



Kern Regional Center (KRC)
 Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2021– 5:00 pm
Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

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Members Present

Rick Wood (Chair)
 Mario Espinoza
 Nick Schneider

Others Attending

Katie Hornberger	Jennifer Rimer
Celia Pinal	Yesenia Mackie
Michi Gates	Karina Proffer
Melanie Waters	Katie Ramirez
Heidi Arntzen	Ana Guerra
Michele Rodriguez	Leslie Reynaga
Alejandra Rivera	Enrique Roman
Kathryn Mackie	Cindy Cox
Alejandra Rivera	Omelia Trigueros
Yolanda Cruz	Andrea Conetto
Diana	Lori Molhook
Terrasel Jones	Veronica
Ana Leheny	Kristine Khuu

Members absent

Kelly Kulzer-Reyes

1) Call to Order

5:07 pm (Rick Wood)

2) Establish of Quorum: *Quorum was established*

3) Additional Agenda Items: (K. Hornberger) Introducing self. Shared a PowerPoint. Ombudsperson was established and independent and autonomous Office of the Self-Determination Program. The Law established rights and duties for the office. The Ombudsperson is appointed by the DDS Director for a term of 4 years and may be reappointed. The person must have adequate training and experience for the role. Calls to the office are confidential unless

released is agreed to. She goes into the Explanation of the Role of the Ombudsperson. Providing information, investigating complaints, Recommending changes to DDS and the Legislature. She then goes on to reviewing activities like attending stakeholders meetings, investigate systemic matters, share information, and resolve individual matters. She went on to explain what the Ombudsperson does not do like overturn a judicial decision or make a recommendation to a court. She goes on to explain the measures of success by striving to increase the number of people in SDP, reduce the amount of time it takes to enter SDP, and to recommend policy change at the Regional Centers and DDS. She gave information as to how we can get help. Website at office of the Self-Determination Program Ombudsperson – CA Department of Developmental Services, email to SDP.Ombudsperson@DDS.CA.GOV, or call 1-877-658-9731. (C. Pinal) Katie when do you anticipate having your team built? (K. Hornberger) For the actual Ombudsperson because it's a new position in state service, we have to post the position and get feedback, then we can post it for hiring. Before we are looking at candidates, it will be at least 2 months. Ombudsperson, Staff Services Manager, then there will be three people under Staff Services Manager and then there is an Intake Receptionist. (R.Wood)

4) Public Comment

- a) (D. Beavers) Clarifying question: Received mixed feedback on how we address our Med-Waiver children, who are receiving ABA services with KRC being the payee for those services? I was told that we cannot transition them into Self-Determination if their services will be paid for by Regional Center. (K. Khuu) If they are getting ABA services funded by their insurances that would not be identified in their budget because that is generic resource as funding for it. That would not delay the transition over into SDP. (D. Beavers) No. Let me re-clarify sorry. When they have straight Medi-Cal Regional Centers the payer for ABA services. So, what I was told is that if you are on straight Medi-Cal receiving ABA services through Regional Center that they cannot be transition to Self-Determination because the way waiver was written under behavioral services with now providing it to a person under twenty one. (K. Khuu) I think we have to discuss this outside of this. (Rick Wood) I have heard this on more than one occasion from other regional centers. What I remember is that does not disqualify people from transitioning or enrolling. What I am going to do is follow up with D. Beavers and let regional center staff what I find out. I am not clear enough on this to be able to say that is not true but I have heard it.
- b) (K. Ramirez) I just wanted to share that as part of the disparity grant we are having a few upcoming trainings. I sent over the flyer to Kern. We have ITT and Purchase of Service training coming up on September 29th in English. Then an IHS desk training in English and Spanish on October 4th we are doing those in collaboration with the Sequoia office with Yolanda Cruz.

5) Approval of Minutes – September 13th, 2021

Nick (M) Mario (S) Approved the minutes.

6) Status of SDP (Wood)

- 1) (R.Wood) There was a June 22nd SSDAC meeting in which we invites DDS to attend to speak to us about things they are rolling out. The initiatives that are going to be forth coming. They elect not to do that because the initiatives and the things they wanted including the trailer bill language for the budget had not yet been approved. We had a very extensive panel

discussion. 3 panels one Regional Center staff with including Michi Gates, 2nd a group of MFS Providers, 3rd a group of Independent facilitators. Essentially, what was to come out of that was a report was to be drafted by Rick Wood, since the state council chosen not to fund any staff members for us. That came from a transcript that I only got an about two weeks ago may be three. I have then took that transcript and created a report that has gone out to SDAC work group members. It out for review now and will be presented at the November 10th SSDAC meeting. Everyone is invited. The report is going to be the subject of our next meeting. I am going to bring back to you in December 6th the results of that meeting and the things that are going to be important for our committee. A discussion of ideas meaning best practices that come from the report. What we do here is not just help people get in and support the SDP but it is to share what we do with others so they can learn from what we do, and learn from the things that are working. I sit on SDP focus group that DDS has put together. We have had one introductory meeting. I sit on a Performance Measures group that has been put together by DDS to put in place measures for the performance of Regional centers and DDS.

7) KRC Updates

- a) (M. Waters) Starting with the invoicing for fiscal 19/20 so far as of today invoices 29995.00. I did want to report to the committee after the last committee meeting state council did submit their invoice and I forwarded it to accounting department. Our funding for fiscal year 20/21 so far 3300 has been invoiced. As far as our update from our transitional providers, I will start with fiscal 19/20. One of our providers she has rolled in 5 individuals, 2 are pending and she has a few inactive. Ones that want to wait or are not interested at this time or dealing with personal matters. Another Provider she is working with 2 individual from that DDS Selected list. With the Year 2 Contract Yaayaa to everybody on the movement on the transitions.
- b) (K. Khuu/C. Pinal) I am going to elaborate on the excel sheet I sent to the members. For October, we had 67 individuals who signed up for the LMS orientation. Out of the 67 thirty-five are in the English speaking and eight Spanish speaking. We currently have about 60 individuals are successfully enrolled in SDP. (C.Pinal) Update on the staffing. We have Kern Regional Center have promoted two program managers to go into assistant directors and they will be attending some of these meeting in the near future. Ana Lehney who will oversee the adult unit. Jennifer Rimer will oversee the transition unit possibly over the branch. We are hoping to hire three program managers we have already promoted Janeice Cunningham. So, you will be see her in some of these meetings. We are working on developing a Checklist so that our SC can understand SD better. We have a participant Choice specialist we are hoping to interview soon for those individuals. Those are the update of the KRC Staffing.
- c) (Y.Cruz) SD Program Manager that the state council has or development an agreement with DDS. So are in the process of interviewing. That position was going to look at curriculum again to see how we can develop modules that will help people be more interested in SD.
- d) (R. Wood) That reminds me I presented a proposal to Nancy Bargemen six weeks ago for some staffing for SDAC statewide. That is not resolved yet.
- e) (E.Roman) Committee make up. Katie touch on it during her presentation. Trailer bill added a few positions. It also added a reference to the committees have to included now a member of the family resource center as a member of the committee. We have to add it that to our application. The other piece was in consultation with Yolanda Cruz we are also looking to

add under the category of other advocates add some independent facilitators to be member of the committee, I did check with DDS, and DDS agreed that they do fit under that category. Obviously if they are voting for something that might be of conflict, we might have to ask them to abstain from voting and so forth. So I am working with Yolanda and then we will bring it to the committee to discuss.

f) (M. Gates) SDP Focus group is being called to meet this Friday.

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/Roman)*
 - a) *KRC SD Updates*
 - b) *General Updates*
 - c) *Non-pilot updates*
 - d) *Nominations for Committee*
8. *Topics for Next Meeting*
9. *Date of Next Meeting*
10. *Adjournment*

9) Date of Next Meeting

December 06, 2021

10) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm M/S/C (Nick(M) Mario(S))