



Kern Regional Center (KRC)  
 Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes  
**June 28, 2021– 5:00 pm**  
**Teleconference via Zoom Webinar**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88003058972?pwd=WFJXTmluOXpBNStCS0d5aTFHS05zdz09>

**Members Present**

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

**Others Attending**

Cherylle Mallinson	Cindy Cox
Celia Pinal	Christina Rockwell
Karina Proffer	Eliza Dyer
Melanie Waters	Lulu Calvillo
Jennifer Rimer	Doug Pascover
Susan Graham	Edwin Pineda
Kristine Khoo	Lisa Sasser
Shannon Lueck	Yesenia Mackie
Sarah Fechner	
Omelia Trigueros	
Ana Leheny	
Dustlyne Beavers	
Doug Pascover	

**Members Absent**

**1) Call to Order**

*5:00 pm (Wood)*

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

**3) Additional Agenda Items**

**4) Public Comment**

- a) (Schneider) *Nick is still in process and it is 100% the regional centers fault. They have had his budget since August and has been working on it since October. They have promised for three months in a row that it would be signed at the end of the month and we still do not have a signed budget in the hands of the fiscal agent. I just wanted to say I am disappointed.*  
 (Wood) *Is that the budget certification that has not been completed Diane?* (Schneider) *That*

is correct. I have even talked to Celia, our conversation ended with “That sounds good to, we are good to go. I will let them know they can sign off on it.” It is still not signed. Every time I think, it is taken care of. They are always asking for something else and I do not know what else they could possibly want at this point. We have reworked it to every spec that they wanted instead of what Nick wanted and it is still not signed. (Wood) I do not hear anyone stepping up but I would say your issue is chronic. I do not want to put everyone on the spot but I am interested in why Nick, who is a board member, is not yet in. (Khuu) I am sorry, can I look into this and follow up with Diane and Nick because I need to find out exactly what is the hold up. I want to be able to rectify it. I apologies if there is a delay but I want to be able to research this further and understand. My understanding was it is all ready to go. (Schneider) Well, we still do not have a signed copy and cannot get a sign copy. (Khuu) Please give us time to contact his service coordinator. (Schneider) Why she cannot get anyone to sign off. She is not anyone’s boss. Every time I email here I cc his IF too keep it in the circle but if I need to cc more people I could do that too. I am just trying to be nice but that has not helped. (Pinal) His status shows that he is transferred to SDP. (Schneider) Then why can we not get a copy of the signed budget? (Pinal) I do not know but give us some time. He is already transitioned into the Self Determination program. The database shows he is transitioned.

**5) Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2021**

*(Kulzer-Reyes) Motion to approve with edits for May. M/S/C (Wood/Espinoza)*

- 6) Status of SDP (Wood/Kulzer-Reyes) June 7 came and went; I am informed that the department has not issued a directive as to whether it is going to start on July 1. Regional Centers are unsure and unclear about what they are supposed to be doing. We had the statewide Self Determination committee meet through Zoom. Which was a six hour-long meeting that I hosted. The purpose of that meeting was to have a panel discussion. Four panels were invited to the meeting. One panel consisted of DDS representatives the second was the regional center representatives. We received great feedback from Michi Gates. The third panel was several independent facilitators and the fourth was several FMS, who have been prominent as well. We got together to discuss barriers and how to overcome them. DDS decided not to show to the statewide Self-determination meeting. Their excuse is that they are working on trailer bill language. The governor’s budget include an increase to DDS. I believe 5.2 billion dollars to spend and the Self Determination program is expected to receive some of it. Wouldn’t you know that the trailer bill language came out the next day? DDS did not provide the committee with the updated numbers for May until one day after our meeting. I am unhappy. I have poured years into getting us through these three years. I have personally spend hundreds of hours maybe thousands. This is about the effort about of many people and we only have 600 people in. I challenge inland regional center who has 10 people in. I am being provided a transcript of the meeting and have received the questions that were asked. I have a bunch of questions that we are going to present to DDS. We have not done what I was hoping. Which was to have at least a thousand people in. We had less than 25% of those who were selected. I believe the Self Determination program is here to stay. There is a lot of interest in the fast track. As of last month, we have spent over \$23,000 and we got some people in. What I do not know is whether we can even start a program on July 1. As a practical matter, DDS is going to be asked to answer some questions. I have had two regional centers ask me if we would share a redacted contract and an RFP for our fast track program. (Mallinson) I would be glad to share that. Would you like me to send it your way? (Wood) Yes, people do not really know how to spend their money. They are finding difficulty in**

that. One of the things I really wanted was to challenge these chairs to do is to take control of the relationship with their Regional Center. If you have, a committee that is affectively ran by Regional Centers staff they have terrible numbers. Local advisory committee that are proactive are doing better. I was encouraging local advisory committee chairs to be proactive. I look forward to the staff report and am interested in what the Regional has to the start date. (Kulzer-Reyes) Are we waiting for DDS to say we can continue? (Mallinson) No, We are continuing forward with it. I think Celia's staff is ramping up for it. (Pinal) I did orientation for the new hires. I did touch up on SDP. One of the things that we are making everyone complete is the LMS for SDP for the new hires. Shannon knows how to track the report of who has completed the orientation. There is not a hold up on our end. I am now asking the program managers how confident they are with SDP.

## 7) KRC Updates

- a) (Khuu) We have 48 individuals who have transitions. We have 26 who are working closely with an SDP providers. (Wood) we have 65% enrollment of those who elected to continue. I believe it is 70 something total. We have a percentage that is higher than other Regional Centers. Khuu) The number is 75 and 48 that have transitioned. (Pinal) I want to add that Spanish speaking it takes a little longer because we want them to understand everything. I just met with a parent on Friday that has said traditional service is not working for them and I have recommended them to SDP.
- b) (Lueck) I am the training coordinator for the Regional center. I am here to show you a little bit, about what we are doing for the LMS training for the SDP. We have enrolled all of our staff for participate in it. It is required for the onboarding of staff. If you scroll down on the KRC website, there is the Self-determination cache in which has the link for the parent portal. This video gives a little preview of how to enroll into the parent portal. You do not need the child's UCI but it is recommended and the parents cell phone number. There is an English and Spanish version of the self-enrollment form. We are working on more languages but for now, there is just English and Spanish. (Rockwell) Can a learning portal be available for IF's too? (Lueck) Absolutely I will work on that and get back to the board. After you have taken a course, you can see the resources attached to that course. You can simply download the resources. There are links to DDS for a quick reference. You can pause the course along the way if you need to. They will be able to get a certificate for completing certain courses. I am able to pull reports and can tell what courses have been completed. There have been about 25 parents that have enrolled and about 10 of those individuals have completed the Self Determination course. There is a button for if you need help and there is an LMS that it messages. That way when parents need help, they just click that button and it goes straight to her. The 25 people are new families than the individuals that have been transitioned. (Cox) Just enrolled my daughter and it only took 5 minutes to enroll. (Lueck) The UCI is not required just recommended. (Wood) Is there a course on the budget tool? (Lueck) It is something that needs to be done independently. Adding the courses is up to each Regional Center. The course could be developed in the future. (Kulzer-Reyes) I want to know why it says child if not everyone is a child. Are we keeping the statistical information on who have enrolled and who have completed? Can we send families from other Regionals Centers to yours for the orientation? (Lueck) I believe you can send other families to out parent portal. (Pinal) We can have Shannon give us the information to keep everyone updated about who has completed this orientation. (Kulzer-Reyes) What I really like about that is that you can really have your coordinators watch to see who has done it. (Pinal) We are getting questions

from IFS seeing if they are going to get reimburse for purchase center plan and we are trying to get them reimbursed for those.

- c) (Waters) 19/20 allocation fund as of 6/22 invoices is \$28644.50. One of our providers has two individuals is going to transition in July. 20/21 contracts are signed.
- d) (Wood) Although we have hardly committee members, we are able to establish quorum every meeting. We do not have many people in our committee but we usually have everyone here. (Kulzer-Reyes) I would love to have more diversity but I do not think we are the ones that are supposed to be recruiting. (Mallinson) I think Tamica was the one recruiting for us but I think she left the state council. We only have Yolanda but maybe she is busy.

**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
  - b) Update on questions with DDS
- 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**

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

**10) Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm M/S/C (Schneider/Kulzer-Reyes)