

**Mi Via Advisory Committee (MVAC) Quarterly Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2023, 12:30-3:30 Meeting Location: Teleconference**

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

Members:	State:	Guest: None identified today
Althea McLuckie	Vangie Yanez	
Judy Sena	Rudy Aguilera	
Brad Hill	Elaine Hill	
Stevie Bass	Jen Rodriguez	
Shannon Eckert	Melanie Buenviaje	
Allison Salazar	Susan Seefeldt	
Denise Balderas		
Sandy Skaar		
Margaret Keane		
Patricia Gull		
Donna Brooks		
Joyce Munoz		
Charles Clayton		
Laura Matthews		
Chinda Lucoski		

2-Review Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes-Althea

- ◆ Motion by D. Balderas to approve the agenda. J. Munoz seconded the motion. No discussion.
- ◆ April 27, 2023, meeting minutes were approved as amended. Motion by C. Clayton to approve, A. Salazar seconded the motion, no discussion.
- ◆ MVAC all in favor/ No oppose

3-Housekeeping, Chair-Althea

- ◆ Public comment sign-up – Adrienne Smith
- ◆ Updates:
 - MVAC-Althea McLuckie (575) 776-1755, 4advocacyonlynow@gmail.com

- State- Jen Rodriguez (505) 670-2407,
jennifer.rodriguez@doh.nm.gov

- Meetings intended to be conversational and respectful
- State agenda items will be interactive and reflect what the State is seeking feedback on
- State updates and announcements, not requiring feedback, will be sent in advance of the meeting

4-Membership Committee Update: Stevie, Sandy, Allison

- ◆ MVAC Subcommittee will help **onboard** New MVAC Members. Sandy and Allison updated the committee on what they are working on for new MVAC members. MVAC member S. Skaar motioned to accept nominations, Althea accepted the motion, and Margaret 2nd the motion/ No oppose.

- Schedule meeting with new MVAC members
- Provide contact information
- Orientation/ tutorial subcommittee, still a work in progress
- Working on new forms for the committee
- MVAC reviewed 3 applicants, 2 open positions.
- Two members selected (1) Employee/ Self Advocate
(2) member selected is a Professional/ provider

5-Member Response to updates from HSD/DOH

- ◆ Reviewed State updates (attached)
- ◆ MVAC discussed the rate study and the findings. Members had questions about the MVAC involvement. S. Bass represented the MVAC in the Rate Study committee/ work group (s).
- ◆ MVAC asked if they could form a focus group. They would like to provide feedback on the rate study and address issues/ concerns they see with the shared information. MVAC members can provide comments until the end of the week July 28, 2023.
- ◆ MVAC Chair A. McLuckie reminded members to be more engaged with the ACQ Representative, S. Bass

- ◆ DDSD discussed Accenture, a consulting group tasked with supporting DOH/ DDSD with looking at policies and procedures and restructuring the Developmentally Disabilities Support Division.
- ◆ Discussion on the Ombudsman pilot program & visits for Mi Via. Department of Health, Deputy Secretary, Dr. Parajon is working on this.
- ◆ Access Rule- Federal overview (see attached)
- ◆ DDSD shared that all new allocations will receive a visit from DDSD staff, roughly 1,300 Participants. This is a new initiative that DDSD is conducting.
- ◆ HSD discussed the Additional Funding rubric. HSD explained that Additional funding is based on Individual request.

6- Member Response to Proposed Changes to Mi Via

- ◆ Money Network Card (MNC)-must be approved on the budget first, then funds will be on the card. You must keep receipts when using the MNC. It is subject to audits.
- ◆ EOR waiver service, is with DDSD/HSD leadership and will be sent to CMS as amendment work.

7 -Member Recommendations: Chair, Stevie and Margaret

- ◆ Update on MNC, troubleshooting. HSD addressed the MVAC to discuss issues related to the MNC. MV participants can return the check if they did not request it.
- ◆ Requested a rubric of AF criteria (in the standards and NMAC already) HSD discussed the Additional Funding rubric, HSD explained that Additional funding is based on Individual requestS.
- ◆ Discussion on federal tax withholdings not being taken out of checks and now families of Mi Via participants owe money. Everyone thought Palco was doing this.

8 -ACQ Liaison Update-Stevie

- ◆ S. Bass was out today, S. Skaar served as her proxy. S. Bass has been the ACQ liaison for MVAC for 9 years. S. Bass’s term will end in October 2023, and MVAC member D. Balderas will fill that position for the next 3 years. She will start her term in October 2023.
- ◆ Chair A. McLuckie addressed the MVAC to speak up about issues or concerns they have and get them addressed by the ACQ.
- ◆ MVAC discussed incentivizing providers to come to NM. New Mexico families are having a hard time finding staff.
- ◆ MVAC asked whether the ACQ could reinforce the self-advocacy program.

9 -Public Comment

- ◆ Adrienne Smith- New Mexico Caregivers Coalition. Adrienne asked about HB 395, if the state/ representatives looked at what it provided.

10-Proposed New Business

- ◆ MVAC member C. Lucoski asked if the MVAC could meet every other month for 1 ½ hours. The MVAC voted on this motion and the motion was denied. The consensus of membership did not want to make that change. Motion by M. Keane, and the motion seconded by S. Skaar.

11-Final Comments and meeting adjourned

◆ A Motion to adjourn was made by Althea and Margaret seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

2023 MVAC Meeting Dates

October 26, 2023	12:30-3:30
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