

Mi Via Advisory Committee (MVAC)

October 27, 2022
12:30 pm to 3:30pm

Meeting Location:

Teleconference

Agenda

1. Welcome and Roll Call 12:30 pm- 12:40 pm (10 minutes)

- MVAC was brought to order by Chair B. Hill, Full quorum to proceed.
- Members present: Patricia Gull, Judy Sena, Chinda Lucoski, Althea McLuckie, Stevie Bass, Jacob Patterson (proxy for Sandy Skaar), Brad Hill, Allison Salazar, Jody-Neal Post, Margaret Keane, Shannon Eckert, Steffan Zahar Hellman
- **State Staff:** Rudy Aguilera, Evangeline Yanez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Elaine Hill, Jason Cornwell, Deanna DeHerrera, Melanie Buenviaje, LaRisa Rodges.

2. Review Agenda & Announcements (5 minutes) 12:40 pm – 12:45 pm

- a. Add/remove items from agenda:
 - **Added HSD agenda items / Added Nomination of officers/ Added Presentation from DDS Division Director, Jason Cornwell.**
- b. Review/ approve July 2022 and September 2022 MVAC meeting notes:
 - **July 2022 / September 2022 notes approved by MVAC.**
- c. Public Comment sign up:
 - **No one signed up at the moment.**
- d. **Review of Ground Rules:**
 - MVAC Chair, Brad Hill went over ground rules and addressed the membership about his request to step down as chair.
- e. **Recognize and thank Cathy Salazar for her contributions to the MVAC:**
 - MVAC members expressed their gratitude they had for the support that Cathy provided during her time serving with the MVAC. Thank you Cathy.

3. Nominations Committee: 12:45pm to 1:00 pm (15 minutes)

- a. Discussion of term dates for current MVAC members and roles
- b. Review / Announce new MVAC members
- c. Discuss next round of nominations/ number of seats are open
 - Discussed the term dates for all MVAC members. The roles available for open seats. The chair Brad Hill discussed his wishes to step down as chair, asks if there is another member who is interested in serving as Chair. The MVAC closed the meeting to the public. Member Althea McLuckie advises the MVAC that she is interested in serving as chair. MVAC member Allison Salazar shares that she has an interest in

serving as Vice chair. The MVAC motioned, 2nd and approved the motions for both positions. Past Chair Brad Hill immediately turned duties over to Chair Althea McLuckie to proceed with the duties of chair for the remaining of the MVAC meeting.

4. Agenda Request from MVAC Members: 1:30- 2:00 (30 minutes)

- a. **Discuss the state of the NMAC/ incorporation of MVAC recommendations (Althea)**
 - Discussion was held on the recommendations the MVAC submitted to DDS/D HSD on the NMAC. Attachment Mi Via Advisory Committee recommendations for the NM Administrative code (NMAC) dated 7/15/2021 attached and also provided to MVAC members.
- b. **Discussion of Conduent (Althea)**
 - MVAC members discussed and expressed concerns with Conduent. The call center and other issues were discussed. HSD will look into the concerns and continue to work with the MVAC to get resolution.
- c. **PALCO- Purchasing on behalf of Participants (standing item)**
 - HSD is in the process of finalizing this service. It will allow for Mi Via Participants to purchase items themselves and the option to have the FMA to be a purchasing agent on behalf of MV Participants.
- d. **EVV Update (standing item)**
 - HSD provided update of where we are in the process and timelines for roll out of the program.
- e. **Discussion on earned sick leave (Stevie)**
 - HSD provided a handout on the Paid sick leave update and questions from MVAC members. Handout sent to MVAC members
- f. **The usage of first and last names of MVAC members in notes, communication (Stevie)**
 - The MVAC discussed, and all agreed to use their first and last names with minute meeting notes. Moving forward all MVAC will be identified by first and last name.

5. Presentation from DDS Director Jason Cornwell: Open discussion on the Mi Via program in whole. Jason provided updates and resources to share with the MVAC, handouts included with meeting notes. Jason spoke and presented a Power point about (DDSQI) Developmental Disabilities System Quality Improvement Committee. Power point sent to all MVAC members on 10/28/2023.

6. DDS / HSD 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm (1 hour) Due to time constraints DDS did not get to present updates to MVAC. Members received attachment of updates 10-28-2022 email.

- a. **Training Hub-**Training Hub: A new training curriculum is now available for Consultants, Direct Support Professionals (DSP) and Employer of Records (EOR). You can find the required trainings at <https://www.cdd.unm.edu/other-disability-programs/disability->

health-policy/ddsd-courses/mi-via-consultant.html. If you have questions or need assistance accessing the trainings, please contact your consultant. In Home Living Support providers will be responsible for creating logins for direct support staff and community support staff they employ in the “Training Hub”. This process will provide direct support staff and community support staff the access/ login they will need to complete the required Mi Via trainings. If you have any questions please email Elaine.Hill@state.nm.us, Mi Via Program Manager. The deadline for entering EOR’s/ DSPs is December 1, 2022, and everyone is expected to be in compliance by February 1, 2023.

- b. **Rate Study and Provider Capacity Assessment:** We had our internal Kickoff with Public Consulting Group (PCG) last week and we are in the process of scheduling the public Kickoff. Stay tuned for the date and time. ACQ has created a Rate Study/Provider Capacity Sub-Committee. Those meetings will also be scheduled soon. Thank you, Stevie Bass, for volunteering to be the MVAC representative. Our Mi Via Consultant Association representatives are Jacob Patterson and Peter Crespin. More information on attachment shared with MVAC.
- c. **Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) Collaboration with DDSD:** HSRI is working on best practices and innovations for post-COVID services, “remote technology” and shifts in delivery approaches as a result of Covid. Their work will also include research on family support and peer support service models with strategies and best practices for supporting people with IDD to remain with their families, in their homes and in their communities, if that is their decision.
- d. **Employer of Record Waiver Service:** DDSD is in the process of drafting an Employer of Record waiver service. We are researching the options available for this service. It will require a waiver amendment and will require a formal public comment period. More information and updates to follow.
- e. **Developmental Disabilities Support Division Amendment::** DDSD is also working on some amendment ideas across all waivers/part of that work is also part of the work we are doing with PCG and HSRI. Specifically, for MV we are looking at: including Certified Occupational Therapy Aide/assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Speech-language Pathology Assistant services, Employer of Record as a paid service, possibly parent support service, peer support service, ER diversion telehealth (allowing individuals to utilize a telehealth option instead of ER visits if applicable) and employment outside of ABA which means the cost of accessing employment supports would not be included in the participant's budget, if this is allowed by CMS it would support incentivizing employment first by not coming out of the individual's budget.
- f. **Shining Star Employees of the Month:** Do you have a Direct Support Professional (DSP) that you would like to spotlight and allow to shine? Please send Elaine.Hill@doh.nm.gov a brief summary of why you would like to recognize your staff. DDSD would like to recognize our DSPs who provide exceptional support to Mi Via Participants. DDSD Mi Via Unit will feature our Shining Stars in the Mi Via Newsletter monthly, get them in!

- 7. Update from the MVAC Chair 3:00 pm – 3:10pm (10 minutes)** Chair Althea McLuckie addressed the MVAC and talked about the future and the excitement she has with taking this position. She thanked Brad Hill for the work he did as past Chair of the MVAC.
- 8. Update from the recent ACQ: 3:10 pm - 3:15 pm (5 minutes)** MVAC member Stevie Bass addressed the MVAC and provided an update from the ACQ meeting. She talked about the Mi Via Matters update that she provided to the ACQ.
- 9. Public Comment: 3:15 pm – 3:25 pm (10 minutes)**
- 10. Wrap Up: Discussion of Upcoming Agenda items, guest, etc. Schedule next MVAC meeting (3:25 pm- 3:30pm)**
 - The MVAC will have a nomination committee and a by laws committee. Both committees will meet soon.
- 11. Close: Meeting Adjourned 3:30pm**

MVAC Members please try to attend all Mi Via Advisory Committee Meetings. It is very important that we fulfill our commitment. * January 26, 2023 is the next MVAC meeting*