



**The Advisory Council on Quality Supports
for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families
Meeting Summary April 13, 2017
9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Location: Bank of the West, Central/San Mateo
Albuquerque, NM**

Mission: *The Advisory Council advises the New Mexico Department of Health on the systems guiding the provision of services and supports that assist people with developmental disabilities of all ages and their families to be fully included in New Mexico communities.*

Vision: *People with developmental disabilities of all ages and their families receive the support and services needed to live inclusively and as independently as possible within their communities.*

ACQ Members: June Montoya, Danny Palma, Sandy Skaar, Lecie McNeese, Naomi Sandweiss (for Lisa R), Dan DePaula, Virginia Lynch, Doris Hustad, Patrick Anaya, Bill Myers, Kathleen Cates, Mark Taylor, Stevie Bass, Phyllis Shingle, Joyce Munoz (by phone), Lily Martinez, Sesai Calderon

State Staff: Cassandra DeCamp, Vangie Yanez, Marc Kolman, Kresta Opperman, Tracy Agiovlasitis, Regina Lewis, Deb Vering, Chris Futey, Theresa Larson, Kathy Baker, Annabelle Martinez, Christina Hill, Iris Clevenger, Roberta Duran, Scott Good, Tallie Tolen, Jeannette Gurule, Justine Vigil,

Guests: Fritzi Hardy, Albert Trujillo (Liferoots), Angela Ortega (Liferoots)

Call to Order: Bill Myers called the meeting to order at 9:45 am

Welcome, Introductions and ACQ Housekeeping:

Introductions - Danny Palma announced that Fritzi Hardy would be taking his place at the June ACQ meeting.

Bylaws – There was a discussion of changing the bylaws to read that the Executive Committee meeting would be held at least two weeks before the ACQ meeting, and that the Agenda and Meeting Summary would be sent out at least one week in advance. Doris Husted motioned to approve and Kathleen Cates seconded the motion. All approved the motion.

Approve February Summary – June Montoya made a motion to approve the summary with one correction to the Partner Form. The issue that was indicated on the partner form was not a request for Mi Via but was rather a request for the Ambulatory Stipend to be extended on the DD waiver. Approval for the Summary to be approved was seconded by Bill Myers with changes. All approved

Membership – Discussion was held on replacing Jim Copeland as ICC representative. This will be followed up on – Marc Kolman can ask at the next ICC meeting if anyone is interested in taking Jim's seat.

Partner Forms –

Virginia Lynch – clarified that the question is about the non-ambulatory stipend in the DDW – this will be forwarded to Christina Hill

Kathleen Cates - Mi Via Payments – Regina will take this back to MVAC and ask if the MVAC has finished making recommendations on this issue. Melanie B. has advised that a task force has been

formed at MVAC. They've had two meetings discussing these recommendations. Kresta is working with the Systems Bureau on payment solutions. The ACQ wants to keep this alive!

Wise Plan – Kathleen Cates explained that the Summary will contain votes and things that are requested to be noted in the minutes. The agenda will reflect the Wise Plan.

Community Benefit Presentation -

Cassandra DeCamp introduced Vangie Yanez as the new Intake & Eligibility Staff Manger. Effective May 1, Vangie will be supervising the regional Intake and Eligibility workers. She will be addressing the backlog of the eligibility list. The estimated timeframe to get through the backlog is 18 months. Currently the Metro and SE regions have the most backlog. There was no information on new allocations for this year.

Tallie Tolen, Jeannette Gurule, and Justine Vigil representing HSD Centennial Care gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Community Benefits. They answered questions and provided some discussion. The PowerPoint will be distributed to all on the ACQ mailing list.

Jim Copeland –

Jim Copeland visited with the ACQ regarding his new position as DDS's Division Director. He spoke briefly on continuing to work with the ACQ and his vision to work closely with the providers to improve the lives of the people we serve.

SIS Transition –

Christina Hill gave an update on the decision the Department made to discontinue the SIS Assessment effective July 1, 2017. There are 2 issues that need to be dealt with: 1) the 3 group assignments determined by the SIS assessment, and 2) since the 2011 DDW Renewal, DDS has been proposing budget levels. So far, DDS has tried to approach the change by gathering as much feedback as possible. Most feedback is related to how changes would be implemented. The next steps will be to develop criteria that identifies where the rate levels are determined; train the OR team and reissue the clinical criteria. Hoping to rollout by July 1, early May training will be available. There will be three service types: supported living, customized community supports, and customized integrated employment.

The next step: It sounds like training needs to start earlier. How can we do better? The P & Q subcommittee can maybe plan a head for things like this. At the next meeting, will create a calendar for what's coming down the pike.

Deb Vering spoke on the remaining SIS allocation funding. Of the \$360,000 allocation, \$151,584 has been sent YTD, leaving a balance of \$42,000. This money comes from the General Fund and will go back to the State General Fund. Going in FY18, the money will be reallocated to the OR to continue with what they are doing.

System Capacity and Service Models discussion –

Marc Kolman and Roberta Duran asked for ideas on what the ACQ is looking for in a presentation on System Capacity and Service Models. It was suggested that we look at the service models that are currently available in all the waivers. There was some discussion on expanding Residential Services Models. The current models are:

DDW: Family Living, Supported Living, Custom In Home Supports

Mi Via: Living Supports, In Home Living Supports, Homemaker Supports, Home Health Aid (under medical or budget)

Centennial Care: home, residential nursing – under medical in budget

Med Frag Waiver:

Also, look at: services that support people in their home – DDW, Mi Via, Centennial Care, Med Frag waivers; In Home Living Supports definition; # of people receiving these services; and cost per program, per participants.

Subcommittee Updates -

MVAC – Lecie McNees will be attending the April 27 MVAC meeting. Her goal is to ask how we can bridge the gap between MVAC and ACQ. Stevie Bass invited stakeholders to look at the new website. Marc will send an email to Regina Lewis when the Mi Via section of the new website is done and she can let some of the Mi Via folks know.

Mi Via Waiver received notice from CMS that the Mi Via waiver was also approved.

Med Frag Waiver – Iris announced that the Med Frag waiver was approved, and will be backdated to July 1, 2016.

Motion by Bill Myer to close at 4:00 pm, seconded by Mark Taylor, all approved.