



## **DDSD Advisory Council on Quality (ACQ) Meeting Notes June 9, 2022**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lisa Blue (Co-chair), Daniel Ekman (Co-chair), Tim Gardner proxy for Lily Martinez, Wendy Ford-Licon proxy for Cathy Salazar, Allyson Rhatigan (proxy Lisa Blue), Stevie Bass, Dan De Paula, Tracy Perry, Angelique Tafoya, April Spaulding, Laura Matthews, 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, Crystal Garcia

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Excused absences- Cynthia Chavez, Sandy Skaar, Joyce Munoz, Roel Adamson

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

Alice Liu McCoy, Amira Rasheed, Gay Finlayson

### **STATE AGENCIES PRESENT**

Jason Cornwell, Chris Futey, Iris Clevenger, Cassandra DeCamp, Victoria Herrera, Evangeline Yanez, Anysia Fernandez, Teresa Larson, Elaine Hill, Angie Brooks, Jennifer Rodriguez, Shadee Lauer, Christine Guinn

### **GUESTS**

Kristin Dark, Susan Forbes, Jim Copeland, Erika Tode, Ann Marie Parmenter, Jacob Patterson, Kate Nash, Justin Naylor, Michelle, Lisa McNiven, Anne Hanika Ortiz, Darlene Romero, Gema Gonzales, Melissa, Miriam Rand, Steve Wrigley, Isaac, Robert Kegal, John Greenwood, Valentine Anaya, Kourtney Dunning, Billy Jimenez, Makayle Perry

**ACQ ADMINISTRATOR** Wendy Corry

### **WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Congratulations to the ACQ for winning the National Assoc. of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services Cathy Anderson Award for Public-Private Partnership!!!
- Congratulations to Dan DePaula for his re-appointment to the ACQ.
- 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](mailto:Elaine.Hill@state.nm.us)
- We are pleased to announce Wendy Corry will continue as the DDSD ACQ Administrator for FY 23.

- The ACQ Exec. Comm., Human Services Dept. and DDS D hosted an Electronic Visit Verification Listening Session on April 14 from 1:00-2:30 with about 30 participants.
- 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), Peter Crespin (petercr@consumerdirectcare.com), Marc Kolman (Marc.Kolman@state.nm.us) or Wendy Corry (wendy@corryconsulting.com)

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 2022**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Written public comments by Mr. Peter Cubra were read into the during 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, the DDS D Director provided a presentation on a variety of topics including: Temporary COVID Economic Recovery Payments, Impending Permanent Rate Increases, Home and community Based Services Provider Rate & Capacity Study, Status of the Provider Network, State General Funded Programs and Super Allocation Plan Update.
- This PowerPoint is included with the notes and were sent to all ACQ Interested Parties.
- COVID data shared:

DD Waiver	952
Mi Via Waiver	370
Medically Fragile Waiver	50
State General Funds	5
Supports Waiver	11
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive</b>	<b>1,388</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Related Deaths</b>	<b>45</b>

- Everyone is encouraged to contact their legislators to support DD priorities. Go to nmlegis.gov to find house members and senate members.
- DDS D reviewed child pend based on questions at the last ACQ meeting. DDS D met with Cathy Salazar to brainstorm specific concerns.

**HSD/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION (MAD) PRESENTATION by CHRISTINE GUINN, MAD/EXEMPT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS BUREAU DEPUTY BUREAU CHIEF:**

- Presentation on Medicaid and the MAD organizational structure
- The PowerPoint is being distributed

**DISCUSSION ON MOVING ACQ MEETINGS TO A HYBRID MODEL (IN-PERSON AND ZOOM):**

- Consensus that it is too soon to move to in-person, especially with the rising number of COVID cases
- Concern expressed regarding the challenge of doing hybrid; people on ZOOM not being able to be as engaged if some people are in-person
- CDD is currently available when the ACQ decides to move to in-person. Masks are required and no food is allowed, including personal snacks.
- The Arc of NM also offered their space, can comfortably accommodate 35 people or so with a hybrid model.

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

- The MVAC is seeking a new chair as well as new members.
- The next MVAC meeting is July 28 from 12:30-3:30. DDSD will do a presentation on DDSD's Developmental Disabilities System on Quality Improvement (DDSQI) which explains the roles of MVAC and the ACQ. The ACQ Exec. Comm. will also attend the meeting to discuss how to support MVAC. Also discussed will be membership and the bylaws.
- DDSD has resumed in-person face-to-face visits.
- The revised standards will be posted before or on July 1 and will be effective as of July 1.
- DDSD would be happy to present on any Mi Via related topics if requested.

**NURSING SHORTAGE DISCUSSION:**

- ACQ discussions on this issue are currently put on hold due to a recent lawsuit

**ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV) UPDATE:**

- Deferred to the next ACQ meeting

**QUESTION AND ANSWER- DISCUSSION ON THE WAIT LIST COMMITTEE:**

- Cassandra DeCamp announce she will be leaving the Intake and Eligibility Bureau. She will be greatly missed!
- This will create a vacancy for a chair/co-chair position for this committee. Tracy Perry offered to be a co-chair if needed.

- Question arose about the future of the Wait List Committee if the wait list goes away due to people moving into services. The Exec. Committee will discuss this.
- People stated this committee has been extremely helpful and provided a lot of valuable information.
- Concern expressed that the committee might go away too quickly.
- Need to look at the intent, purpose, and expectations of this committee.

**SHARE POSITIVE STORIES:**

- Members shared personal stories of health scares and recoveries. The ACQ is incredibly grateful for everyone who has dedicated themselves to this work.
- Appreciation was expressed for people's safety with the wildfires.
- Crystal Garcia, an ACQ self-advocate, shared that she entered an essay contest on advocacy and was one of three winners. She won a trip to Ruidoso.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Lisa Blue moved to adjourn the meeting with Peter Crespin seconding.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** August 11, 2022