



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

October 7, 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 three committee members need to be present to vote, but the committee can discuss and solve problems without voting on anything.
- There are five members of this committee:
  - Sandra Van Scotter, chair (SCDD appointee)
  - Rick Wood, co-chair (SCDD 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 September 9, 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)
- 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 –*
  - I. SDP Enrollment summary (Participant Choice Specialists)
  - II. Orientation completions (demographic data: ethnicity, location, and language group)
  - III. Video Production Presentation (Joel Metzger, Ice Box Logic)
  - IV. Proposed Dates for 2025

January 6, 2025	February 3, 2025	March 3, 2025	April 7, 2025
May 5, 2025	June 2, 2025	July 7, 2025	August 4, 2025
September 8, 2025	October 6, 2025	November 3, 2025	December 1, 2025

8) Topics for Next Meeting

Discussion

- Members of the public – suggestions welcome

Upcoming meetings,

2024 SDPLVAC meeting schedule;

- November 4, 2024
- December 2, 2024

9) Adjournment

Attachment 1

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# KERN REGIONAL CENTER SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Sandra Van Scotter at 5:04 p.m.
2. Quorum Established. Present were Sandra Van Scotter, Rick Wood, Eva Casas-Sarmiento, Norma Tuiasosopo and Lorie Stewart. Note: Sandra Van Scotter thanked former member Kelly Kulzer Reyes for her extraordinary participation on the committee. She will be missed.
3. Additional Items. None.
4. Public Comment. None.
5. Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2024 meeting. On motion to approve with one addition (adding Isis Rasmussen as one of the staff liaisons to the SDP) by Rick and seconded by Lorie, the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.
6. a. Celebrations. Enrique announced that Michi Gates has left KRC for DDS; that Celia Penal, Director of Community Relations, is no longer with KRC; that on 08-30-24, he and Tomas met with several IFs to discuss ways to improve the SDP and to develop and maintain collaborative relationships, including (1) open lines of communication re: case matters, with 2 positive results already; (2) establish an SDP email to allow IFs to submit documents, with KRC monitoring the email account to speed up processes, and to allow participants and families to submit questions, and finally to speed up SDP processes; (3) KRC will conduct joint trainings to potential participants and staff; (4) KRC will communicate with other regional centers for examples of processes, especially for transitions to minimize the time required to transition and to avoid the need for extensions; and (5) Kelly Kulzer has facilitated a consultation between KRC and Jeff \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss ways of streamlining SDP processes.

Eva announced the hiring by OCRA of 2 new clients rights advocates; on October 3, OCRA will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its new offices.

b. Obstacles. Sandra provided public comment to the KRC Board at its recent meeting re: transparency, the Board's dismissive approach to the LVAC and SDP. Enrique commented that KRC is changing; Lorie and Rick expressed agreement with Sandra's comments. Dian Schneider, mother of Nick, former committee member, expressed difficulty arising out of new SDP caseworker, who advised that Nick could not use traditional providers while in the SDP (not true). Christina Rockwell announced that she was in a FMS focus group to develop training and requirements for FMS agencies. Yolanda Cruz (SCDD) advised that SCDD can conduct trainings including on the subject of generic resources. Yamilka Coca is curious to know if KRC has a cutoff date for transitioning to SDP. Enrique replied that it does not, but that FMS's have their own deadlines. Eva asked if KRC can do an inventory of appeals filed by SDP participants in order to problem-solve to reduce the need for an appeal. KRC Has recently resolved 2 cases with open conversation. Appeals staff need mor SDP knowledge. Recent

Lanterman Act changes make appeals more friendly, focused on resolution. Discussion re: need to have a support person as a witness in an appeal proceeding. Enrique embraced addressing this issue. Lorie expressed support for education on appeals procedures and rights including for administrative law judges.

c. Directives. No SDP directives. However, a new directive offering a stipend of up to \$1200 for direct services providers to participate in training courses, some of which have been completed as of 08-31-24. DDS has offered RC employees the opportunity to apply for funds for training. Sandra announced the next SDP Q&A Friday 09-20-24, English and Spanish. Rick announced the next SSDAC meeting on 09-10-24 which will be a grant showcase presented by DVU and LVAC committee training presented by SCDD.

7. KRC Updates. Enrique announced that the video producer developing a SDP outreach video will present at the next committee meeting. The participant choice specialist team has been hired, with 2 SDP service coordinators in Bakersfield, 1 in Ridgecrest, 1 in Bishop. KRC is still searching for a SDP program manager. Sandra stated that the committee needs more data for transparency including types of POS, number of fair hearings and appeals, number of participants leaving SDP, number who are no longer eligible for SDP, and the executive Board is unaware. Enrique committed to running reports from the data KRC has access to. Last KRC SDP report to DDS was on 08-30-24. KRC will share DDS's data report with the committee.

PCS Adriana Antonio and Chloe Hayes shared data on slides: 198 enrollees as of 09-09-24; reports on language of participants and caregivers, ethnicity, zip codes, location of enrollees. Next Q&A session data will be shared at next meeting.

Melanie Waters provided a summary of the activity of the awardees (Ally and Integrated Services) of implementation funds re: new clients, outreach, orientations, coaching, upcoming sessions at KRC. Overall, both are "off and running" with funding for activities. SDP interest is increasing, and coaching continues to be requested.

8. Topics for Next Meeting. Videographer presentation. Proposed 2025 meeting dates. Next meeting 10-07-24 at 5:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment. 7:07 p.m.