



Kern Regional Center (KRC)
Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2018- 5:00 p.m.

Phone Conference Call-In Number- (661) 852-3330 and enter participant code 78341234
Kern Regional Center, Malibu Conference Room, 3200 No. Sillect Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Members Present

Kelly Kulzer (Chair)
Cherylle Mallinson
Celia Pinal
Kristine Khuu
Michi Gates
Suzanne Toothman
Karina Proffer
Lulu Calvillo
Ed Romero
Amy McNinch
Sarah Fechner
Yesenia Mackie
Juan Vieyra
Dian Schneider
Mario Espinoza
Nicholas (Nico) Schneider
Valerie Davis

Members Absent

Others Attending

Cherish Rindt (Vice Chair)-Phone
Rick Wood (Phone)
Ana Guerra – Phone
Ana Leheny - Phone
Heidi Arntzen - Phone
Yolanda Cruz - Phone
Tamica Fouts-Rachal - Phone
Michael Bowers - Phone

1) Call to Order

5:10 pm: Meeting was called to order by Kelly Kulzer (Chair) all in attendance introduced themselves

2) Establish of Quorum

Quorum established

3) Additional Agenda Items

None

4) Public Comments

None

5) Approval of Minutes June 4, 2018 – Defer to December 3rd meeting.

6) Status of Waiver Application (Wood)

a) Update MW

DDS is not meeting the imposed deadline for getting orientation done for all the material that needs to go out. It is no fault of the Advisory Committee or Regional Center staff, but it's having an impact on the timetable for getting orientation done. Issues being debated are with the finalization of language and guidance. DDS was requiring at least one Regional Center Orientation by the end of the year, but it has changed to January 31st. The issue is that they do not have orientation material that is consistent throughout the state. There are numerous areas to get done, and they are not there yet. If we do not have any material, then we will not be able to have orientation.

Some of the questions presented are:

1. How many orientations are we going to do?
2. Are we going to present material bilingual and have separate orientations for English and Spanish speaking individuals?

The language will also depend on where individuals are located.

You will also have people that will opt out of the program. Listed are a few of the reasons why people will opt out:

1. People are unwilling to be accountable and responsible.
2. People signed up a long time ago and have moved out of the area.
3. People are not qualified because they're not part of the Regional Center anymore.
4. Some feel like it's disorganized and they don't want to be a part of the program.

On the other hand, some people will be trailblazers and ready to get started, but some will wait for others, so we want the orientation sessions to be friendly, calm, welcoming and positive.

What we want to see is the Regional Centers making personal contact with consumers and their families, so sending out a celebratory letter congratulating them for participating in the program. Invite people to the Advisory Committee meetings and let them know we can speak with them and discuss the process and what they can expect. People are uneasy about the uncertainty not knowing what to expect, so we want to ease their minds, so we need at least one Advisory member attending the orientations to give them encouragement and support.

One way we can encourage consumers and their families is to have an update social, this way we can invite people and get to know them and make them feel comfortable.

b) Orientation Materials

No orientation material is ready to go. The train the trainer session has not been confirmed yet, but we're looking at November 5th – 20th

7) KRC Updates (Pinal/Mallinson)

a) List Update

KRC received its list of 95 people. We're going through the list to put everyone into a map to determine where they're located. Kristine have done the majority of the work putting the list together to determine who is in what location. The majority of the families selected are Bi-lingual, English and Spanish, so our option is to have two Service Coordinators, one English and one Spanish and Celia is working on those details.

Some of the questions we've encountered are what are some of the reasons why families are not able to move forward? Out of 95, 6 are not going to be able to move forward because:

1. They may have an inactive case.
2. Some have moved out of the area, and will not be re-selected because they signed up in 2016 and have left our services.
3. Other reasons, their love ones may have been placed in a nursing facility which makes them ineligible for the Self-Determination approval at this time, but we could possibly reselect those names in the selection process.

We're making sure to go through the 65 non-pilot group, and we're going through the Self-Determination group on Michael's side to determine if those families are going to continue or not. Michael is meeting with those families to determine if they will continue or not and he confirmed yes, they're continuing. We have confirmed that there are siblings on the list as well, the majority are in the Bakersfield area.

Also, some of the material has changed for advanced participants, but everyone needs to go through the orientation even it was their first time, including the pilot participants. The orientation will be several hours and a great deal of information to cover. There are a lot of things that are different, not just the terminology, the services are different as well. The training needs to be done in English and Spanish, and people that are bilingual are invited to attend either orientation based on their comfort level.

The state is working on language to make sure everyone goes through orientation, including pilot. Participants need several hours of orientation. Orientation is not available in English or Spanish languages as of today's date.

b) General Update

We're looking to select Service Coordinators that are at a special level in order to explain the program and follow through, so we need to identify service coordinators that are good. We've identified one Service Coordinator and looking to identify a second one.

We had the PCT with Michael Small and it went very good, so we're looking for KRC to be a PCT Agency. PCT scheduled out until November, 2018.

8) Topics for Next Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Establishment of Quorum
3. Additional Agenda Items
4. Public Comments

5. Approval of Minutes (June 19, 2018)
6. Status of Waiver (Wood)
 - a.) updates MW
 - b.) Orientation materials
7. KRC Updates (Pinal/Mallinson)
 - a.) Roll out introduction plan
 - b.) When orientation plan
 - c.) General update
8. Topics for Next Meeting
9. Date for Next Meeting
10. Adjournment

9) Date of Next Meeting

December 3, 2018 5:00 pm to 7pm

10) Adjournment

6:15pm