



VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes-November 16, 2023

VMRC SDAC Members - Present

Karen Bonacci (FA)
Mary Bonacci (SA)
Jeannet Cardenas (FA)
Vivian David Nicolas (FA)-chair
Gricelda Estrada (FA)-vice chair
Jeff Lazaro (FA)-vice secretary
Mariela Ramos (FA)
Arelly Solano (FA)
Colleen Yoder -DRC/OCRA

VMRC SDAC Members- Absent

Lisa Culley (FA)-informed
John Forrest (FA)
Jonathan Zahodne (SA)

SA=Self Advocate

FA=Family Advocate

Interpreters

Isela Bingham-In person
Irene Hernandez-Zoom

Guests who identified

Dora Contreras-ICC
Erika Cibrian
Mary Ann Estrada
Nancy Millan
Jose Flores

VMRC Staff

Tony Anderson, Executive Director
Jordan Bettancourt, Participant Choice
Specialist
Maribel Trujillo, Participant Choice Specialist
Deanna Wagenman, Participant Choice
Specialist

Item 1: Call Meeting to order- Vivian Nicolas, called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Introductions- Committee members and public members introduced themselves. Irene Hernandez provided interpretation services via Zoom and Isela Bingham was interpreting in person.

Item 3: Establish Quorum-Quorum was established.

Item 4: Approval of the Agenda-motion to approve the agenda was made by Vivian (2nd by Jeff). Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes from October 19, 2023-Jeff made the motion to approve minutes (2nd by Mary). Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: VMRC SDAC Chair Report-

- Vivian provided information on DDS Directives that have been sent out recently and provided update on VMRC communications and other partner agency updates.

Item 7: Public Comment

Dora asked about the DDS updates, Vivian clarifies and provided the links to the directives. Gricelda asked for additional clarification and was asked to first read the directives and ask questions if she still had questions. Vivian also suggested that for the future, links will be provided with the agenda so that everyone can read and ask questions if needed. Further clarifications regarding the links was tabled for the next meeting.

Item 8: VMRC Update-Tony provided updates on staff changes and announced his resignation from VMRC and the effective dates.

Item 9: Special Events Workgroup-There was no meeting held and no action items to present. The next meeting for the workgroup is on January 25, 2024.

Item 10: ICC Support Project Report-Dora provided updates on project, which was doing well. They will be requesting an extension for the project to utilize the allocated funds. An action item will be added to the next agenda after the update.

Item 11: Adjoin Support Project Report-Information on training sponsored and outcomes were provided by Vivian.

Item 12: Discussion-Action- Jeff made a motion to cancel the December meeting (scheduled for 12/21/23), with 2nd from Gricelda. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting-January 18, 2024, 3:30pm-5pm, with the informal discussion session starting at 3pm. The meeting will be in-person at VMRC in Stockton or on Zoom

Item 13: Meeting Adjourned 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Lazaro