

# Mi Via Advisory Committee

Organizational Issues Meeting 8/10/2011

The Mi Via Advisory Committee supports the Mi Via Waiver program in the following ways:

To reinforce the Mi Via philosophy of self-direction;

To engage “on the ground floor” in providing input and recommendations during policy considerations;

To assist the State Mi Via Waiver Program with the on-going evaluation and improvement of Mi Via; and

To help identify ways to simplify the Mi Via processes.



**Mi Via: Choosing  
Self-Direction**



Date: August 10, 2011, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Minutes – Ad Hoc Meeting on Organizational Issues

Present In person: Tony Chavez, Lisa Gianardi, Carol Watts, Pat Syme

Via Phone: Tana Hemingway, Travis Goldman, Dolores Harden, Kim Shipman, Gina Burttram, Susan Shirley, Nadine Maes, Althea McLuckie, Stevie Bass, Gina Gallardo, Genevieve Rel.

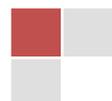
## 1. Length of Terms of Service For Mi Via Advisory Committee Members

- a. Terms for original members were discussed first. New members automatically receive 3 year terms. Original members were polled in July as to their preference for length of continuation terms. Althea, Stevie and Tony requested 2 year terms. Others communicated that they had no particular preference or did not respond. It was the desire of the Advisory Committee that half or 4 original members have 2 year terms and the other four have one year terms in order to develop staggered terms and insure consistency and history of the committee. It was decided by consensus that Stevie, Althea, Tony and Nadine would have 2 year continuation terms and that Lisa, Doris, Mario and Shari would have 1 year continuation terms. The Bylaws will be revised to reflect that decision.
- b. Next discussed were terms for Consultant providers. There was discussion that there are now multiple Consultant providers, yet no other nominations were received for the consultant representative. It was felt that in the future other agencies should have the opportunity to nominate representatives to the committee. It was decided by unanimous decision that the Consultant representatives would have 2 year terms. It was felt that 2 years would afford the opportunity to become familiar with the workings of the committee and to make an impact.
- c. It was reinforced that contractor representatives have the authority to make certain decisions or be able to speak for their agency, which is the situation with the current appointees. This will be added to the revised bylaws. Terms for contractors (FMA & TPA) will be for 3 years and /or for the duration of their contract with the state.

## 2. OFFICERS

The Mi Via Advisory Committee Bylaws indicate that a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected for 2 year terms. At the last meeting Cathy Stevenson indicated that there was a plan to obtain the services of a facilitator for the Advisory Committee. If there were an assigned paid facilitator, all members present felt that officers would not be necessary. It was decided that officers would not be elected if a facilitator was obtained but if that was not going to happen then officers would be elected to run the meeting and perform other duties on behalf of the committee. The bylaws will be revised to reflect that contingency.

## 3. NEW MEMBERS



- a. State staff has not heard from Donna Begay who was appointed to the committee along with the other new members. Dolores Harden will attempt to find Ms. Begay and find out if she is still interested in participating in the Advisory Committee. Pat will give her the phone number to try.
- b. All members who haven't yet were reminded to turn in their media consent form.
- c. Members were asked how they would like to be identified in the upcoming ACS newsletter. It was agreed that members at this time would be identified by name, role in Mi Via and area, and term length. Preferred contact information will be posted probably to the website after all releases are obtained.

#### 4. GROUND RULES and MINUTES

- a. Revisions were made to the ground rules to better protect confidentiality of committee members and participants.
- b. A clarification on Medicaid modernization consultant will be made to the draft July minutes.

