



Kern Regional Center (KRC)  
Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes  
**May 17, 2021– 5:00 pm**  
**Teleconference via Zoom Webinar**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82119806863?pwd=S3BFU2IxUXY4OVR5UUElwbDI2ZjFEZz09>

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

**Others Attending**

Cherylle Mallinson	Cindy Cox
Celia Pinal	Christina Rockwell
Karina Proffer	Eliza Dyer
Melanie Waters	Suzanne Toothman
Michi Gates	Ana Guerra
Sara Keeter	Edwin Pineda
Kristine Khuu	Katie Ramirez
Amy McNinch	Yolanda Cruz
Sarah Fechner	Alma Morales
Omelia Trigueros	Lisa Sasser
Andrea Conetto	Tiffany Gonzalez
Dustlyne Beavers	Yesenia Mackie
Dian Schneider	

- 1) Call to Order**  
*5:08 pm (Wood)*
- 2) Establish of Quorum** *Quorum was established*
- 3) Additional Agenda Items**
- 4) Public Comment**
- 5) Approval of Minutes – March and April**  
*(Kulzer-Reyes) Motion to approve with edits for March and April. M/S/C (Schneider/Espinoza)*

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

*Update on SD – (Wood) We are going to talk about the most recent numbers that Kristine has provided for us. Governor's May budget revise. There is a whole lot of money being added to funding for Self-determination. I am going to tell you about the information that I know. A budget comes out in January. It has to be revised in May. In that revise, there are no details. There has been another 2.5 million added to the DDS budget for the transition services. The second area is that they are going to be adding to the regional center 60 participants choice specialist. There will be benchmarks set for Regional centers. Roll out is July 1<sup>st</sup>. DDS gave us some interesting information. In the relation to spending plan, there is an interest in having service categories instead of codes. DDS is considering advanced payments to FMS. They are considering putting money into the hands of FMS with guardrails to make sure they are not putting things at risk. They want to fix the system that way there is not a lag in payments. I know from the FMS meeting with DDS that that was their biggest issue. That FMS are dropping out or not taking on more people because they are so far behind in many instances on payments. Apparently, DDS wants to issues two statewide contracts to standardized training. One is to re-do the orientation to make it standardized; the second is to develop training to staff in a standardized way. There is ton of money to reduce caseload ratios for Regional Centers to increase performance incentives. There is a lot of money coming DDS's way. On the 25<sup>th</sup> I am serving on a Zoom panel at the state council. Legislation requires that the State council present by June 30<sup>th</sup> and report on the self-determination and the transition period. The report is my report. (Kulzer-Reyes) The one concern I have is people are desperate for IF's I know Service Coordinators are swamped. For those who are starting their second year how is the budget being transitioned? (Kristine) We are making a budget from when the plan started to the month before their birth months. The first budget plan can be as little as one month long.*

**7) KRC Updates**

- a) (Mallinson) We have attempt to increase members of our committee. We did have a meeting with the State Council. They did have some possible candidates to be a member of this but unfortunately, they had a conflict. They were either a provider or a paid IF. We are continuing the search but we have a lead from Delano.*
- b) (Waters) We are going to talk about fiscal year 19/20 funds first, those are going well. We are making sure we spend all these funds by March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020. For Fiscal year 20/21 We did meet with DDS to report on how we are spending the funds. These funds need to spend these funds by March 20<sup>th</sup> of 2023. (Waters) Update on the invoices for the allocation funds of 19/20. As of today \$23,644.50 have been invoiced out of those funds. We are working on the contracts or the entities that the committee choice. We have 55% of the contract going to Katie Ramirez of Ally Comprehensive Services and 45% going to First Choice Solutions. Ally would be \$42,636 and First Choice would be \$34,884.00.*
- c) (Khuu) 2 individuals have transitioned. Our number has increased to 46. We have 28 individuals are remaining. 3 of those individuals are in the final stages of having their IPP completed. We are hoping those 3 will transition in June. We are making some steady progress. (Wood) The two big blocks that I see are there are 50 budgets certified and there are 47 spending plans that are complete out of the 72 that need to be done. (Khuu) We are operating the LMS module online, Shannon Lueck will be at the next meeting to talk more about that. (Conetto) We did have an English and Spanish orientation on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and we had a good turnout. We had 42 attendees there were 19 English and 23 for Spanish speaking families. We also had 30 KRC staff and 6 IF's that were attending. We had about 10 to 15 individuals that came to the meet and great and we gave them the start date of June 7<sup>th</sup> with*

*no guarantees. Most of the people are from Bakersfield. (Khuu) Right now, the access point is in the parent learning portal. (Wood) I am overall pleased with where we are with everything and our numbers.*

**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) *Update on SD*
  - b) *How funds are going to be spent*
7. *KRC Updates (Khuu/Mallinson)*
  - a) *KRC SD Updates*
  - b) *LMS training (Lueck)*
  - c) *General Updates*
  - d) *Fast-Track Updates*
  - e) *Nominations for Committee*
8. *Topics for Next Meeting*
9. *Date of Next Meeting*
10. *Adjournment*

**9) Date of Next Meeting**

*June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom*

**10) Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm M/S/C (Schneider/Espinoza)*