



**DDSD Advisory Council on Quality (ACQ) Meeting Notes
December 8, 2022
APPROVED**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Blue (Co-chair), Daniel Ekman (Co-chair), Lily Martinez, Cathy Salazar, Allyson Rhatigan, Stevie Bass, Dan De Paula, Tracy Perry, Angelique Tafoya, April Spaulding, Laura Matthews, Jessica Gutierrez, Ann Marie Parmenter proxy for Christina Barden, Gabriela Ramos, Peter Crespín, Siri Guru Nam Khalsa, Sharon Gilsdorf proxy for Peggy O'Neill, Crystal Garcia, Cynthia Chavez, Jacob Patterson proxy for Sandy Skaar, , Roel Adamson, Judy Sena, Veronica Chavez-Neuman, Christine Bragg and Valerie Dewbre

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elisheva Levin, Joyce Munoz

STATE AGENCY NON-VOTING PARTNERS PRESENT

Amira Rasheed, Gay Finlayson

STATE AGENCIES PRESENT

Jason Cornwell, Mark Kolman, Scott Doan, Dominic Jaramillo, Iris Clevenger, Marie Velasco, Nicole Hernandez, Chris Futey, Evangeline Yanez, Anysia Fernandez, Deanna DeHerrera, Elaine Hill, Jennifer Rodriguez, Lindsay Sloan, Vashad Frink

GUESTS

Tim Gardner, Jim Copeland, Chinda Lucoski, Steve Wrigley, Amando Montano, Cassandra DeCamp, Rose Estrada, Justin Naylor, Pam Stafford, Evonne Romero, Lisa McNiven, Michael, Shannon, Angela Ortega, Sandy Otter, Chris Leroi, Jacqueline Mares, Kate Nash

ACQ ADMINISTRATOR

Wendy Corry

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Introductions will be made by printing name and agency in the chat box. A reminder that everyone is invited to participate during Public Comment periods but otherwise the discussions are for ACQ members. ACQ BOD members, please list this on ZOOM with your name (not just in the chat) so the ACQ co-chairs can easily identify BOD members.
- Thank you to our outgoing ACQ BOD members: Peter Crespín who will be leaving Consumer Direct and therefore stepping down as an ACQ BOD member and ACQ Exec. Comm. member, Joyce Munoz (parent serving 9 years on the ACQ), Lily Martinez (Disability Rights NM serving 9 years on the ACQ), Alyson Rhatigan (parent serving for 3 years on the ACQ), Christy Barden (CDD Medically Fragile Program and retiring) and

Veronica Chavez-Neuman (The ARC of NM and parent serving 3 years on the ACQ and retiring)!!! We will miss all of you!

- The ACQ is seeking a Direct Care Professional to serve on the ACQ. Please spread the word.
- The Mi Via Advisory Council (MVAC) is looking for new members. Please contact Elaine Hill at Elaine.Hill@state.nm.us
- The Wait List committee is seeking a co-chair to partner with a state co-chair. This committee will remain ongoing for now.
- If you have any concerns you want to bring to the attention of the ACQ Exec. Comm. please contact any ACQ Exec. Comm. member (Daniel Ekman (daniel.ekman@state.nm.us), Lisa Blue (tblue11@comcast.net), Tracy Perry (tracy@directtherapyservices.com), Marc Kolman (Marc.Kolman@state.nm.us) or Wendy Corry (wendy@corryconsulting.com)

MEET AND GREET IN BREAK-OUT ROOMS

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2022

- Peter Crespin moved to approve the minutes with no corrections. Lisa Blue seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Public Comments are recorded through ZOOM and are available through the ACQ website at <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/coco/acq/>

DDSD'S DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: JASON CORNWELL

- Jason Cornwell presented Update on the Direct Support Staff/Caregiver Shortage bills, COVID – 19, the vaccine, the DD Rate Study updates, etc.
- The PowerPoint presentation as well as detailed information on the **Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Wage Transparency Act** is attached.

ACQ MEMBERS SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE OF BEING ON THE BOARD

- Deepest thanks to all who have served with such dedication.

BOD MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS: PETER CRESPIN

- Renewing members and new member nominees introduced themselves and spoke about why they would like to be on the ACQ BOD.
- There are four self-advocates and family members who wish to renew their BOD membership: Daniel Ekman, Lisa Blue, Laura Matthews, and Sandy Skaar.
- There is one new nominee for a self-advocate position: Vashad Frink.

- There are two new candidates for Advocacy Organization positions: Tim Gardner of Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM) and Jim Copeland of the Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers (ADDCP)
- Peter Crespin made a motion to nominate and approve the entire slate of candidates. Siri Guru Nam Khalsa seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.
- There are also two BOD members leaving their provider positions who have appointed someone from their agency to complete their term: Jacqueline Mares for Peter Crespin and Ann Marie Parmenter for Christina Barden.
- New member candidates will now complete the application process through the Governor's Office.

PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT ACQ BY-LAWS REVISIONS: DANIEL EKMAN

- PowerPoint was presented by Daniel Ekman describing the suggested revisions. The PowerPoint is attached.
- Discussion and possible voting on the revisions will take place at the February 2023 ACQ meeting.

MI VIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE-ELAINE HILL/DDSD

- MVAC Nomination committee met on October 24th, 3 nominations were received. The Nominations committee reviewed and revised the Nomination form. The committee revised the scoring sheet that is used and tabled the review of nominations until their next meeting scheduled January 18th.
- October 27th MVAC meeting was held called to order by Past chair Brad Hill
 - MVAC nominated and approved Althea McLuckie as Chair and Allison Salazar as Vice Chair
 - MVAC Currently has twelve members five open seats.
 - New nominations are still being accepted through December 15th 5pm
 - 5 Membership roles are still vacant and include representatives from:
 - 1 Consultant Agency
 - 1 Self advocate
 - 1 Guardian or advocate
 - One employee
 - One service provider (preferably a DSP representative)
 - MVAC bylaws committee met on December 6th. Next meeting scheduled for December 16th.
 - Next MVAC meeting is scheduled for January 26th Time 12:30pm to 3:30pm
 - The complete report from this committee is attached.

STATUS OF THE ACQ RATE STUDY/PROVIDER CAPACITY COMM.: EVANGELINE YANEZ

- The kickoff meeting was held on Nov. 15.
- The next meeting will be scheduled in January.
- Communication for ACQ subcommittee on the scope of work and what to expect throughout the project will be coming out soon.

- Adjustments have been made to accommodate peoples' areas of expertise which has been beneficial.

ACQ LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION SUB COMM.:

- A new ACQ Legislative Education Sub Comm. will be created.
- Tracy Perry has volunteered to be a co-chair and is seeking a volunteer to co-chair with her. Contact Tracy if you are interested.
- Suggestion was made to partner with the Public Awareness sub-committee of the Inter Agency Coordinating Council (ICC)

PALCO/ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV) update- DOMINIC JARAMILLO/HSD

- EVV is moving towards a summer 2023 implementation.
- A pilot program will be made available for EVV.
- PALCO is looking to use the new money network card with big box vendors with paper check options for small vendors.
- The money network card may be used on goods related to monthly goods.

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POSITIVE STORIES:

- Zia Therapy shared a story of a young man who had received services from them many years ago. He recently returned to Zia Therapy as an employer because he wanted to help other people, the way he had been helped.
- DDC shared that they have been working with a client who was homeless. They found him a place to live and are helping him work on his goals.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2023