



Kern Regional Center (KRC)
Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting
August 25, 2015 – 5:00pm
Club House at 21276 White Pine, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Members Present

Rick Wood
Mario Espinosa
Cherish Rindt
Kelly Reyes
Matthew Lerma
Yolie Loughrin
Wilma Sweeney

Members Absent

Others Attending

Joe Bowling
Vicki Smith
Cherylle Mallinson
Celia Pinal
Anonymous 1
Anonymous 2
Anonymous 3
Anonymous 4

1. INTRODUCTIONS

5:35: Meeting was called to order by Cherylle Mallinson (KRC) all in attendance introduced themselves.

2. ELECTIONS

First order of business was introduced by Vicki Smith (SCDD) calling for elections for officers of the Committee. Officers were elected by unanimous vote.

- a. CHAIR - Rick Wood

It was moved/seconded (Reyes/Rindt) and carried to approve that Rick Wood as Chair for KRC SDACC. Chair was elected by unanimous vote.

- b. VICE-CHAIR: CHERISH RINDT

It was moved/seconded (Wood/Reyes) and carried to approve that Cherish Rindt as Vice Chair for KRC SDACC. Chair was elected by unanimous vote.

- c. SECRETARY: WILMA SWEENEY

It was moved/seconded (Rindt/Reyes) and carried to approve that Wilma Sweeney as Secretary for KRC SDACC. Chair was elected by unanimous vote.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair (Wood) called for approval of agenda items. Motion/second (Reyes/Loughrin) and carried to approve the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2015

Meeting minutes were unavailable. V. Smith indicated they would be available for the September SDAC meeting.

5. UPDATES ON PROGRAM FROM DDS STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP

Waiver: R. Wood indicated that the waiver was sent to the feds and some parts of it were rejected. The feds provided a detailed explanation along with corrective measures for re-submittal. The revised waiver will be posted for public review for 30 days, until September 2. The feds have 90 days to approve/reject the waiver.

SD purchases: The application for self-determination purchases at this point is very broad. Mr. Wood indicated that the list will be refined and structured quite a bit more than current pilots.

Training video: A 6.5 minute training video has been created by DDS. Mr. Wood and his family were interviewed for the video. It provides a brief explanation of self-determination, priming the public with comprehensive information. It is due to be on the DDS website, but technical issues have occurred and as of this week it is not on the web site. Mr. Wood is hopeful that it will be available for stakeholders' meeting this week.

Financial Management Services (FMS): Mr. Wood reported that fiscal management services continue to be a primary concern for all involved in the pilot program planning. Issues include regulation of the FMS, consumer as employer, consumer as co-employer, courtesy vendorization, workers' comp and FMS overall cost, payment options that are flexible and timely are a concern. Facilitation cost and/or case management charges are being discussed. There is discussion that case management would be charges to consumer for provision of services as broker. Many questions few answers at this point.

Regional center training: Stakeholders are waiting for direction from DDS. It is expected that orientation materials and training components are consistent among regional centers.

SD implementation: Mr. Wood shared with the group that one of the jobs if this advisory committee is to drive the outreach about SD in Kern County. He asserted that KRC staff training is critical at this stage.

Mr. Wood indicated that he is attending all state meetings he can regarding SD and will provide a report to this SDAC at every meeting.

6. UPDATE FROM KRC ON NUMBER OF CONSUMERS INTERESTED

Cherylle Mallinson reported that at this point there are approximately 75 consumers interested in SD. Ms. Mallinson indicated that KRC SDAC meetings will be placed in KRC calendar so staff and consumers and interested public are aware of the meetings and are encouraged to attend. Additionally, staff training may take place as early as mid-October 2015.

7. OUTREACH MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT/PRESENTATIONS

Outreach: Mr. Wood and (others) on the committee suggested that the SCDD (Vicki Smith and Joe Bowling) collaborate now with KRC to develop community and staff training opportunities.

An active discussion ensued, the result: The SDAC recommended that the following statement be reported to the KRC board at its next meeting. "We, the Kern County SDAC, respectfully request to the KRC Board that it direct KRC staff and the Board itself to commence with SD orientation training, as previously recommended to the KRC board at its August 2015 meeting. The Kern SDAC recommends that the KRC board utilize the skills and expertise of the SCDD staff provide the SD orientation and training. The Kern SDAC respectfully requests that this orientation and training be completed by the end of October. This approach would ensure a concurrent KRC and community "roll out" of information about SD."

Motion/Second (Rindt/Loughrin) and carried to approve that this statement be reported to the KRC Board at their next meeting in September. Six (6) yes and one (1) no vote (Lerma) had to leave the meeting prior to this discussion.

Motion/Second (Reyes/Loughrin) and carried that Cherish Rindt will present this statement to the next KRC Board meeting in September. Six (6) yes and one (1) no vote (Lerma) had to leave the meeting prior to this discussion.

8. TRAINING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Presented by Vicki Smith, SCDD please see handouts information re: Bagley-Keene

Please note: Mr. Wood led a lively discussion regarding "when and how" of additions to agenda items. The result is that he will research the law and Bagley-Keene and report his findings at the next Kern SDAC meeting.

- b. On-going SB468 Trainings
 - i. Overview (August 25)
 - ii. Person-Centered Planning (September 22)
 - iii. Facilitator (October 20)

- iv. FMS (November 24)
- v. Independent Budgets (December 22)

For the sake of time all six (6) members remaining voted to postpone the rest of the agenda items.

Motion/second (Rindt/Reyes) and carried that training on Overview and Person-Centered Planning will be completed on the September KRC SDAC meeting.

9. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Next meeting date: September 22, 2015 at 5pm, Club House 21276 White Pine, Tehachapi, CA
- b. Agenda items for September 22, 2015 KRC SDAC Meeting
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Establishment of Quorum
 - 3. Welcome/Introductions
 - 4. Public Comments
 - 5. Approval of Minutes August 25, 2015
 - 6. Updates on program from DDS Stakeholders Workgroup (Wood)
 - 7. Updates from KRC (Mallinson/Pinal)
 - a. Map of people in SD Pilot
 - b. Training of Staff
 - 8. Member Report
 - a. Report of KRC Board Meeting (Rindt)
 - b. Appoint SDAC Member to Report to KRC next Board meeting
 - 9. Follow up Training on Bagley-Keene (Wood)
 - 10. Topics for Next Board Meeting

Motion/second (Wood/Sweeney) and carried to approve the agenda items for next meeting. Six (6) yes and one (1) no vote (Lerma) had to leave the meeting prior to this discussion.

10. ADJOURN

Motion/second (Wood/Rindt) and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm