



**The Advisory Council on Quality Supports  
for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities  
and Their Families**

**Meeting Summary August 10, 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: Bill Myers, Patrick Anaya, Fritz Hardy (Danny Palma), Gabriella Ramos, Mark Taylor, Sandy Skaar, Dan DePalma, Virginia Lynch, Doris Husted, Stevie Bass, Lilly Martinez, Lecie McNeese, Kathleen Cates, Joyce Munoz

State Staff: Scott Good, Chris Futey, Kathy Baker, Tracy Agiovlasis, Regina Lewis, Marc Kolman, Annabelle Martinez, Kresta Opperman, Deb Vering, Robert Duran, Jen Rodriguez

Guests: April Spaulding (ICC), Jeannette Bundy, Mike Romero, Gay Romero, Robert Kegel, Angelique Tafoya, Kimberly Riebsomer, Melvin Brown

Welcome, Introductions and ACQ Housekeeping:

Introductions

Name Tents

Approve summary from the June 8, 2017 meeting – add Stevie Bass to last summary – pg 2 at the end – there were some stakeholders that came forward – a group of Mi Via stakeholders volunteered to look at the content, but were not given a chance to do that – Marc K said that would be taken care (A group of Mi Via stakeholders requested a chance to test out the navigation and clarity of the new site, however, this opportunity was not offered by the state.) Change date of Mi Via meeting on page 3 to July 27. Motion to approve by Doris, seconded by Mark Taylor to approve the Summary with changes noted.

Ground Rules

Public Comment and Open Agenda Items

Voting

**Mi Via/MVAC:** Stevie Bass – Main goal today is to clarify the difference b/t traditional DDW and Mi Via – 3 members of Mi Via Advisory Committee (Jeannette, Mike, Gaye) – Mike/Gaye's daughter (16 yrs old) – customized services are available in Mi Via – end result is a better quality of life for their daughter – Mi Via allows them to think “outside of the box” and this improves her quality of life – she is becoming more self-confident – they are hoping that she may become more of a self-advocate – because of the experiences she is having that are provided by Mi Via – Mi Via allows the freedom to get what she needs not what other people thinks she needs – this freedom requires very much work, by everyone in the individual's circle of support -

logistics are very complicated but the end result is worth it, these results are measurable – Mi Via allows them to customize a plan that is best for her, not her disability. Jeanette Bundy – son age 32 on Autism spectrum - on Mi Via for 3 years – Mi Via allows him to make his own decisions and do things for himself – wants to start his own business – loves photography – Mi Via allows them to make changes whenever the situation presents that opportunity, or the situation is not a good one for him – the “team” starts with her son, and they work around him – Mi Via allows him to know that he is his own person and that he is important – Thru Mi Via, he and his family are allowed to dream – that’s the biggest thing – he loves his life - gives him power and flexibility to live his life the way he wants – Mi Via is a home/community based waiver – for minors on Mi Via there are certain services that they can access – the individual/family are responsible for making their budget last the full SSP year – Melvin Brown, member of Mi Via Advisory Committee – he is the EOR, Employer of Record – he is in charge of his vendors – he hires his own employees – and he can fire them too – has had to learn to communicate what he wants from the vendors – was difficult to understand in the beginning, but is easier now – support system – Mother and Father-in-law – wife – finds his employees through his community network (friends, families, and support system) –

**Service Model Presentation:** Jen Rodriguez – CPB Chief – See handout: ACQ Service Models Request – this contains the updated information requested from the last meeting – Roberta asked if this covers the questions from the last meeting – Lecie said yes – Kathleen: where can this information be posted? – As soon as this is validated, it will be ok to post this – definitions come straight out of the DDW Standards

**Rate Study:** Deb Vering – explained how the rate studies are going to be conducted – can give an update as the process goes along – once the Scope of Work is completed then a Procurement Manager will be identified – rate study for all three waivers –

**Final Rule:** Jen Rodriguez – next step is to complete the validation of the different settings – sending out survey results after all surveys are completed – just shy of 300 of the 700 have been completed to date – finish date is the end of September (started in April) – CMS did give extension of 3 years, but now all must be complete by 2022 -

**DDW Budget Issues:** Gabriella’s concern is the sustainability of the DDW and the rising cost of budgets – why aren’t there budget limits? – can ACQ offer some suggestions how to curtail the rising budgets? – OR is approving everything, this is going to cause an implosion – Roberta suggested putting in a Partner Form – Jen suggested making recommendations on the services that are offered by the DDW or other waivers – Lecie: maybe we can include this in the work group that is getting started.

## LUNCH

**Membership:** Welcome to April Spaulding – Letter to different agency heads; Kathy will draft letter and will get it to the Executive Committee – will reach out to other agencies (see agenda) – We also need another direct support individual, children’s agencies – recommendations are welcome

**By-Laws:** Count this as the draft – will send out an updated track changes version of the By-Laws, by next Friday, August 18, the draft of the by-laws will be sent to all members; votes will be emailed back to me, or in Mark’s case, he will call; votes will be in by August 25. The top of the document needs to match other documentation.

**Election of Co-Chairs of Executive Committee:** Interested parties will declare at the October meeting, Kathy will prepare the ballot for the December meeting. Votes will be counted at December meeting

## **Subcommittee Updates:**

**Policy and Quality:** Shadee Brown presented to the meeting that the RORI process is going to be changed. Change made that RORI's will not be faxed in any longer, but all RORI's will be SCommed to DDS. It was brought to the attention of the committee that not everyone has SComm. That will be taken back to the committee working on this and amended. Jim Copeland discussed the QMB survey and that revisions are being made to TAGs and COPs. New ANE trainer was announced – Jenny Bartos – Ginny suggested an abbreviated version for Waiver recipients/parents/guardians/supports – Provider data summary was also discussed – BSI has started to work on the Case Management Data Summary –

**Wait List Committee:** Discussed where things are with the back logged applications – have moved forward – number of people on the Central Registry is 6556 – very unlikely that there will be any new allocations this year - currently a waiting list for expedited allocations (3-5 people) – 3950 currently on WL – no funding for attrition (deaths), at this time – if someone dies, their spots are not filled – delayed allocations (13-15 people) currently –

**Partner Forms:** Nothing, at this time.

**Wise Plan:** Some of the goals we have can be replaced

Goal 1: Expand Service Options for 16-24 year olds

Objective 1: Expand Service Options

Action Steps: Employment Options

Internships

Mentors

Objective 2: Increase Communication & Outreach of Waiver Services to Mission Partners

Action Steps: How to train FIT providers

Educate allocated participants and their families how to negotiate, organize and manage

Educate vendors on Mi Via expectations

Goal 2: Increase System Capacity

Objective 2: Expand Residential Service Options

Action Step 3: Form work group – Lecie

Open Agenda Items:

Public Comment: Robert Kegel – done extensive amount of research for the Legislature – CMS has accepted Burns way of doing it – Burns didn't apply CPA's – base rates are screwed up – We need/want a CPA when doing an audit – LOCs, did a 10 state survey, none of them require a physician signing the LOC –

Motion to adjourn by Gabrielle, Doris second – all in favor – adjourn at 3:30

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