



Kern Regional Center (KRC)
 Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021– 5:00 pm
Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

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Members Present

Rick Wood (Chair)
 Kelly Kulzer-Reyes
 Nick Schneider

Members Absent

Mario Espinoza

Others Attending

Cherylle Mallinson	Cindy Cox
Celia Pinal	Christina Rockwell
Kristine Khuu	Eliza Dyer
Melanie Waters	Nichole Mikkelson (DDS)
Michi Gates	Ana Guerra
Dian Schneider	Carla Garcia
Yesenia Mackie	Doug Pascover
Omelia Trigueros	Jennifer Rimer
Alicia Salamanca	Dustylyne Beavers
Andrea Conetto	Katie Ramirez
Suzanne Toothman	Kathryn Mackie
Carmelita Patino	Raymond Martinez Kelli Cutts

1) Call to Order

5:10 pm (Wood)

2) Establish of Quorum *Quorum*

was established

3) Additional Agenda Items

4) Public Comment

Jessica Gould - Here as a guest was invited. I do consulting for agencies on disability rights and disability issues. One of the members proposed that I do a presentation for your regional center (RC) on the Lanterman Act. My services are tailored to the needs of the client. I have a website. <http://jgouldconsultation.com/> (Wood) I would love to take a look at that at an appropriate time, I'll be sure to take a look at it.

5) Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2021

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

- a) **KRC Document process – Troubleshoot Hang-ups**– (Kulzer) The last meeting it was discussed that Kern Regional Center (KRC) Document that they have created to get into the SDP program and we were looking at the Independent Facilitator (IF) role and comparing them to see where the trouble spots are and how to trouble shoot those as a group today. And how that connects to the state wide self-determination advisory committee recommendation for enrollment in the self-determination process prior to June 7th. Shared document KRC vs IF in Self Determination Program. I put together an excel spreadsheet. We are looking at the KRC process to get a client after orientation. I created this parallel document so IF's using the same material as Disability Voices United uses. To move into the Self Determination program from the IF and the participants point of view and from KRC point of view to show the point of views are a little bit different. In step one we have service coordinators contacts the Self-Determination Program (SDP) participant, families, and representatives to schedule a preplanned meeting to discuss key elements/players in the SDP. This includes information on the Person-Centered Plan initial development and reimbursement, IF, Financial Management Service (FMS), Individual Budget and Spending Plan. At this meeting the SDP participant/families/representative receives a list of the IF's, FMS and information on Person Centered Plan (PCP) development. If the SDP participant/family do not have a copy of the individual budget (what KRC spent in the last 12 months) a copy will be provided to them. Then form the IF point of view. Different IF's are going to do these things differently, I am using materials from Disability Voices United's book that's called Thinking Outside of the Box. My first step about thinking about how to do this is Get a release of information signed by participant because no KRC or any other RC can share information unless they have legal permission. /then we have request the past 12 months Point of Sale (POS) which is already in KRC's step one. Then I have Request all NOPAs and Individual Program Plan (IPP) notes/file then send IF verification to Service Coordinator. Like your resume, training, how you are qualified for the program and the specifics like you social security number and copy or your Driver's License that way the RC can have the IF's information on file. (Wood) What happens if a person chooses not to have an IF and relies on the RC service coordinators to bring him or her into the program. (Kulzer) I would think it would only be the KRC portion then. (Wood) I always assumed the a service coordinator would do the same thing as an IF would because there needs to be a plan there needs to be a selection of a FMS, and there needs to be a budget. (Kulzer) One of the recommendations from the state wide SDAC is that that kind of training for RC staff, collaboration, and all of those piece that is really what you're talking about. (Celia) Right now we have not experienced were a participant have opted out of an IF. The more that the service coordinators are exposed to individuals in the program the more confident they have. The service coordinators are not in the advanced process of the Self-determination program. (Wood) The SDAC put together a list of 11 recommendations for training, (Kulzer) SDP participant/families/representative will contact the assigned SC once they have made a decision on the PCP initial development and select an IF. SC is to contact SDP participant/family/representative if they have not heard back, within 2 weeks of the preplanning meeting. What happens when this doesn't happen? (Wood) There is no enforcement of this The SC will be held accountable for not doing it in a 2 week process. (Schneider) Would love to see some timelines on how fast a meeting gets set up. (Kulzer) The one RC cent that has great timelines is San Diego. (Michi) Their numbers of transition are very low. (Wood) RC needs to reach out to all persons and get them to the next step by March 1st. All members should be enrolled in SDP by May 31st

2021 this is something we thought is achievable. What is the RC recommended time lines at least for the short term? (Michi) I was looking at the progress data that Christine sent out. KRC didn't have much progress in the much of transitions. The numbers seems to be similar in spend plan and budget. KRC is really getting bogged down on the spending plan and the certification of the budget. (Wood) Is there a plan in place to move those barriers better? (Celia) Our staff is not involved in certifying the individual budget. Just met with Katie Ramirez last week to certify the individual budget tool. Now having that tool we should be able to transition people faster. (Wood) If you have a confused RC staff you have a more confused RC participant. (Michi) KRC is going forward with the expectation that the expansion happens on June 7th. (Kulzer) Step 3 is SC to amend the IPP to add reimbursement for initial PCP development, if not already in the IPP. Is 024 going to be used for people who are selected in the pilot even if they are transitioned after the June 7th date? (Wood) It demonstrates the urgency in getting people through as far as they can go in the event that those funds are cut off on June 7th. (Kulzer) The IF perspective is go over the PCP with participant. Step four is SC and the SDP participant/family/representative reconvene to discuss the individual budget, unmet needs, and any changes in circumstances. This is the where the tool that Celia mentioned would be used but there is not enough lines for needs that are not met making it to where the formulas are not correct. The If perspective is make an IPP amendment meeting with RC SC. (Wood) We have voted and put in place contracts to fast track people. There are IF with KRC and other RC that are having trouble getting SC to respond in a timely manner. (Kulzer) Step 5 is the SDP participant/family/representative works with the IF to develop the spending plan, identifies the service needed and a spreadsheet of the services is developed. The IF is while waiting for the IPP amendment meeting date, use the PCP and information received form the RC about POS, NOPAs and IPP notes to draft a spending plan. Step 6 is spending plan is reviewed with KRC and if no modifications are needed, the spending plan is certified by KRC and all participants sign the plan. The IF is working on ensuring the access to the community, autonomy and choice. This will help address Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) final rule compliance. (Doug) No one has to do IF training. (Katie) Trainings for families and self-advocates to know what to expect from an IF or if they want to take on the role themselves. Also connecting the spending plan items to a goal. (Wood) There is no law saying you have to have training to be an IF. (Kulzer) If you qualify for the 024 to be paid to do it. RC require that you prove you are qualified. (Rockwell) The 024 were only accessible by IFs that are vendored which is why none of us from pilot did it. (Wood) I don't believe that to be true. I will find out (Kulzer) Going back there are things that do not seem to be constant when it comes to the Self Determination Law. (Wood) If you do right because it is ethically the right thing to do which is to save money you seem to be penalized for it. People seem to think that if they don't spend all their budget that it will be taken away from them. (Kulzer) Step 7 is the IPP is developed to reflect goals, objectives and services as identified in the spending plan. For IF I have find FMS. Maybe I should add that to an earlier step. (Wood) No, the FMS has to be found earlier. Some FMS are way too involved but I think they need to be found early. FMS has three models Bill pay, Sole pay, and Co employer. (Kulzer) Move it to step 2 and for the IF step 7 now Hold IPP amendment meeting. Invite FMS to all meetings. Include FMS in email. Step 8 SDP participant has fully transitioned and changes are made in the SANDIS database to reflect the change from traditional services to the Self-Determination Program. The problem I see is that the SC are not saying the POS will be done on this month. Who cancels if the SC does not? (Celia) The program managers are the ones approving those POS and now are checking to make sure that does not happen. It should not create a gap in service. That is what we are trying to prevent. (Wood) Some FMS are more proactive by

saying what they can and cannot do. To recognize the role of the FMS that they pay bill and they help manage the labor cost. It is not something that needs to be worried about in the next 2 months because I don't care how aggressive FMS are as long as they are proactive. We need the FMS that is my additional comment on that.

b) **KRC Plan for June** –

7) KRC Updates (Pinal/Mallinson)

- a) **KRC SD Update** – (Khuu)
- b) **General Update** – (Mallinson)
- c) **Fast-Track Updates** –
- d) **Nomination for Committee** –

8) Topics for Next Meeting

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- 9. *Date of Next Meeting*
- 10. *Adjournment*

9) Date of Next Meeting

April 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

10) Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn – M/S/C (Schneider/Kulzer-Reyes) Approved
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm*