



## Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

August 5, 2024

5:00 PM to 7:00PM

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## **AGENDA**

### 1) Call to Order

### 2) Establish of Quorum:

- This means at one more than half of the committee members needs to be present for votes to occur. That means four committee members need to be present to vote, but the committee can discuss and solve problems without voting on anything.
- There are seven members of this committee:
  - Sandra Van Scotter, chair (SCDD appointee)
  - Rick Wood, co-chair (SCDD appointee)
  - Kelly Kulzer-Reyes (KRC appointee)
  - Eva Casas- Sarmiento (OCRA interim representative, required by statute),
  - Norma Tuiasosopo (Family Resource Center representative- Exceptional Families Center, required by statute)
  - Lorie Stewart (SCDD appointee)
- If you are interested in serving, please contact KRC's Enrique Roman or SCDD's Yolanda Cruz to volunteer.

### 3) Additional Items: Discussion items can be added. Items added here cannot be voted on today. You can also mention things you would like focused on at a future meeting.

4) Public Comment: Comments about items not on the agenda are welcome! If your concern/topic is on the agenda, please join the discussion and add your thoughts there, too.

5) Approval of Minutes for SDLVAC Meeting July 1, 2024, attachment 1. **Action**

6) Status of SDP (Wood/all)

- Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide **Discussion**
  - a. Celebrations (all)
  - b. Obstacles (all)
  - c. Directives (Wood/all)
    - i. Annual Regional Center Report on the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee (Sandra Van Scotter)
  - d. Statewide Committee updates (Wood)

7) KRC Updates **Discussion**

- a) Self-Determination Program Enrollment
- b) General Updates on the Self-Determination Program
- c) *Data request: Presentation and Discussion of the obstacles in the transition to SDP -*
  - a. SDP Enrollment summary (Participant Choice Specialists)
  - b. Orientation completions (demographic data: ethnicity, location, and language group)

8) Topics for Next Meeting **Discussion**

- **Members of the public – suggestions welcome**

Upcoming meetings,

2024 SDPLVAC meeting schedule;

- September 9, 2024
- October 7, 2024
- November 4, 2024
- December 2, 2024

9) Adjournment

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Attachment 1

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KERN REGIONAL CENTER SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Rick Wood at 5:10 p.m.
2. Quorum Established. Present were Rick Wood, Kelly-Kulzer Reyes, Sandra Van Scotter, Norma Tuiasosopo, and Eva Casas-Sarmiento, Managing Attorney, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy. Note that Adeyinka Glover has tendered her resignation from the committee.
3. Additional Items. None.
4. Public Comment. None.
5. Approval of Minutes of meetings held on April 8, 2024, May 6, 2024, May 20, 2024 and June 3, 2024. Minutes approved. Eva Casas-Sarmiento abstained. Kelly Kulzer-Reyes abstained as to the June 3, 2024 meeting.
  6. e. (Out of order) Chair Election. Rick Wood moved to modify the committee's chair structure to provide for the election of a Co-Chair. Rick Wood nominated Sandra Van Scotter as Chair and himself as Co-Chair of the committee. By acclamation, Sandra Van Scotter was elected as Chair and Rick Wood was elected as Co-Chair of the committee. Sandra then led the committee meeting going forward.
    - a. and b. Sandra reported that the approved budget includes a provider rate increase effective January 1, 2025; Sandra requested that DDS require FMSs to notify participants of year to year transition dates 3 months in advance of transition/rollover of plans. Celia Pinal reported that the SDP unit is recruiting for a program manager and for a third service coordinator for Bakersfield area. Jordan Draw will serve as the SDP SC in Bishop; another SC will serve as the SDP SC in Ridgecrest. The SDP unit will include 2 participant choice coordinators, and will be supervised by Michi Gates and Celia Pinal.
    - c. Latest directive is for information related to SDP to be included in Sandis software program at all RCs. Data to be entered within the next 2 months, required by DDS. Yamilka Coca requested that the 099 vendorization rules be relaxed in order to attract more vendors to assist in transition to SDP.
    - d. SSDAC. Rick Wood reported that the next SSDAC meeting will be held on July 10 at 11 am. Qlarant will engage the community for feedback on its proposed IF certification over a 24-week period. The FMS Townhall final report has been completed and delivered to DDS and the Legislature. SSDAC will conduct a future Townhall on a subject TBD. SSDAC will present a "grant showcase" of various expenditures of SDP implementation funds by LVACs.
    - f. Melanie Waters presented proposed changes to both SDP implementation contracts, which were approved by consensus of the committee. Revised draft contracts approved and will be finalized and presented to Community Interface and Ally for signatures.



7. a. Enrique Roman proposed that KRC develop a SDP video with grant funds from another source. Discussion re: message, script, who will be in video. Consensus was to review other videos for quality and impact, to emphasize personal stories, to limit video time to 1 minute (per Kelly!), to require video to be presented at all IPP meetings. Next steps: determine objective, focus on outcomes, i.e., how SDP changed lives. Possibly form subcommittee?

b. None.

c. Adriana Antonio presented enrollment statistics and data. PowerPoint slides to be provided to committee members. 180 enrollees. Kelly asked why so few Punjabi speaking participants? Enrique opined that there is more outreach to do. Celia reported on data entry and collection for the 180 enrollees by August 31. See 6.c above.

8. Topics. Committee is open to suggestions. Rick suggested that the committee have a “topics” session similar to what SSDAC does. Future topic to include “meet and greet” of new SDP unit members; and status of SDP video production. Yolanda Cruz (SCDD) reported on an upcoming outreach opportunity—first responders conference. Kelly reported that the Kren Down Syndrome Walk will take place in October in Bakersfield—another outreach opportunity.

Next meeting date: August 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.