



Kern Regional Center (KRC)
Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting
December 8, 2015 – 5:00pm
Tehachapi Police Department, 220 West C Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Members Present

Rick Wood (Chair)
Mario Espinosa
Cherish Rindt (Vice-Chair)
Kelly Kulzer-Reyes
Matthew Lerma
Yolie Loughrin

Members Absent

Wilma Sweeney (Secretary)

Others Attending

Vicki Smith
Cherylle Mallinson
Celia Pinal
Yolanda Cruz
Tamica Fouts-Rachal
Russ Rankin
Anonymous 1
Anonymous 2
Anonymous 3
Anonymous 4

1. INTRODUCTIONS

5:05pm: Meeting was called to order by Rick Wood (chair) all in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Established of Quorum

Quorum established: Rick Wood, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Yolie Loughrin, and Matthew Lerma.

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

3. Welcome/Introductions

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Cherish Rindt (Vice-Chair) joined at 5:10pm during introduction.

Mario Espinosa joined at 5:31pm during Updates on Program from DDS Stakeholder Workgroup report by R. Wood (Chair).

4. Public Comment

Vicki Smith (SCDD) informed the community that Kern Regional Center is the only Regional Center in the state that has two (2) SCDD representative based on geographic distribution. V. Smith introduced Yolanda Cruz as the SCDD for the Sequoia Branch and Tamica Fouts-Rachal for the San Bernardino Branch.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 25, 2015

Questions were asked regarding the minutes from the JULY 28, 2015. Meeting minutes were unavailable.

Chair (Wood) called for approval of the August 25, 2015 minutes with recommended changes.

M/S/C (Reyes/Loughrin) to approve the August 25, 2015 minutes.

6. UPDATES ON PROGRAM FROM DDS STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP (Wood)

Waiver: Mr. Wood indicated that there is an expectation is to have activity and/or approval by April 1, 2016.

SD purchases: "Advance payment" is a topic of discussion. Advocates have pushed to have a law or regulation in place to allow advancement of funds instead of paying in arrears. More to come on this topic.

Training: Mr. Wood express that everyone needs to be patient until we get the standard in place from DDS so that there is not a multitude of training materials out there that are not consistent. Mr. Wood is glad to see the information/orientation that KRC has schedule to get the word out about SD, and the state will need to still do an outreach.

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. Discussion regarding having the money in advance and requiring the FMS to have Bond. A standard vendorization will be issued. Lack of flexibility is a great concern.

7. UPDATE FROM KRC (Mallinson/Pinal)

- a. *SD interest list* - Cherylle Mallinson reported that at this point there are approximately 110 consumers interested in SD including the 31 in the pilot. 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.

- b. *Training of KRC Staff* - SD training took place on October 13, 2015. Orientation/Information Training to the public as follows:
 - i. Saturday, September 19, 2015 (Spanish) – CSUB Dore Theater w/Laura Hughes and Celia Pinal
 - ii. Wednesday, January 27, 2016 5pm to 7pm – Highland Mobile Home park Adult Recreational Hall, 1440 McGregor Avenue, Bishop, CA 93514
 - iii. Monday, February 8, 2016, 5pm to 7pm – Tehachapi Police Department, 220 west Curry St., Tehachapi, CA
 - iv. Monday, February 22, 2016 at 5pm to 6pm (English) – Bakersfield, 3200 No. Sillect Avenue, Malibu Conference Room, Bakersfield, CA 93308
 - v. Monday, February 22, 2016 at 630pm to 730pm (Spanish) – Bakersfield, 3200 No. Sillect Avenue, Malibu Conference Room, Bakersfield, CA 93308
 - vi. Ridgecrest TBA in February

8. MEMBER REPORT

- a. *Report of KRC Board Meeting* – no members were able to attend. Vicki reported that KRC is out of compliance with the agreement with SCDD regarding the distribution of the SD Advisory Committee, in that there is no representative to the Inyo/Mono County area. This will need to be remedied. Chair asked if Vicki was asking for KRC or the Advisory committee to fire someone now. Discussion arose as to how can someone be fired if they are a volunteer. Matthew Lerma later informed the chair that he will need to step down due to personal reasons. Chair announced he will work on outreach to obtain a member from Inyo/Mono County to replace Lerma's slot. Vicki recommended having someone from this committee to report to the KRC Board and request to be part of the standing agenda items. Cherylle M. reported that there is a standing line item for SD in which she calls on those in attendance and including the SCDD to report.
- b. *Appoint SDAC Member to Report to KRC next Board meeting*

M/S/C (Rindt/Loughrin) to approve Reyes to attend the next KRC Board Meeting in January 2016.

9. FOLLOW UP TRAINING ON BAGLEY-KEENE - Deferred

10. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Next meeting date: TBD - Tehachapi Police Department, 220 West C Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561
- b. Agenda items for January 2016 KRC SDAC Meeting
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Establishment of Quorum
 - 3. Welcome/Introductions
 - 4. Public Comments
 - 5. Approval of Minutes December 8, 2015

6. Updates on program from DDS Stakeholders Workgroup (Wood)
7. Updates from KRC (Mallinson/Pinal)
8. Member Report
 - a. Report of KRC Board Meeting (Rindt)
 - b. Appointment SDAC Member to Replace Empty position.
9. Follow up Training on Bagley-Keene (Wood)
10. Topics for Next Board Meeting

M/S/C (Lerma/Loughrin) to approve the agenda items for next meeting.

11. ADJOURN

M/S/C (Rindt/Loughrin) to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm