



**The Advisory Council on Quality Supports
for Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
and Their Families
Meeting Summary
October 12, 2017
9:30 am to 1:00 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 Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities of all ages and their families to be fully included in New Mexico communities.*

Vision: *People with Intellectual/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: Gabriela Ramos, Danny Palma, Lily Martinez, Angelique Tafoya, April Spaulding, Lecie McNees, Dan DePaula, Ginny Lynch, Kathleen Cates, Bill Myers, Derek, proxy for Joyce Munoz, Stevie Bass

State Staff: Scott Good, Chris Futey, Kathy Baker, Iris Clevenger, Teresa Larson, Tracy Agiovlasis, Marc Kolman, Annabelle Martinez, Kresta Opperman, Kathy Kunkel, Shadee Brown

Guests: Matt Poel, Great Livin', BSC, Mariela Pijem, Parents Reaching Out

Call to Order: 9:30

Welcome, Introductions and ACQ Housekeeping:

Introductions

Name Tents

Length of today's meeting/lunch: Since the agenda is short, it was agreed to work through the lunch hour and end the meeting early.

Approve summary from the August 10, 2017 meeting. Kathleen motioned to approve and Danny Palma seconded, all approved.

Ground Rules

Public Comment and Open Agenda Items

Voting

Partner Forms:

- Carol Maestas: This form was sent Jim Copeland and is pending feedback from Jim. This will be discussed at December meeting
- Two additional forms were submitted by Ginny Lynch. These will be forwarded to Roberta Duran and Jen Rodriguez. Marc will act as the State organizer for a new subcommittee being formed to work on service models.
- The Mi Via Partner form is still open – Kresta reported that the Systems Bureau is working with Conduent on making the check policy easier. There are no clear details yet on how this will be resolved.

- Kathleen Cates is still working on a Partner Form concerning budget changes and the Case Manager not getting the changes made in a timely manner before the annual meeting. Annabelle explained that there cannot be two living care arrangements at the same time. This is difficult for the CM to get done in some circumstances.

Meetings Locations for next year: Stevie Bass asked that the new venue have phone access. Kathy will be contacting Nusenda Credit Union (they may not have great access, but has a good set up). Phoenix University is another option, as is Jerry Kline Tennis Courts. Other ideas were: Disability Rights NM and to check back with CDD. Chris Futey mentioned that Skype is available in the 2nd floor Executive Conference Room at BOW.

Addition to Agenda: DDW Standards Discussion: The discussion was had about whether the ACQ was providing feedback to DDSD regarding DDW Standards and if this was the proper forum for giving feedback. Gabriela would like to see the ACQ present feedback on different forums. Kathleen suggested that maybe some written feedback be provided. Lecie suggested that the Executive Committee meet within the next couple of weeks to go over the feedback provided by the ACQ as a whole. They will compile the information and then have a mail in vote. Stevie Bass requested that the information be sent to Mi Via. Kathleen made a motion to ask Behavioral Therapists Association and CMAAC (Case Manager Action and Advocacy Council), ADDCP and Disability Rights to send their recommendations to the Executive Committee to determine whether ACQ will send a letter of support for the DDW Standards. Gabriela seconded the motion. The Executive Committee will have a letter for the ACQ by Nov 3. All in favor – motion passed.

By-Laws:

The was a short discussion on the draft and a vote was taken. Danny Palma made the motion to accept the changes to the By-Laws, Lecie McNeas seconded it. All voted in favor to accept the changes to the By-Laws.

Litigation Update: Kathy Kunkel

Waldrop Commitments: November 1 deadline – A consent decree saying the obligations have been met is being written, which means that oversight by the Court should end. The Plaintiffs are preparing the letter.

Jackson 10th Circuit Court Hearing – The argument presented to the Court was between the parties saying there are no ongoing constitutional violations. The Plaintiffs position is saying the State waited too long and the violations have been brought into the community from the institutions. The Defendants believe there are no constitutional violations. The Defendants were very encouraged by the questions asked by justices regarding the Courts findings to date.

Mi Via/DDW Jackson Class Members – The IQR (Individual Quality Review) looks very different between the DDW and Mi Via. DDSD is currently looking at this very closely. The rules are very different between DDW, Mi Via and ICFs. This is a topic that will be discussed at the next Jackson Quarterly Meeting. The question was asked, if changes to Mi Via will be coming out of the Jackson lawsuit? Peter Cubra recently made a statement saying that JCMs on Mi Via need the same level of supervision as those on the DDW. The Jackson Quarterly Meeting will be held on November 1 & 2.

Wise Plan: Kathleen Cates

Kathleen went over the changes that have been to the Wise Plan and asked for suggestions on how to go forward. Kathy/Chris will find a venue that will have more technological capacity (Skype) by April 2018.

Committee Updates:

- MVAC: Stevie Bass reported that MVAC is a standing committee, not a subcommittee. The last meeting was July 27, 2017. Six members of the Mi Via Advisory Committee are at the end of their terms on 10/31/2017. Both the Chair and Vice Chair are retiring at the end of January, 2018. Stevie also reported that her daughter has been volunteering at the Ski Valley Resort, but that she has started to get paid for her job. Ski Valley is looking for more employees and was looking for suggestions on where they could go find more employees. Kathleen suggested she contact the Taos Department of Vocational Rehab.
- Policy and Quality: This committee did not meet this month. They will discuss the ANE training at the next meeting.
- Intake and Eligibility: This committee did not meet this month.
- DDW Standards: This committee will meet going forward.

Open Agenda Items:

There was discussion on the changes that were made to the Therap system.

Motion to adjourn made by Gabriela at 1:00, seconded by Danny. All approved.