



Kern Regional Center (KRC)
Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021– 5:00 pm

Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85124816279?pwd=d2pWdWRSN2tNd0kxM0pxSElnZjBZdz09>

Members Present

Rick Wood (Chair)
Kelly Kulzer-Reyes
Nick Schneider
Mario Espinoza

Members Absent

Others Attending

Cherylle Mallinson
Celia Pinal
Kristine Khuu
Melanie Waters
Michi Gates
Dian Schneider
Yesenia Mackie
Omelia Trigueros
Alicia Salamanca
Andrea Conetto
Suzanne Toothman
Carmelita Patino
Kelli Cutts

Cindy Cox
Christina Rockwell
Eliza Dyer
Nichole Mikkelson (DDS)
Ana Guerra
Carla Garcia
Doug Pascover
Jennifer Rimer
Dustylyne Beavers
Katie Ramirez
Kathryn Mackie
Raymond Martinez

1) Call to Order

5:09 pm (Wood)

2) Establish of Quorum

Quorum was established

3) Additional Agenda Items

Item #6.b – Timeline Expectation

4) Public Comment

Christina Rockwell – Independent Facilitator (IF)

Seeking clarification from Kern Regional Center (KRC) and/or the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) to resolve a potential problem with a Financial Management Service (FMS) of fiduciary matters. Would like to know what would be the appropriate steps to take. (Gates) Regional Center (RC) must follow up on along with the Department. (Pinal) Bringing awareness to KRC is important in order to follow up. (Wood) Public should be comfortable with sharing any information they feel should be brought forward to resolve.

5) Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2021

M/S/C – (Kulzer-Reyes/Schneider) Motion Approved 4-0-0

6) Status of SDP (Wood/Kulzer-Reyes)

- a) **Barriers Report and Recommendations** – *The Stateside Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) met by zoom on the 25th and spoke on the commonalities across the system. There are barriers that have resulted in only having 450 individuals enroll into the system. DDS has not responded on the barriers presented to them on the August report discussed in September. There have been 17 Local Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting in the state, in some instances some LAC work really well and are collaborative while others do not. Of those RC's posting great numbers are those that work in collaboration with the committee, and the RC's with not-so-great numbers are not collaborating well with staff. At the SSDAC meeting there were 6 breakout groups with about 20 members each, and the workgroups consisted of 7 members of the 21 chairs. The job was to develop the agenda and provide mentorship to the other chairs. 6 reports will be delivered to Rick to look for commonalities and find consensus on finding the plan to get individuals enrolled by June 7, 2021. Holding periodic meetings with DDS, and spoke of 3rd draw not happening and instead to help others get unstuck and transition through before the deadline.*
- b) **Basis of KRC Plan for June** – *(Pinal) Training will be provided to Service Coordinators (SC's) and will be presented to the public as well. There is an approach to use the LMS Model and provide additional support. Another option would be to utilize Mario Espinoza's services to speak about the Self-Determination Program (SDP) with the SC's who have not been fully exposed to the program. (Espinoza) Program Managers (PM's) and SC's can schedule appointment to discuss on SDP and how clients can gain access to generic resources. (Wood) It is important for KRC to increase the comfort level of the SDP to the PM's and SC's to gain experience. (Kelly) Suggesting to include Service Code descriptors in future orientations. (Pinal) More orientations, English and Spanish, will be held monthly and are needing to find who will run the meetings for those individuals who have expressed interest or are on the waiting list. (Wood) A recommendation will be on how to get people interested in the program at the front of the line when it opens up in June. Disability Voices United (DVU) will be taking over orientations. Hoping that orientations will be run better than before. Would like to see a timeline created that can complete a transition with an IF in about 8 weeks. Training will also be included in the recommendations (Kelly) Asking report to include how many new people will be coming in with the 3 contracted groups, including Fast-Track. (Wood) KRC to provide an emphasis what has been discussed to create a plan. (Pinal) There have been some items in consultation that have been agreed on to move forward with the transition of individuals to SDP, and the items not agreed on the option is to continue to consult. If there is a plan that the team has agreed 75% we want to transition and the 25% remaining can go to a hearing, informal or formal, to move them along. (Espinoza) Encourages families to talk on issues they may be having to get counsel and advice. Keeping in mind though that whether not the resources are available to provide at the hearing depends on the caseloads currently working on. (Wood) If there is a dispute of an unmet need, must focus on the appropriate outcome. (Pinal) Focus on the outcome is important along with the goal and what is going to be achieved.*
- c) **Development of Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2021 Funds** – *Questions were asked regarding the FY20-21 what the funds are good for and what was happening with service code 024. Discussions were held with DDS and they indicated they don't foresee 024*

continuing. However, the 20-21 is open to any individual KRC serves that is interested in transitioning to SDP. Would we then increase the contracts, when released, for more Person-Centered Planning (PCP) PCP training, more Fast-Track, orientations, funds for State Council. KRC and LAC to discuss of how to outline the allocation of fund for the RFP for individuals to apply. About \$70,000 to allocate for FY20-21. Funds from the previous year not fully spent have 2 years, contractors can move forward with the transition and the contract can be amended to reflect that. (Wood) To discuss what are the areas of emphasis for the next round of funding. (Mallinson) Funding for 20-21, under operations, can be used for PCP, KRC can then contract an individual to help with the plan along with orientation, Learning Circle, State Council and Fast-Track. Funds from 19-20 can be carried over for new individuals or families of SDP. (Wood) In favor of Fast-Track and individual outreach, and to allocate most of the funds to the groups that are interested in doing that already. (Mallinson) Directive from DDS states that KRC and LAC to mutually agree on how to encumber funds, must cast vote. Cherylle can submit an amended draft of the 19-20 RFP to the committee to include PCP. Letters of interest to be submitted by March 15, 2021. Cherylle will reach out to the committee for interviews of candidates.

ACTION – Move to make a motion so the 20-21 allotment from DDS can be posted in an RFP after KRC has edited and revised as necessary.

M/S/C – (Kulzer-Reyes/Schneider) Motion Approved 4-0-0

7) KRC Updates (Pinal/Mallinson)

- a) ***KRC SD Update*** – (Khuu) 26 individuals/families referred to the SDP transition providers and are moving forward. A family of 4 siblings holding off, SC is following up. 1 family did initially withdrew from the program and will return in June to enroll 2 individuals. (Waters) All 26 referrals were submitted February 9 or 16th. Providers will reach out to families and will provide monthly updates.
- b) ***Nominations for Committee*** – (Mallinson) There are 2 seats available for KRC and 2 seats for State Council. Interested parties can email Cherylle Mallinson at cmallinson@kernrc.org

8) Topics for Next Meeting

- 1. *Call to Order*
- 2. *Establishment of Quorum*
- 3. *Additional Agenda Items*
- 4. *Public Comments*
- 5. *Approval of Minutes*
- 6. *Status of SDP (Wood/Kulzer-Reyes)*
 - a) *KRC Document Process – Troubleshoot Hang-Ups*
 - b) *KRC Plan for June*
- 7. *KRC Updates (Khuu/Mallinson)*
 - a) *KRC SD Updates*
 - b) *General Updates*
 - c) *Fast-Track Updates*
 - d) *Nominations for Committee*
- 8. *Topics for Next Meeting*
- 9. *Date of Next Meeting*
- 10. *Adjournment*

9) Date of Next Meeting

March 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

10) Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn – M/S/C (Schneider/Kulzer-Reyes) Approved
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm*

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