



**Mi Via Advisory Committee (MVAC) Quarterly Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023, 12:30-3:30 Meeting Location: Teleconference**

1-Attendance and Introductions, Chair A. Mcluckie Meeting called to order

Member	State Staff	Guest
Judy Sena	Jen Rodriguez	Kate Nash
Brad Hill-Excused	Vangie Yanez	Steven Rigby
Patricia Gull	Elaine Hill	Cassandra DeCamp
Margaret Keane-Excused	Krsytal Armijo	Orlando Watson
Shannon Eckert-Excused	Melanie Buenviaje	Eddie Romero
Chinda Lucoski	Deanna De'Herrera	Tracy Perry
Allison Salazar-Excused	Renee Valerio	Evonne Romero
Stevie Bass	Rachel Gonzales	Jacqueline Mares
Donna Brooks	Jen Romero	Rose Estrada
Althea McLuckie		Sbicca Brodeur
Denise Balderas		
Joyce Munoz		
Charles Clayton		
Sandy Skaar		

2-Review Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve 10.26.23 agenda made by Denise and seconded by Trish. No discussion or opposition.
- Motion to approve 7.27.23 Meeting Minutes as amended made by Trish and seconded by Stevie. Discussion to amend with no opposition.

3-Housekeeping, Chair, A. Mcluckie

- ◆ Public comment signup – **Cassandra D’Camp and Eddie Romero**

4-By-laws Review and Vote, By-laws Committee, Chair A. Mcluckie

Althea asked for volunteers to chair the By-laws Committee. Trish and Stevie will assist with by-laws review in January 2024 and try to identify a chair for the committee.



5-Membership Committee Update and Vote, S. Bass

- Althea asked for volunteers to chair the Membership Committee. Trish and Stevie will assist with this committee.
- Orientation Committee-Stevie will send an email to members and current chair to see if they are able to continue chairing the committee.

6- State Staff Partnership Discussions

See Attached

- Stevie requested information on the RORA be shared through the next Mi Via Newsletter and a presentation for the MVAC. DDSD (Jen) will schedule.
- eBay is an approved vendor
- Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) question asked about how it would be paid out and if people needed to do anything. No-nothing needs to be done. When amendment is approved HSD will communicate how the increases in rates will be distributed.
- Proposed Direct Entry Vendor Payment Request questions:
 - Forms will need to be submitted
 - Online form can be submitted with an electronic signature
 - Stevie expressed concerns about what suppliers would be willing to use direct entry
 - Stevie would like to see the participant/employer of record to have a choice between using the proposed direct entry or continuing to use the current process
 - Request to pilot this first
 - When does HSD need feedback by?
- Palco checks:
 - Request that Palco put all pay stub pages per pay period in one envelope rather than one page per envelope as they are doing now.
 - Include pay period dates on the paystub (Stevie)
 - Include gross pay on paystub (Stevie)



- Cut one check per invoice and not separate checks for each date of service (Althea & Donna)
- Deanna will follow up with Conduent.
- Request that Palco/Conduent notify each Mi Via employee of which tax deductions should be deducted from their pay each pay period and be shown on pay stub.
- Althea pointed out that there is a discrepancy in communication related to the money network card and what it can be used for from Conduent. Conduent is telling people only goods (T1999) can be purchased with the money network card. The Human Services Department says the money network card can be used for anything that accepts a credit card. Conduent has denied payments. Deanna will clarify for the MVAC.
- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) deadline question-concern that people won't get paid if they don't comply with the October 31, 2023, deadline and they can't because exception codes don't work. Melanie clarified that EVV deadline was moved to 1/22/2024.
- Request for HSD leadership to attend meetings so questions can be answered.

7- Member Recommendations for Mi Via, Chair, A. Mcluckie

- Chinda asked for educational coaching and life skills training for the Mi Via Waiver. This prompted a discussion on accessing resources through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), and how resources are available for Mi Via participants through that department. DDSD also mentioned that in the next amendment to the Mi Via Waiver we are incentivizing employment support for them to be funded outside of the Individual Budget Allotment.
- DDSD will arrange for a DVR presentation to the MVAC and provided Director of DVR's name and contact, Casey Stone-Romero.
- Question-will the waivers move under Turquoise Care? There are no plans at this time to move waivers into managed care.
- Adrienne Smith presented on a draft proposed bill for the 2024 legislative session (attached) pertaining to require collecting and reporting of data on staffing and compensation requiring a cost study and rate determination



- for personal care services in Medicaid programs. She also discussed HB 395 which passed last legislative session-see attached.

- Denise motioned and Chinda seconded the motion to write a MVAC letter of support for this draft bill. motion approved with no opposition. Althea will draft letter.

8-ACQ Liaison Update, S. Bass

- Denise will be new MVAC representative at the ACQ meetings.
- November 9 Listening Session-who can go? Anyone can attend-MVAC requested this information be included in the next Mi Via Newsletter

9-Public Comment

- Cassandra D'Camp-concerns with EVV deadline and not accepting exception codes-recommending to move compliance date back.
- Tracy Perry-Expressed her concern with gross receipts taxes being a part of the individual budget allotment and feels it's an unfair practice in the Mi Via Waiver.
- Sbicca- Praised the recent DDSD wellness visits because they were coordinated and scheduled with consultants present.

10-Proposed New Business – Keep on agenda for next meeting

- DVR presentation for MVAC-Jen will coordinate
- RORA presentation for the MVAC-Jen will coordinate
- Stevie-experiences with wellness visits and questions

11-Final Comments and meeting adjourned, Chair

- Charles acknowledged some changes that were made and appreciated
- Althea gave the MVAC her 1 year resignation notice.

- Motion to adjourn at 3:08 pm made by Charles and seconded by Denise. Motion carries with no discussion or opposition.

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