



Kern Regional Center (KRC)  
 Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes  
**August 9, 2021– 5:00 pm**  
**Teleconference via Zoom Webinar**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83362444104?pwd=R2pKWGFONzNXc0ZDRkg0bzVQVytvdz09>

**Members Present**

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

**Others Attending**

Cherylle Mallinson	Jennifer Rimer
Celia Pinal	Helen Reese
Michi Gates	Karina Proffer
Melanie Waters	Yesenia Mackie
Michele Rodriguez	Cindy Cox
Alejandra Rivera	Katie Ramirez
Yolanda Cruz	Suzanne Toothman
Yajaira Ghity	Cyndie Summers
Tiffany Gonzales	Edwin Pineda
Dustlyne Beavers	Kurtis Parker
Omelia Trigueros	Ana Guerra
Kathryn Mackie	Leslie Reynaga
Andrea Conetto	

**Members absent**

**1) Call to Order**

*5:06 pm (Kulzer-Reyes)*

**2) Establish of Quorum: *Quorum was established***

**3) Additional Agenda Items:** *(Mallinson)* a correction. For the Pursuant to Government Code, the date moving forward will always be two weeks before the meeting. To allow us time in case someone needs the translation or alternate formats to be available for them. *(Kulzer-Reyes)* Standing language on the agenda moving forward.

**4) Public Comment**

*a)* (Wood) He will participate in a news conference on Wednesday with DBU with Judy, Mark. Trying to get the Governor to add those care givers of those with IDD to the list of people

who are going to be mandated to be vaccinated. We have 1 out of 6 who agree to get vaccinated and did get vaccinated. I have had 5 caregivers cause you know Davis has 24/7 care. All their caregivers are vaccinated. Vaccination Press Conference Wednesday in front of the media to see if we can add the caregivers to the list of health care providers seeking vaccination. (Gates) Where is the Press Conference going to be held Rick? (Wood) He does know that it is going to be a Zoom press conference and will be giving out the link. (D. Schneider) will that include respite? (Wood) Yes, anyone with personal contact is what we have in mind.

- b) (Cruz) Person-Centered Planning Training coming up August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 12pm. Perfect for anyone who wants to learn person-center planning since it has to do with Self-determination. Here is the link for the Training. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-person-centered-planning-tickets-164051429241>  
SSI training perfect for the independent facilitator. You really want to know about generic resources. Will be giving out that information for that training. (Kulzer-Reyes) Yolanda what is the closing date and what is the limit to people? (Ramirez) It's open until it's full. Capacity is 20 individuals, and it will be offered more than once English and Spanish.
- c) (Cruz) Alejandra has join our team. She is working at the San Bernardino Office. She comes with a wealth of information especially with education. She is covering the Kern area that Tamica was covering. (Rivera) She is CPS to Community Program Specialist at San Bernardino Regional Office. Been with State Counsel for 4 months now. (Wood) If you haven't already I encourage you to connect with Andrea Conetto.

**5) Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2021**

*(Kulzer-Reyes) Motion to approve with the edit of the apostrophe that I shared with Michele before we began. M/S/C (Espinoza)*

- 6) Status of SDP (Wood/Kulzer-Reyes)** *In May the statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee had a meeting in which we are looking forward instead of backward. Specifically to have a six hour discussion about beginning the exchange of best practices. DDS was invited to that meeting, they decided not to show because the trail bill language had not yet been adopted by the Governor. So they did not want to commit to anything. Michi was a panelist in that meeting .What we decided to was to capture two things 1. Questions that people had to DDS that they would have presented had DDS been there. 2. Put together a document that basically included what we thought best practices could include that we could begin to share. That document is still not done. It's not done in part because we decided internally that we would get the transcript of the meeting and use that because there was so much information. We finally have the transcript. Expect in the next four weeks that's going to come out. I'm going to share with everyone in advance what those are. I would love to do is to be able to do in the future is to begin to focus in on some of those topics, some of the area in which best practices, in which other regional centers have the same issues and approaches. There are a lot of creative things going on to get the word out. I have received 4 or 5 request from other chairs for our template RFP and our template agreements for our fast tracking there is a lot of interest in our fast track approach. I have put that information out to the 4 or 5 chairs that wanted that, there redacted of course. It's a great example of what I have been promoting. More on that at our next meeting which will be in 4 or 5 weeks. We will have a document that has been vetting process.*

## 7) KRC Updates

- a) (Waters) *Have not received any additional billing invoices from our SDP transition providers so as it stand 28,644.50 have been invoiced. Which includes the money that is ear marked for state council but have not received the invoice. Yolanda if you can proved that, that would be great. I have asked our SDP transition providers to provide a calendar of upcoming workshops. They have provided flyers, so those flyer have been given to our Social Media Communication Technology Officer. He has placed those on Facebook and we have got good results. Cox and Rockwell are doing learning circle on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Katie from Ally Comprehensive Services she has Let's Talk SDP in English and Spanish. August 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm in Spanish. August 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm in English and the same session August 26<sup>th</sup>. Dusty and her individuals with 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Solutions started their zoom drop in hours last month. Flyer is also on Facebook. Drop in hours are weekly Monday's 8am to 11am. Thursday's 3pm to 6pm. Dusty did let me know that they are going to start IF training later in September. She is going to five a flyer to Bishop. Update from Shannon for LMS orientation. There was an email provided August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is 25 individuals that completed the English orientation and 3 completed the Spanish. For the transition assistance provider from the allocation funds 19/20 they are still working with their individuals like I reported before. Everyone is moving forward.*
- b) (Kulzer-Reyes) *Have a question about that data that was shared. I noticed there was 51 total KRC participants currently in SDP that completely transition. 53 would be the number had someone not moved out or changed their mind. How many of the last few where from the original roll out number and how many are from the general everybody can play now group? (Pinal)We're still trying to get individual from the selection transition over, there is still quite a few that Katie been working on. As Katie has report that the Spanish speaking population it's all in steps. There are still some more that we are tracking. I would probably say about 5 or maybe more that we are still tracking to get them through that were selected from the drawl. Then were are getting interest for the public for the new participants now that the program has opened up. The challenge with that is getting them to complete the orientation. Talk to Shannon about it and we are trying to partner up with the Family Resource Center's there are some details that we have to iron out with Heart's Connection and EF Exceptional Family Center to help provide the support for the individual that need to take the orientation. For the program managers we are getting interest from Spanish speakers that want to be part of this and there are some orientations that are coming up that are held by other community members throughout the state. We are hoping that those webinars or orientation opportunities get counted towards meeting that requirement. Just to say that there is interest out there but for the hard core data we will have that more available next time. (Wood)So now that we are open to everyone are you seeing people's attitude changing toward wanting to do or more willing to take a look at Self-Determination? Is there change in the culture both on the side case managers as well as potential participants?(Pinal) I can definitely tell you that the program managers from the case managers are more comfortable and are feeling more confident with the Self-Determination. I do have a few program managers that have offered to help me do some consultation with areas that families get stuck with or service coordinators get stuck with. I'm very excited to report that. The more exposer we have, the more practice we have the confidence is going up. Our Regional Center we don't have that specialist. We decided to sprinkle out participant across service coordinators so they would get a feel for it, so they wouldn't be blind sited when we get more people interested. I think it will very helpful when Self-Determination Participant Directed Services*

person helping and providing that support that we need. I'm excited to get more bilingual people in to Self-Determination but we are still working through that. The more they transition they will be more of a spokesperson to get our population encourage and to not to be afraid. I would hope that by the end of the year the case management, community are more open and more excited about Self-Determination.

- c) (Wood) I forgot to mention this earlier 1. Related to the trailer bill. There is money allocated to this year's budget to revamp or rewrite the orientation. I have an understanding as of now that State Council is demanding that they do that. 2. Michi and I part of focus group that has been convened by DDS of a number of individual that I would call stake holder in the Self-Determination process to be a sounding board for all thing Self-Determination. I will provide reports on what the focus group is focusing on. (Cruz) I see more interest in the Self-Determination programs. (Pinal) From the community we are getting calls about how to become independent facilitators. (Mallinson) We do not vendor independent facilitator there is no such thing. That is a conversation with the family as part of the plan. KRC does not vendor. (Conetto) Our current challenge out here is getting our Spanish speaking families through Orientation, similar to Bakersfield, with technology being the biggest challenge. We've also had a request from a vendor to do an orientation with clients specifically and an SC who's indicated she has "a lot" of Spanish speaking families interested. There is plans for it. Ally was planning to do that, trying to figure out how they can socially distance and provide that service to the families who need in person type orientation because technology not working. Hopefully we will have some solution soon for that.
- d) (Wood) Question: What if someone comes and says I don't need a compensation but I'm prepared to do an orientation? (Mallinson) They can. Unfortunately we can't stop individuals from gathering and having their own orientation whether or not it's the same orientation we've had out there that raise to the conversation that we are having today. (Wood) We are an Advisory Committee and my advice is that we have to consistency whether in side our Regional Center or within the system itself among Regional Centers. The Regional Center has got to have control over the structure and the content of an orientation. There has got to be this official if you will, meaning consistent road to Self-Determination. (Pinal) We are willing to accept an orientation from LMS or from another Regional Center because we don't want to limit the families. We are pushing everyone through LMS.
- e) (Mallinson) All we have left is Nominations for Committee. We are still looking. We don't have anyone to Nominate today. (Cruz) We just got an application and will be emailing Mallinson the information.

## **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
7. KRC Updates (Khuu/Mallinson)
  - a) KRC SD Updates
  - b) LMS training (Lueck)
  - c) General Updates
  - d) Non-pilot updates

- e) Nominations for Committee*
- 8. Topics for Next Meeting*
- 9. Date of Next Meeting*
- 10. Adjournment*

**9) Date of Next Meeting**

*September 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom*

**10) Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm M/S/C (Schneider/Kulzer-Reyes)*

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