



## **DDSD Advisory Council on Quality (ACQ) Meeting Notes APPROVED**

**February 10, 2022**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lisa Blue (Co-chair), Daniel Ekman (Co-chair), Veronica Chavez-Neuman, Lily Martinez, Cathy Salazar, Patrick Anaya, Stevie Bass, Joyce Munoz, Dan De Paula, Tracy Perry, Angelique Tafoya, April Spaulding, Laura Matthews, Jacob Patterson for Sandy Skaar, Jessica Gutierrez, Christina Barden, Cynthia Chavez, Judy Sena, Elisheva Levin, Gabriela Ramos, Christine Bragg, Peter Crespín, Siri Guru Nam Khalsa, Valerie Dewbre, Roel Adamson, Peggy O'Neill

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Allyson Rhatigan - Excused absence

### **STATE AGENCY NON-VOTING PARTNERS PRESENT**

Alice Liu McCoy, Amira Rasheed

### **STATE AGENCIES PRESENT**

Jason Cornwell, Marc Kolman, Marie Velasco, Kresta Opperman, Cassandra DeCamp, Victoria Herrera, Margaret Bost, Evangeline Yanez, Lindsay Sloan, Justin Stewart, Michael Driskell, Christina Hill, Jennifer Roth, Iris Clevenger, Angie Brooks, Scott Doan, Deb Vering, Daniel Lucero, Anyisia Fernandez, Jen Rodriguez

### **GUESTS**

Kristin Dark, Angela Ortega, Jessica Velarde, Krystal Ortiz, Tim Gardner, Susan Forbes, Jim Copeland, Erika Tode, Ann Marie Parmenter, Ana Ybarra, Monica Montoya, JL Romero, Lecie McNees, Rose Estrada, Melissa, Janet/Steffan, Leo Sainz, Carla Villanueva, Dwanna Cooper

### **ACQ ADMINISTRATOR**

Wendy Corry

### **WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Congratulations to Tracy Perry and Cathy Salazar on their re-appointment to the ACQ!
- Congratulations to Peter Crespín on joining the ACQ Exec. Comm.!
- ACQ committees and sub committees will be asked to present at various ACQ meetings
- A spreadsheet of Action Items and their ongoing status will be created
- ACQ Exec. Comm. agendas and minutes will be posted on the DOH/DDSD website. The link is: [Advisory Council on Quality \(nmhealth.org\)](https://www.nmhealth.org/Advisory-Council-on-Quality)

- All ACQ meetings for 2022 have been posted on the DOH/DDSD website and agendas will be posted 2 weeks in advance of the ACQ meetings
- 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, Lisa Blue, Tracy Perry, Peter Crespin, Marc Kolman or Wendy Corry)

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2021**

- Minutes were approved with minor revisions. Joyce Munoz moved to approve the minutes and Peter Crespin seconded the motion.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

#### **NEW COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- By-laws committee: Daniel Ekman and Tracy Perry, the new chairs for this committee, have convened a committee, have regular meetings and are carefully reviewing each item individually.
- Nursing Shortage Committee: There was a lot of discussion on this, and Marc Kolman will convene this group.
- Numerous websites and links were shared as potential resources regarding the nursing shortage as follows:
- [https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/legislature/new-mexico-grapples-with-health-care-staffing-shortage/article\\_b59b0dbe-82e5-11ec-9d9c-eb8b1570af1c.html](https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/legislature/new-mexico-grapples-with-health-care-staffing-shortage/article_b59b0dbe-82e5-11ec-9d9c-eb8b1570af1c.html)
- [https://www.nmlegis.gov/Entity/LFC/Documents/Program\\_Evaluation\\_Reports/Program%20Evaluation%20-%20Nursing%20Expansion%20and%20Workforce.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Entity/LFC/Documents/Program_Evaluation_Reports/Program%20Evaluation%20-%20Nursing%20Expansion%20and%20Workforce.pdf)
- NM grapples with health care staffing shortage 2.7.2022. <https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2022/02/07/new-mexico-grapples-with-health-care-staffing-shortage/>
- The 2021 American Nursing Shortage: A Data Study <https://www.usa.edu/blog/nursing-shortage/>
- <https://nursejournal.org/articles/the-us-nursing-shortage-state-by-state-breakdown/#:~:text=The%20U.S.%20Nursing%20Shortage%3A%20A%20State-by-State%20Breakdown%20,%20%209.25%20%2048%20more%20rows%20>
- [Microsoft Word - Nursing Draft in Template 07.09.20 \(nmlegis.gov\)](#)

#### **ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV) COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:**

- Lengthy discussion on the need to create a new EVV committee of the ACQ or utilize existing committees such as the Stakeholders group (mostly for vendors) or MVAC.
- Some people stated they want the Stakeholders meetings to continue as it currently exists.
- Some vendors have not felt welcome at the MVAC meetings to discuss EVV.

- Suggestion to have a few separate meetings with everyone invited to hear people’s concerns, especially families.
- No final decision made on whether to create a new EVV committee of the ACQ.
- Email Kresta Opperman and Melanie Buenviaje with any concerns.
- Concern expressed about a new form that is difficult to use. The following link was shared: “You may find self-directed forms for Mi Via, Supports Waiver Participant Directed, and Self-Directed Community Benefit on the Medicaid Portal at the link below”:  
<https://nmmedicaid.portal.conduent.com/static/ProviderInformation.htm#Self-DirectionForms>

**ELECTION OF ACQ CO-CHAIRS:**

- Co-chairs need to be re-approved after 2 years.
- ACQ members voted unanimously to have Daniel Ekman and Lisa Blue continue as co-chairs.

**DIRECTOR’S UPDATE:**

- Jason Cornwell, The DDS Director provided a report on COVID – 19, the vaccine and other DDS business including the DDS budget, provider capacity study, Jackson lawsuit status, etc.
- This PowerPoint is included with the notes and were sent to all ACQ Interested Parties.
- An initial discussion on oversight and training requirements for the Mi Via waiver was conducted.

**PRESENTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SYSTEM ON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (DDSQI)**

- Jason Cornwell, The DDS Director provided an initial report on the DDSQI. Questions will be taken during the April ACQ meeting.
- This PowerPoint is included with the notes and were sent to all ACQ Interested Parties.

**ATTORNEY GENERALS’ OFFICE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT UPDATE:**

- Re-scheduled to the April ACQ meeting

**MI VIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MVAC) REPORT:**

- Had a full quorum at their recent meeting, still need to get five members. ALL ACQ Interested Parties will be sent the MVAC member application form if anyone is interested.
- Many thanks to Brad Hill who completed his term as chair. Currently looking for a new chair.
- The MVAC calendar of meetings will be distributed to everyone.
- MVAC submitted a very detailed report to HSD on recommendations to the New Mexico Administrative Code
- Regarding the ACQ request to review membership by-laws, MVAC would like to wait until the ACQ bylaws are revised so they can be consistent with the ACQ by-laws.

**ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION UPDATE**

- See EVV Committee Discussion above

**GENERAL QUESTION AND ANSWER:**

- Bill by Liz Stefaniks. Only \$5 million out of the \$15 million was approved. Write to legislators to fund the nursing schools' initiatives.
- Jim Copeland representing the Assoc. of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers: there is a bill to raise state minimum wage to \$15 per hour. What it does to fee for service for DD Waiver person locked into rate studies gives them less ability to recruit. Minimum wage of \$15 and paid sick leave is not accounted for in the rate studies. Mentioned the Healthy Workplaces Act. Will cripple provider agencies. Rate study does not include COVID-19 pandemic.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Peter Crespin moved to adjourn, and Angelique Tafoya seconded.

**NEXT MEETING APRIL 14, 2022**