



State Rehabilitation Council

Quarterly Meeting

DVR Field Office

145 Roy Road, Suite C

Taos, NM

Friday, June 3, 2016

Public Forum: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Quarterly Meeting: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Melinda Garcia
Bernadine Chavez
Richard Jirón
Larry Rodriguez (arrived 10:56 am)
Jeff Diamond (arrived 11:28 am)

DVR Staff Present:

Kasha Suina
Adrian Apodaca

Pending Members Present:

Mariela Pijem
Hermela Ortega
Paula Seanez

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call by Richard Jiron, Sergeant at Arms at 10:05 am. At the time of Roll Call, there was not a quorum established; meeting could not be called to order at this time.

At 10:56 am meeting was called to order when a quorum was established.

A moment of silence in remembrance of Evy Diamond, Jeff Diamond's beloved wife was observed by all members in attendance.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda by Larry Rodriguez; 2nd by Ms. Bernadine Chavez. With no changes being made and none opposed the motion passed.

B. Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2016

Motion to approve Minutes by Richard Jirón; 2nd by Larry Rodriguez with changes noted. None opposed, the motion passed

III. DVR Director's Report

Report given by Adrian Apodaca on behalf of DVR:

- New Director of DVR is in Governor's Office for Approval. He does not have a time line of when Director will be in office, or approved.
- RFP for Fair Hearing Officers is out, DVR will rate, then final list to SRC members to review before contract is issued.
- DVR is spending 100% of budget; 8.5 million authorized out at current time. 650 rehabilitated, 575 are employed.

- Wi-Fi has been installed at all area offices; will help rural clients with rehab processes.

IV. **SRC Chairperson's Report**

- May 2, 2016 SRC Executive Committee met to draft agenda for today's meeting.
- New member appointments remain a high priority for the SRC. SRC should assist all new applicants to assure they are meeting the timelines, with completed packets. Letter from Ron to new appointees? Follow up on letter with Ron and Melinda.

V. **SRC By-Laws Review comparison to the Commission for the Blind's SRC's By-Laws**

- Officer elections, term expirations and committee structure are main difference between the two by-laws.

VI. **SRC Committees' Report (Read current committees' assignments)**

- Executive Committee: Awards nomination Forms have been sent to DVR offices by Kasha Suina. So far we have received 4 nominations.
- Membership Committee: None of the appointees have responded to Governor's packets. Barbara Ibanez's packet will be resent to her. Sandy Sandoval never received packet. Mariella Pijem and Rebecca Holland have not received packet. Governor's office emailed packets to pending members. Mark Mutz, PED appointee, has not responded to any requests from Mr. Jirón regarding application. New recommendation to appoint Louise Williams as the officer.
- Richard Jirón will send Adrian a request and information about pending officers for DVR to send a letter to Governor's office regarding pending officers.
- Look into possibility of using SKYPE for future meetings.

VII. **SRC Committee Assignments (including SRC members whose appointments are pending)**

- State Plan & Outcomes Committee: Chairperson: Melinda Garcia; Members: Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Mariela Pijem, Rebecca Holland
- Legislative and Outreach Committee: Chairperson: Ron Garcia; Members: Sandy Sandoval, Jeff Diamond
- Membership, Training and Awards Committee: Chairperson: Richard Jirón; Members: Larry Rodriguez, Melinda Garcia
- Members recommended to add one more Committee; Transition and PETS Committee. **Motion to establish committee by Bernadine Chavez; 2nd by Jeff Diamond. None opposed, the motion passed.** Chairperson: Jeff Diamond; Members: Richard Jiron, Mariela Pijem, Hermela Ortega, Barbara Ibanez, Paula Seanez.
- Action plans for each committee for the next meeting; set up conference calls for each committee prior to next meeting.

VIII. Demonstration of the SRC and DVR websites

- Kasha demonstrated the new website, it was not fully complete, but members got to see the basics of the new website. Members made recommendations to add legal notices, and links. Kasha will bring the issues up to IT staff. Will update at next meeting.

IX. Comments from Public/DVR Staff/Members

- None at this time

X. Other Business

- Next meeting on 9/9/16 at ABQ Adelante
- December meeting 12/9/16 DRNM Office – New location

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Chavez; 2nd by Mr. Rodriguez. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.