



Kern Regional Center (KRC)  
Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting  
February 9, 2016 – 5:00pm

La Quinta Inns & Suites Conference Room, 500 East Steuber Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561

**Members Present**

Cherish Rindt (Vice-Chair)  
Kelly Kulzer-Reyes  
Yolie Loughrin  
Mario Espinosa

**Members Absent**

Wilma Sweeney (Secretary)  
Rick Wood (Chair)  
Matthew Lerma

**Others Attending**

Cherylle Mallinson  
Celia Pinal  
Yolanda Cruz

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

5:04pm: Meeting was called to order by Cherish Rindt (Vice -Chair) all in attendance introduced themselves.

**2. Established of Quorum**

Quorum established: Cherish Rindt, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Yolie Loughrin, and Mario Espinosa.

C. Mallinson (KRC) to take minutes in the absence of W. Sweeney (Secretary).

**3. Welcome/Introductions**

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Mario Espinosa joined at 5:10pm during introduction.

**4. Additional Agenda Items**

Members requested additional agenda items for discussion.

**5. Public Comment**

No Report.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 8, 2015**

Vice-Chair (Rindt) called for approval of the December 8, 2015 minutes with recommended changes.

*M/S/C (Loughrin/Kulzer-Reyes)* to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes.

## **7. UPDATES ON PROGRAM FROM DDS STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP (Wood)**

Chair (Wood) requested his written statement be read and discuss.

Federal Waiver Application: "I do not know the precise status. The next meeting is tomorrow, 02-10-16 in Sacramento. I intend to attend by telephone. As I reported in December, the goal is to have this in place by April 1. Not sure it will happen, because I do not know the timeline for approval by the Feds. The best I can say is that DDS is working diligently toward getting the waiver application approved. Patience!"

DDS Stakeholders Committee: "We have been working furiously to finalize various components of implementation: training modules for RC staff and participants are nearing completion..."

Financial Management Services (FMS): "FMS standards are likely to be approved by the group on 02-10-16, including advance payment protocols; background checks module is completed. I will know more after 02-10-16."

Training: "I continue to be interested in what efforts KRC staff and we can initiate to attract consumers to sign up on the SD Interest list (outreach). I attended an orientation in Bishop almost 2 weeks ago (thank you Cherylle) and was struck by 3 things: first, those who are in the system, including service coordinators, are worried about what the next phase will look like and how it will affect them; and second, more importantly, those who are NOT in the Pilot were barely understanding what this is all about; and third, there seemed to be an undue emphasis on the "responsibility" part, which may subtly discourage people from signing up. I stood up and told everyone there to just get on the list, which does not mean that a commitment has to be made. My view is that the best opportunity to get people signed up is for their case managers to ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE, CAJOLE, ARM-TWIST, etc. people to just get on a list. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. If possible, I would like the committee to direct staff to ask (require?) all case managers to present the opportunity to their clients in a way which does not focus on the responsibility portion, but instead on the exciting opportunity part."

Wood (Chair) written statement, "The first meeting of chairpersons of all 21 RC local advisory committees is scheduled for March 3, 2016 at the Westside RC offices near LAX. I will attend on behalf of this committee. I am really looking forward to seeing what other RCs are doing, and to providing the 16 RCs which do not have pilots information about our pilot which I hope

will be found useful. In addition the chair of the SCDD is hosting a reception for all of the chairpersons on Thursday, February 18 at 5 pm at the Autism Society Los Angeles conference entitled "It's a New Day, It's a New Life." I will be presenting as a member of a panel on how SD works. The last conference in November, 2014 drew over 500 people."

Next Meeting: "As for a next meeting, I will have much more to report in March following the next DDS Stakeholders meeting tomorrow and the first advisory committee meeting in March."

## **8. UPDATE FROM KRC (Mallinson/Pinal)**

- a. *SD interest list* – Mallinson and Pinal reported that the interest list continues to grow. The list is maintained by Pinal and Mallinson. Sign in sheet is also kept at all SD Orientation/Training provided by KRC.
- b. *Orientation/Training by KRC Updates*
  1. Wednesday, January 27, 2016 5pm to 7pm – Highland Mobile Home park Adult Recreational Hall, 1440 McGregor Avenue, Bishop, CA 93514. There were 37 in attendance.
  2. Monday, February 8, 2016, 5pm to 7pm – Tehachapi Police Department, 220 west Curry St., Tehachapi, CA. There was one (1) family member in attendance, who reported that many families including herself have already attended a training by SCDD back late last year. Mallinson confirmed that the same feedback from SCs and families was also received. SDAC Members request that KRC inform the family that these trainings are mandatory, and do training in Tehachapi to get the message out since KRC's flyer did not indicate it was mandatory. Mallinson reported that this is just the first series of Orientation/Training that KRC has posted. More training are in the works with collaboration with SCDD and OCRA. SCDD and KRC has a tentative training for March 4, 2016 at two (2) possible locations. Details to be announced. Discussion regarding families are not understanding the concept of SD. Members agree that at this time providing the most up to date information to the families is important in area of choice with limitations.
  3. Monday, February 22, 2016 at 5pm to 6pm (English) – Bakersfield, 3200 No. Sillect Avenue, Malibu Conference Room, Bakersfield, CA 93308
  4. Monday, February 22, 2016 at 630pm to 730pm (Spanish) – Bakersfield, 3200 No. Sillect Avenue, Malibu Conference Room, Bakersfield, CA 93308
  5. Ridgecrest - Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 5pm to 7pm at Springhill Suites, 113 Sydnor St., Ridgecrest, CA.

## **9. MEMBER REPORT**

- a. *Report of KRC Board Meeting* – No members were able to attend. Mallinson provided the information from the December 8, 2015 SDAC meeting to the KRC Board of Directors.

b. *Appoint SDAC Member to Report to KRC next Board meeting*

Members reference to Mr. Wood's (Chair) report "I have not found a person to serve from Inyo or Mono Counties. I could easily find a service coordinator to serve, but have not been able to persuade a consumer to attend at his/her expense."

Vice-Chair motion the following: Attempts have been made by both KRC and Chair to appointment Inyo/Mono (over 200 miles away) resident unsuccessfully. Therefore, the SDAC Committee motions that the seats be filled by any surrounding KRC catchment area clients/family member rather than it remain empty. SDAC Committee members, recommends if possible having the seat be filled by a self-advocate.

*M/S/C (Kulzer-Reyes/Loughrin)* to approve to fill the empty seat by any surrounding KRC catchment area.

c. *Resignation of SDAC Members*

1. Vice-Chair motion and recognize the resignation of Wilma Sweeney (Secretary) from the KRC SDAC.

*M/S/C (Loughrin/Kulzer-Reyes)* to accept Wilma Sweeney's resignation.

2. Vice Vice-Chair motion and recognize the resignation of Matthew Lerma from the KRC SDAC.

*M/S/C (Loughrin/Kulzer-Reyes)* to accept Matthew Lerma's resignation.

d. *KRC SDAC Appointments of Members.* No Report

## **10. FOLLOW UP TRAINING ON BAGLEY-KEENE**

Training and Discussion has been deferred. However, committee members referred back to Wood's (Chair) written statement ..."As you know, I have had some doubt as to the applicability of Bagley-Keene requirements to our committee. I have reviewed materials, including a well-reasoned legal opinion, which suggest that the open meeting law is not applicable to our committee. I intend to take that issue up at the first meeting of the chairpersons of the 21 RC local advisory committees in March because it would be great for all 21 committees to be conducting business in the same manner. Even if the law is not applicable, I believe that we must continue to be transparent, which includes timely noticing our meetings, inviting the public to attend, and publishing or making available minutes. More on that next time."

## **11. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- a. *Next meeting date:* March 28, 2016 at 5pm - Tehachapi Police Department, 220 West C Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561
- b. *Agenda items for March 28, 2016 KRC SDAC Meeting*
  1. Call to Order
  2. Establishment of Quorum
  3. Welcome/Introductions
  4. Additional Agenda Items
  5. Public Comments
  6. Approval of Minutes February 9, 2016
  7. Updates on program from DDS Stakeholders Workgroup (Wood)
  8. Updates from KRC (Mallinson/Pinal)
  9. Member Report
    - a. Report of KRC Board Meeting
    - b. Appointment SDAC Members
  10. Follow up Training on Bagley-Keene (Wood)
  11. Topics for Next Board Meeting

*M/S/C (Kulzer-Reyes/Loughrin) to approve the agenda items for next meeting.*

## **11. ADJOURN**

*M/S/C (Loughrin/Kulzer-Reyes) to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm.*