



State Rehabilitation Council

Quarterly Meeting

Adelante Development Center

3900 Osuna Rd. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87109

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Friday, September 9, 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

Ron Garcia

Jeff Diamond

DVR Staff Present:

Kasha Suina

Joe D. Cordova

Robert Alirez

Pending Members Present:

Mariela Pijem

Hermela Ortega

Paula Seanez

I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Roll call by Richard Jirón, Sargent at Arms at 10:00 a.m. With 5 appointed members present a quorum has been established.

II. **Action Items:**

a. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Jeff Diamond; 2nd by Bernadine Chavez. With no changes being made to agenda, and none opposed, the motion passed.

b. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2016

Motion to approve minutes by Jeff Diamond; 2nd by Richard Jirón. With no changes made and none opposed; the motion passed.

III. **DVR Director's Report**

- Introduction of Mr. Joe D. Cordova as the new DVR Executive Director. Mr. Cordova gave a background of his career in Vocational Rehabilitation and Education.
- Program wide there is a 15% vacancy rate within DVR.
- Mr. Cordova will send out links from training and upcoming dates of implementation to SRC members.
- Mr. Cordova shared a couple of his goals and long term outcomes for DVR: Succession Planning and Organizational Culture Change.

- Mr. Cordova will set an appointment to meet with the deciding committee for the Boards and Commissions to see about getting the pending members fully appointed.
- Independent Living: There needs to be dialogue between Independent Living and the SRC. DVR needs to support IL and SILC. Mr. Cordova will look into 2 funding sources – Social Security Reimbursements and INE(?) to supplement the activities of IL.
- Minority Outreach, Specialized Case Loads and Native American Liaisons: Recommendation of having the 121 Program as a goal in the State Plan.
- WIOA and Transition services: Will look into sharing costs between the schools and DVR for counselors. DVR is required to spend a minimum of 15% of their budget on Transition.

IV. SRC Chairperson's Report

Chairperson clarified the roles and accomplishments of State Independent Living Programs.

The SRC is thankful to have a DVR Director hired and appointed, and look forward to working with the division and Mr. Cordova.

V. Review and Discussion of the WIOA Final Regulations

SRC is required to conduct a Needs Assessment and Satisfaction Survey every 3 years. Next assessment and survey to be completed in 1 year – Minority and 121 Programs to be put in next Needs Assessment.

Bernadine Chavez to update the WIOA Final Regulations to reflect NM Standards- the version the Board reviewed was geared towards California.

VI. SRC By-Law Review and Potential Changes

Current SRC Officer and Term Expiration Dates:

- Ronald Garcia – current chairperson term expires December 2017
- Melinda Garcia -- current vice chair; term expires December 2017
- Richard Jirón – current Sargent at Arms; term expires December 2016

Members whose term has expired cannot get reimbursed mileage or Board Member per diem rate. Officers can continue to get reimbursed if membership term has expired but they are current officers of the Board. Listed below are the current members and their expiration dates:

- Larry Rodriguez: Term 1 – Expiration date 8/31/16
- Bernadine Chavez: Term 2 – Expiration date 8/31/2018
- Melinda Garcia: Term 1 – Expiration date 8/31/16 (Vice Chair expires December 2017)

- Jeffery Diamond: Term 2 – Expiration date 8/31/16 (no reimbursement at this time)
- Ronald Garcia: Term 1 – Expiration date 8/31/16 (Chairperson expiration date December 2017)
- Richard Jirón: Term 2 – Expiration date 8/31/16 (Sargent at Arms Expiration date December 2016)

Richard Jirón will come up with language to make changes to the SRC By-Laws, Bernadine will send members options for language as well. Review and voting of change at the December 2016 meeting.

Addition of Transitions to the State Plan & Outcomes Committee. Bernadine will come up with suggestions for goals.

VII. SRC Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

Nothing to report at this time; will meet before next meeting to develop agenda.

b. Membership, Training and Awards Committee

Members reviewed and discussed who would receive Annual SRC Recognition Awards and have decided on the following:

- Staff: Ramona Conteras
- Staff: Robert Alirez
- Counselor: Mario Lucero
- Employer: Fast Park of Albuquerque

Kasha will order plaques and print out nominations for the December 2016 SRC meeting. Awards will be presented at that meeting as well. Richard will order a cake for the ceremony.

Richard Jirón to send Mr. Cordova pending member's names so that he (Joe) can contact person at Governor's office to appoint.

c. Transition, State Plan & Outcomes Committee

Goals to be developed for Transition Committee for review at next SRC Meeting. Goal for 121 Program to be put into the next State Plan.

d. Legislative and Outreach Committee

Discussion regarding DVR budget cuts; Mr. Garcia to attend LFC meeting. DVR has not presented budget to LFC committee.

Outreach: the website is a great new tool; members cannot wait for it to be live.

e. Transition and PETS Committee

This committee has been moved to State Plan & Outcomes Committee.

VIII. **Comments from Public Forum/DVR Staff/Members**

Pending members would like training on what responsibilities are of an SRC member. Suggestion to have current members mentor new or pending members. Pending members would like an orientation or training.

IX. **Other Business**

a. Website Update

Mr. Robert Alirez, DVR CIO was in attendance to present the members the new website as well as the new SRC page. Members provided feedback and suggestions to Mr. Alirez.

b. Confirmation of Next Meeting Venue (December 9, 2016)

Next meeting will be at Disability Rights New Mexico, located at 3916 Juan Tabo NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111- behind Eldorado High School. Suggestion to have public forum from 9-9:30 am and Mentoring of pending members from 9:30 am to 10 am. SRC meeting to start at 10:00 am.

c. Other Business

Members informed Mr. Cordova that the SRC would like to be included in the MOP revisions from the start, not just for review. Members would like to be informed of any DVR public meetings or forums.

X. **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn at 1:42 pm by Richard Jirón and 2nd by Bernadine Chavez. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned.