who signed in</u> Dora Contreras (FA) Emily Grunder (SA) Maria Solano (FA)</p> <p><u>VMRC Staff</u> Tony Anderson-Executive Director Doug Bonnett – Director’s Assistant Tania Candelaria-SD Service Coordinator Cindy Mix- Director of Consumer Services Angie Shear-Project Manager Irene Hernandez-Interpreter</p> <p>SA=Self Advocate FA=Family Advocate Appointed by: VMRC=6 or SCDD=9</p>
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Call Meeting to order- Mariela Ramos-chair- called to order at 10:23 am

Introductions- Committee Members and audience- all introduced themselves. Irene Hernandez provided interpretation services for committee members who speak Spanish.

Establish Quorum- Mariela-chair-at beginning of meeting there was not a quorum. Additional members arrived, so chair established a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda- Motion to approve the agenda by Lisa and seconded by Claire. Vote taken –there was one abstention (Gricelda) because she did not receive the materials prior to the meeting. Motion passes.

Approval of the minutes from November 21, 2019 – Committee members reviewed minutes. There was a correction by Mariela Ramos and minutes will be corrected with the clarification. “Dena will send letters by mail to those SDAC members who have not attended the SDAC meetings” will be added to VMRC SDAC Membership Update. Claire made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction – and it was seconded by Isela. Vote taken motion passed with abstentions from Gricelda and John.

Public Comment-

- Dena H. brought a sample Bylaws template that she will discuss when she speaks later in the meeting.
- Dora C. is disappointed that her grandson was not selected for SD in the 11/22 draw to replace open spots in the program. She asked if there would be other opportunities to enter SD. She also asked if there was a list for Independent Facilitators (IF)? It was answered that there are not supposed to be lists under SD. Mariela explained the functions of an IF-advocacy and possibly other duties (PCP, etc.), and Tony added that the IF possibly would direct the IPP. Many of those in attendance expressed that as the program gets established the number of IF’s should increase. Gricelda added that the SDAC should invite IF to our meetings.

Update on the Self Determination Program Phase in & Orientation- *Information*
Cindy Mix Director of Case Management-Cindy reported that there are PCP & IPP meetings every day for SD participants. As of 12/19, 17 PCP’s & IPP’s had been completed, 3 spending plans have been completed, and that there are 2 budgets certified and ready to begin SD, 1 started 12/1 & 1 will begin 1/1. There are eleven spending plans in process.

VMRC is adding a 3rd Service Coordinator to SD-she will report more at the next meeting.

There is a vendor training in development, to be provided hopefully in February. There have been a lot of vendor questions regarding how SD will work.

There are vendors for FMS who have completed vendorization. There is one PCP (not VMRC staff), and there is one other agency/entity interested.

Of the initial 100 SD slots available for VMRC consumers, 79 have chosen to continue in the program, 71 have completed orientation. There were 32 additional names selected on 11/22, 3 have indicated that they do not wish to continue with SD. There are 900 additional names still on the interested list. Orientations are scheduled for Jan/Feb/Mar. Tania C. and Angie S. gave reflections and information on how the process has been going for those plans that they have participated in. Angie will attend meetings to try to make budget development more streamlined and she answered questions from committee members and public attendees.

Cindy clarified that consumers and their families or circles of support can bring PCP to regional center instead of using RC staff to complete PCP.

Update on the Self Determination Program Phase in & Orientation- *Information*

Tony Anderson-Executive Director-Tony reported that statewide approximately 100 consumers have begun services under SD. Program implementation funds should be to regional centers by the end of the month. It is hoped that there will be funds available for SDAC use. DDS has been requested to provide a list of prohibited services under SD, and they are working on it. Also, Parent/Family Participation Fees clarification will be provided by DDS as well. A budget tool is being looked at from the state level. HCBS waiver and SD waiver assessment tools must be completed by vendors.

SCDD Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee-Mariela will be attending the statewide meeting which is in February. Mariela is on the Overcoming Barriers subcommittee. She will report more on the details of the subcommittee at the next meeting.

VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Next Steps-

Dena discussed bylaws and brought an example of what bylaws for the SDAC could look like. There was a suggestion made that we take time to explore if we want to adopt bylaws and what they should include. Question was asked who

would articulate bylaws. Claire made a motion that we include the topic of bylaws to the 1/16/20 agenda as a longer discussion and time to work on this topic. Second by Lisa C. Vote taken and passed unanimously. Copy of the sample bylaws attached to the meeting minutes.

There were questions raised regarding implementation of the Self Determination program for those who were selected in November, as there were a few attendees who had received a letter from DDS that a consumer was selected for SD, but had not received any contact from VMRC as of this meeting. Karen B. motioned that we add a question and answer time to the January agenda, seconded by Claire. Vote passed unanimously. Cindy and Tony will provide answers to specific questions at the next meeting. Please send any questions to Cindy Mix (cmix@vmrc.net) prior to the meeting to ensure time to prepare and research answers.

VMRC SDAC Membership Update - Dena H. provided a membership update. There are 17 committee members: 3 Self Advocates (SA), 14 Family Advocates (FA), and 1 statute (DRC/OCRA). There are no representatives from Amador, Calaveras or Tuolumne Counties, 14 from San Joaquin County (2 are SA), and 3 from Stanislaus County (1 is SA). Of the current representatives, 7 are appointed by VMRC, and SCDD has appointed 9, and 1 is statute (DRC/OCRA). Dena explained the process of appointment between VMRC & SCDD.

Dena sent an email to those members who have not been attending the SDAC meetings and will send a final letter thru mail as she did not receive any responses from the email.

Next Meeting – Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 3:30pm-5:00pm at VMRC Board Room Stockton.

Self Determination Advisory Committee meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The times will alternate afternoon (3:30pm-5pm) and morning (10am-11:30am).

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Culley