



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

**February 8, 2018**

**10:30 am to 2:30 pm**

**Location: Location: New Mexico State Library,  
1209 Camino Carlos Rey, Pinon Room, Santa Fe, 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 supports and services needed to live inclusively and as independently as possible within their community.*

**Attendees:**

Members: Ginny Lynch, Danny Palma, Lily Martinez, Stevie Bass, Sandy Skaar, Antonio Fernandez (Phyllis Shingle), Juanita Watson, April Spaulding, Angelique Tafoya, Dan DePaula, Mark Taylor, Kathleen Cates, Lecie McNeas

State Employees: Tracy A, Jim Copeland, Marc Kolman, Kresta Opperman, Regina Lewis, Kathy Baker, Melanie, Roberta Duran, Annabelle Martinez,

Guests: Jerry Bartley, Gabby Sanchez-Sandoval, Carol Maestas, Kim Riebsomer

The ACQ is meeting in Santa Fe this month because of the Legislature being in session. Those of you that are aware of this, great! For those of you that are not aware of it, please go to [NMLegis.gov](http://NMLegis.gov) to see what they are working on this year

**1. Call to Order 10:30**

**2. Welcome and Introductions and ACQ Housekeeping 10:30 – 11:00 Patrick/Kathleen**

- Introductions
- Name Tents
- Approve summary from the December 14, 2017: Motion to approve the December 14 summary with the exception of the MVAC Committee update was made by Mark Taylor, seconded by Kathleen, all approved.
- Meeting Location:  
The April meeting will be held at the Nusenda Federal Credit Union, located at 4100 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque. We will be meeting in the Piedra Lisa Room. At the April meeting, it will be determined by the ACQ if they wish to continue to meet there through 2018. There is limited wireless internet and phone service available at this location.

- Ground Rules
- Public Comment and Open Agenda Items
- Membership:
 

The Executive Committee is asking for suggestions or recommendations for a new member at large for the Executive Committee. Danny Palma would be interested if he could Skype into the meeting.

We are also looking to fill the empty spots on the member roster. There are currently at least three vetting packets that Kathy is waiting to be returned; Katherine Zmeskal, Walt Benson, and Jerry Bartling.
- Partner Form:
 

Kathleen will be tracking Partner Forms at the end of the Wise Plan
- Evaluation Forms:
 

Discussion of comments made on December evaluations. Patrick went over the Comments and asked for people to complete a Partner form.
- Binders: Kathy will send any updates to the 2018 Binder to all committee members. New members will receive a binder.
- Gabby Sandoval-Sanchez, Deputy Secretary of DDSD, thanked ACQ for the time and effort they put into these meetings. She then opened the meeting up to any questions. Danny Palma asked about the legislation being presented with the 25 million dollars. What does she know about this? Gabby said she has not been privy to the conversation, but feels that the State needs to be mindful of the provider system that is involved. Kathleen Cates commented that many of the providers and advocacy groups have been supporting SB 20, 21 and 22 – rate increases and funding the rate study. She was very disheartened that no one from the State was present at the committee meeting. What is the status of Early Childhood Development Secretary legislation? This proposal would make it possible to be able to take the home visiting, FIT, and all early childhood programs under one Secretary. Gabby reported that they meet every morning of the session to go over the legislation being discussed (Rate Study). They do have restraints on what they can do. As for the Early Childhood position, she was not sure they have much control over that position. There are pros and cons to having this all in one place. This does not have a formal recommendation.

### **3. Subcommittee Updates: 11:00 – 12:00**

**I & E:** is still debating on how people are going to be moved on or off the Central Registry. Fritzi had a lot of parents there that have family members on the waiting list - 4 new people (very engaged) – There are different opinions on why there are so many people on the waiting list. IT was a good discussion. Robert Kegel asked for some information on how people are actually put on the waiting list. *(Updated 4/10/2018)*

**Policy & Quality:** Ginny Lynch reported for this Committee. The Case Management agency scorecard update was deferred because Chris and Steve Schan were not at the meeting. They did talk about Self Advocate recipients getting ANE training. They went through the existing ANE training. The committee felt they would have to do some research before things could be put into place, discussing ideas on how to do that. Jim Copeland said that there is nothing

keeping agencies from developing these trainings on their own for individuals. Kathleen Cates said that Life Roots does do some self-advocacy training for people they serve. Mi Via has a process of having the consultants ask the participants monthly and quarterly about ANE, have short quizzes and discussions. The consultant will teach the EOR and the participant. It was suggested that Policy & Quality ask some Mi Via folks to the meeting to have further discussion on this.

**MVAC:** Stevie Bass offered further discussion about the Mi Via portion of the DOH website. Marc Kolman and Kent Augustine attended the last meeting of the Mi Via Advisory Committee on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, with Kent reporting that some suggestions by the MVAC Website Workgroup can be acted on quickly and others will have to wait until the next DOH site revision. Kent mentioned how much he appreciated receiving the input from the Mi Via workgroup. At the MVAC meeting, Brad Hill, MVAC chair and his colleague at the Attorney General's office, Amira Rasheed announced that ABLE accounts are now available in New Mexico, that the NM State Treasurers office contracts with the Ohio State Treasurer's office to administer the program. Sandy Skaar also reported that MVAC talked about the electronic visit verification requirement that the State has recently revealed to Mi Via participants. EVV requirements came as a shock to many of the participants and their support groups, due to the nature of the self-directed program, the flexibility built in to Mi Via and concerns for participants and their caregivers being able to respond to these demands. The rollout date for EVV with Mi Via is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. At the meeting, Kathy Salazar announced that HME has a special service now available for Med Fragile Mi Via constituents. The recent election of MVAC added Kathy Lilly, Althea McLuckie and Stevie Bass to the roster, each for three years.

**Service Model Subcommittee:** Committee did not meet

**4. Rate Study: 12:00 – 12:30**

The ACQ Executive Committee has been asked to suggest two provider representatives to be on a committee with DOH to work on the rate study. The RFP will be released in April, and they will make a decision on who they are going to contract with in June, award the contract in July, start in January 2019. A handout was included in the packet. The Executive Committee is currently looking for two people to be on this committee to work on the contract. After the vendor has been chosen they will be looking for more advocates to be in a work group that will actually write the survey (study). Please email Lecie or Patrick with recommendations as to who those two people will be. Lecie will send a correspondence out when a timeline is decided.

**5. Wise Plan updates: 12:30 – 2:00 –** The Wise Plan will be available the day of the meeting.

**6. Open Agenda Items: 2:00 –** Rhett's Syndrome as a qualifying condition. Jim told Carol Maestas that it was reviewed and they (the Legislature) decided not to go forward with that. Fiscal Report done, there are a whole of other syndromes/conditions that Rhett's Syndrome individuals have that qualifies them for the DDW. What do we do now? Wait List Committee (Cassandra) should be asked to come explain why Rhett's Syndrome does not meet criteria.

**7. Public Comment: 2:30**

"Public comment by interested parties (guests) will be limited to the topics on the meeting agenda. If you have a specific problem or concern not included on the agenda, please complete a Partners Form to have the issue brought forward. If you wish to address the council for any

other reason, please contact one of the chairs prior to the start of the meeting to be added to the agenda. If time does allow for additions to the agenda, you may request to be placed on the agenda for the next ACQ meeting. Any additions to the agenda will be at the discretion of the co-chairs.”

- 8. Closing: Motion by Mark, second by April – all in favor at 2:06 pm**