



Kern Regional Center (KRC)
Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2020 – 5:00 PM

Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

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Members Present

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

Others Attending

Cherylle Mallinson
Celia Pinal
Dian Schneider
Michi Gates
Ed Romero
Melanie Waters
Yolanda Cruz (SDCC)
Ana Leheny
Amy McNinch
Heidi Arntzen
Andrea Conetto
Karina Proffer
Lisa Sasser

Ana Guerra
Sarah Fechner
Suzanne Toothman
Edwin Pineda (DDS)
Christina Christenson-Rockwell
Cindy Cox
Terrasel Jones (GT Independence)
Andrea Conetto
Eliza Dyer
Frank
Alma Morales

Members Absent

1) Call to Order

5:13 pm: Meeting called to order (Wood)

2) Establish of Quorum

Quorum was established

3) Additional Agenda Items

Item #6.c – Encumbered Funds of the Self-Determination Program

4) Public Comments

Yolanda Cruz (SCDD) – There are two upcoming trainings;

- 1. Independent Facilitator (IF) Training – This is the 2nd Brainstorming Session for IF's who have completed training to be held on August 19, 2020 at 3 pm to 5 pm. The training is limited to 50 participants and is available in English and Spanish. The purpose of the meeting is for general questions and ideas of how to move along in the process of what a plan/budget may potentially look like. Some IF's may be incentivized to assist with trainings.*
- 2. Law Enforcement and Community Event – Informative training on interactions between Law Enforcement and individuals diagnosed with Autism. The training will be held August 20, 2020 at 10 am to 1 pm via Zoom.*

Eliza Dyer – Independent Facilitator (IF)

- 1. Currently have a client who is waiting on services to start in the Self-Determination Program. Finding a barrier to access is related to the final rule. Have been told that client has not yet been determined to be compliant. Received information that says it's up to the IPP team whether the client will be able to start accessing the service. What does that mean and what does the IPP team need to determine for the client to be able to start the service? (Mallinson) KRC is seeking clarification from DDS. (Dr. Gates) Based on the waiver and what CMS is willing to approve. Will have to meet compliance by March 2022.*
- 2. Final Rule – (Mallinson) In the set of rules from CMS, in order for California to receive federal revenues, the services have to be within the five principles of Self-Determination. It entails choice, inclusion, integration and independence. Providers who are in traditional services have until March 2022 to meet compliance.*
- 3. Self-Assessment – (Mallinson) Providers were asked to do a self-assessment. Some providers, based on the self-assessment, were able to receive start-up funds to help them transition into meeting the final rule. Goal is to include all who are in the community, people with developmental disabilities to be fully integrated into the community. Trying to find ways to go for full inclusion. SDP needs/requirements is to meet the federal guidelines.*

5) Approval of Minutes June 8, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes June 29, 2020

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

6) Status of Self-Determination Program (Wood/Kulzer-Reyes)

- a) Updates on Self-Determination – (Wood) Statewide Advisory Committee Meeting had 7 groups with 132 people, including chairs and subgroups, in discussion. Each group presented a summary of discussion (barriers document) in writing. A report written by Rick, and was approved, will be sent out to the committee and KRC staff, along with the other 20 regional centers. DDS has rehired director of DRC, Catherine Blakemore, and she has signed on as consultant with the task of getting the self-determination program implemented.*
- b) Orientation Overview – (Kulzer-Reyes/Espinosa)
There are no orientation updates*
- c) Encumbering Funds for SDP – (Wood) Kern Regional Center has about \$56,000 available to allocate for SDP. Statewide committee meetings in person cost the State Council about \$20,000, which can include flights, mileage, and hotel accommodations. They have a budget allocation of \$60,000 which allows them to hold 3 meeting a year. The committee voted to*

hold more than 3 meetings per year. A. Curethers view is to hire an organization to help with setting up the meetings. The suggestion is that each regional center provide \$3,000 towards the effort so that the statewide committee may meet for 6 meeting per year. Local advisory chairs have presented the idea to their committee and have had some responses that they will not allocate the funds for more meetings for the Statewide Committee. (Kulzer-Reyes) Reasonable to fund \$3,000 towards more statewide meetings, as that is how information is received about how the program is moving forward. Prioritizing funds may play a part in allocating funds to statewide meetings.(Michi) Will seek clarification from DDS if it would be allowed, based on the funding, to support the implementation of the self-determination directive memo that was received. (Mallinson) Caution provided before making a motion; if allocating these funds towards statewide meetings is found as an audit issue, KRC will have to pay the funds back.

ACTION – Motion to approve the allocation of \$3,000 to support the Statewide SDAC meetings, and in the event that DDS says it is not allowed, reallocate the funds to other purposes.

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

(Kulzer-Reyes) – The committee has until September 30th to decide how the funds will be allocated. Rubric drafted shows what services and supports families said that they need, based on the directive given by DDS. Prioritize helping the Spanish speaking families to transition on a 1:1 or small group setting, as well as English speaking. Rubric written as a grading scale for proposals received to meet DDS’s criteria and the needs of families. Idea of the rubric is to keep the committee objective and not give favoritism to a certain organization or individual that submits a proposal. Suggestion made to create a video in English and Spanish that includes what the committee is looking for and ask that it be shared, or write a narrative. Rick volunteers to write a narrative if the committee allows.

ACTION – Motion to approve Rick to draft a narrative for Independent Facilitators (IF’s) interested in submitting a proposal.

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

(Mallinson) – Asks committee to provide timelines for the proposals to be submitted, such as start and end date. Rick to include timelines in drafted narrative. (Kulzer-Reyes) Would like to focus in first language service. Requesting to identify if other languages should be included. Committee allowing IF who previously submitted a proposal, prior to reviewing the rubric, to amend the proposal if they choose to.

ACTION – Motion to provide the narrative that will be drafted to Kelly who will create a video, and then submit to Kern Regional Center.

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

(Mallinson) – Are there any conditions or limit of who cannot submit a proposal? (Wood) To include in the narrative that Regional Center employees, State Council of Developmental Disabilities and DDS employees may not submit a proposal.

7) KRC Updates (Mallinson)

- a) *SDP Update – Program Managers will provide update for their unit*
 - i) *Ed – 5 families selected. 3 are opting out (2 have complex array of services and 1 lacks participation). 2 individuals are in the process of selecting IF's. 1 family will respond by the end of the week to select IF. 1 family has until the middle of August to make a decision.*
 - ii) *Jamie – 1 family who was resistant to move forward but is now in the process of selecting an IF and will be scheduling a meeting with the service coordinator and family for person-centered planning.*
 - iii) *Karina – 1 family was selected and withdrew from the program; they are happy with traditional services.*
 - iv) *Omelia – 18 families selected, though 3 withdrew to continue using traditional services, or due to COVID-19. 1 Spanish speaking family would like to meet face to face. 1 family had their POS approved July 1. 1 client would like to continue with Inclusion Films. 1 family selected an IF and has FMS working on person-centered planning. 1 family is reviewing IF's and FMS.*
 - v) *Amy – 3 selected. 1 family dropped out and 1 family is in POS. 1 completed person-centered plan and is looking at FMS to move forward.*
 - vi) *Sarah – 8 families selected. 5 selected in SDP are receiving services. 2 families preferred to receive traditional services so they opted out of SDP. 1 family is working on creating a budget*
 - vii) *Lisa – 4 selected. 1 family cannot be reached, still attempting to connect via phone, mail and email. 1 completed orientation, family is working through other issues causing a delay in moving forward in the process. 1 family completed orientation and the spending plan and receiving SDP services as it states in IPP. 1 family is working on a budget spending plan.*
 - viii) *Heidi – 3 voluntary withdraws, preferred traditional services. 1 family moved out of state. 1 fully transitioned. 2 transitioning are selecting IF's and FMS. Service coordinators were given deadline to have a meeting scheduled with families by end of July, and are to meet the families no later than the end of August.*
 - ix) *No updates for Yesenia, Lulu or Jennifer*
- b) *General Updates – (Mallinson) KRC Community Resource Development Plan FY 20-21 – A survey has been uploaded onto KRC's website asking for feedback as to what type of development or funding request should be asked from the state. Survey to be submitted by the end of the week. Community requests made to include access to technology for families whether through family resource centers or a provider to have a lending library.*
- c) *Nominations for Committee (Mallinson/Cruz) – Still looking for candidates. Nominations can be submitted to KRC or Yolanda Cruz (SDCC)*

8) Topics for Next Meeting

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Establishment of Quorum*
3. *Public Comments*
4. *Discussion and Possible Action Items*
 - a) *Allocation of Encumbered Funds for the Self-Determination Program*
5. *Adjournment*

9) Date of Next Meeting

Special Meeting – August 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm (Discuss outreach development)

Tentative Meeting – September 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm (Review Proposals)

10) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – M/S/C (Kulzer-Reyes/Schneider) Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

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