



Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

July 1, 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 seven members of this committee:
 - Rick Wood, chair (SCDD appointee)
 - Kelly Kulzer-Reyes (KRC appointee)
 - Sandra Van Scotter (SCDD appointee)
 - Adeyinka Glover (OCRA representative, required by statute),
 - Norma Tuiasosopo (Family Resource Center representative- Exceptional Families Center, required by statute)
 - Abigail Teasdale (SCDD appointee)
 - 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 April 8, 2024 (attachment 1), May 6, 2024 (attachment 2), May 20,2024 (attachment 3), and June 3, 2024 (attachment 4) **Action**
- 6) Status of SDP (Wood/Kulzer-Reyes) **Discussion**
- Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide
 - a. Celebrations (Kulzer-Reyes)
 - b. Obstacles (Kulzer-Reyes)
 - c. Directives (Wood/Kulzer-Reyes)
 - d. Statewide Committee updates (Wood)
 - e. Election of Committee Chair
 - f. Status of Contracts for Implementation of funds (Melanie Waters)
- 7) KRC Updates **Discussion**
- a) Self-Determination Program Enrollment
 - (a) Proposal to Develop a Self-Determination Video (attachment 5)(Enrique Roman)
 - b) General Updates on the Self-Determination Program
 - c) *Data request: Presentation and Discussion of the obstacles in the transition to SDP -*
 - a. SDP Enrollment summary (Participant Choice Specialists)

- b. Orientation completions (demographic data: ethnicity, location, and language group)

8) Topics for Next Meeting

Discussion

- **Members of the public – suggestions welcome!**

Upcoming meetings,

2024 SDPLVAC meeting schedule;

- August 5, 2024
- September 9, 2024
- October 7, 2024
- November 4, 2024
- December 2, 2024

9) Adjournment

Attachment 1

Attachment 1

KRC SDP Local Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting

April 8, 2024

1. Call to Order. Approximately 5:03 p.m.
2. Establishment of Quorum. Present were Rick Wood, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Nico Snyder, Sandra Van Scotter and Adeyinka Glover. A quorum was established.
3. Additional Items. None.
4. Public Comment. None. However, First Choice Solutions, LLC and Community Integration Specialists submitted a joint report of Self Determination Transitional Services FY 21/22; and Ally Comprehensive Services LLC submitted a Self Determination Training Support and Coaching Support reports, receipt of which was acknowledged by the committee. Also, Yolanda Cruz reported that KRC attended a stakeholder behavioral health meeting/conference. Sandra Van Scotter reported that Ridgecrest Hospital behavioral health is combining with Ridgecrest Health Care District. An informational meeting will be held on 04-11 and 04-12.
5. Minutes of 03-04-24 were approved by acclamation.
6. Public Participation Parameters/Rules. _____.
7.
 - a. Celebrations. Rick Wood, Sandra Van Scotter and Kelly Kulzer-Reyes presented positive individual experiences with the SDP.
 - b. Obstacles. None presented.
 - c. Directives. Rick Wood reported on DDS filing a request with Center for Medicaid Services for elimination of 099 services providers vendorization requirement. Decision by June.
 - d. Statewide Committee. Rick Wood reported that SSDAC will meet on 04-15-24 to discuss FMS Townhall recommendations and to share LVAC strategies for expenditure of SDP implementation funds. Also, DDS to provide data report which will be shared with Committee.
 - e. Election of Committee Chair. Deferred to next meeting.
 - f. Motion by Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, seconded by Sandra Van Scotter, to adopt proposed RFP for expenditure of implementation funds, with edits discussed by the Committee. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g. Review NLACRC LVAC recommendations re: 099 funds. See 7.c above.
8. KRC Updates.
 - a. See 8.c below.
 - b. Updates. Enrique Roman reported on Bishop IF?RC Staff meeting. Discussed items for improvement and where RC can assist; agreed to engage in activities to improve enrollment including recurring budgets. Isis Rasmussen announced Community Vendor Fair on 04-30-24 at Kern County Museum. Michi Gates announced the creation of a SDP specialized unit, including

specialized case managers, a program manager, and 3 participant choice coordinators to alleviate existing communication and other issues. KRC will post 2 “lead service coordinator” positions. Goal is to have new unit up and running by 05-01-24. Celia Pinal participated in the presentation and reported that there will be 3+ case managers.

c. SDP enrollment data and orientation completions presented by Chloe Hays. PDF of presentation to be included in these minutes. Sandra Van Scotter requested comparison of number of SDP participants to total RC population.

9. Topics for Next Meeting. Discussion of reports identified in #4 above. Discussion of responses to RFP identified in #7.f above. Election of chair. Standing items. On motion of Nico Snyder, seconded by Sandra Van Scotter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Attachment 2

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KRC SDP Local Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting

May 6, 2024

1. Call to Order: 5:07 p.m.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were Rick Wood, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Sandra Van Scotter, Adeyinka Glover and Norma Tuiasopo. Nico Snyder resigned from the committee. Yolanda Cruz reported that an appointment of a new committee member has been made by SCDD, who will join the committee at its next meeting. A quorum was established.
3. Additional Items: None.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2024 meeting: Deferred to the next regular meeting on June 3, 2024 at the request of Kelly.
6. Status of SDP:
 - a. Celebrations: Kelly gave a “shout-out” to the KRC SDP Participant Choice Specialists for the work they do and have done.
 - b. Obstacles: None.
 - c. Directives: Sandra spoke to recent DDS SDP Directives to clarify billing requirements for providers; employer burden components and financial compliance by FMSs; and elimination of surety bond requirements for vendored FMSs.
 - d. SSDAC Updates: None.
 - e. Election of Committee Chair: Rick and Sandra expressed interest in serving as the committee chair. Nominations and election to occur at the next regular meeting on June 3, 2024.
 - f. Review Responses to RFP re: implementation of SDP with SDP funds:

Melanie Waters provided an overview and summary of proposals submitted by Ally Comprehensive Services, LLC, Community Integration Specialists, SDP Pro, Lighthouse Best, Independent Facilitator Training Academy, and Self Determined Futures LLC, together with specific funds requests.

Independent Facilitator Training Academy proposal includes online IF training. It is a partner with Exceptional Family Resource Center. Funds requested: \$69440. Discussion: there is not a clear explanation of hourly rates, the cost, and double-billing, duplicative of other KRC grant, online modules.

Self Determined Futures LLC proposal includes program to increase SDP awareness, orientation and training, ongoing support. San Diego based, and 099 vendor at 5 Regional Centers. Funds requested: \$78,000+. Discussion: proposal not well-received, looks like a ChatGPT proposal; most of funds are for personnel.

Revised as of May 28, 2024

Community Integration Specialists, LLC proposal includes coaching, training, outreach, orientation in Inyo and Mono Counties, may include Ridgecrest. Funds requested: \$22,500. Discussion: demonstrated success, Spanish speaking participants.

Ally Comprehensive Services, LLC proposal does not include a specific funds request, focused on Spanish speaking/Hispanic community, similar to previous contracts. Discussion: training of IFs.

Lighthouse Best proposal focuses on 30-50 potential participants, local (Bakersfield). Discussion: proposal resonated, local, but unclear what its SDP experience is, and it should share its information about local consumers without having a contract.

SDP Pro concept is to establish a virtual community SDP hub through a server managed by it, centralized training and access, all in one place. Funds requested: \$35,000. Discussion: interesting concept, creative, unique, security issues, access/subscription issues, HIPAA compliance, how to fund in the future after grant ends (sustainability).

The committee agreed to have a followup discussion at a special meeting on May 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Proponents may submit additional material not later than May 13, 2024.

g. Discussion of First Choice Solutions, Ally, and Community Integration Specialists Reports: deferred to next regular meeting on June 3, 2024.

7. KRC Updates. Deferred to next regular meeting on June 3, 2024.

8. Topics for Next Meeting: Continued discussion of Responses to RFPs on May 20, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Attachment 3

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KRC SDP Local Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting

May 20, 2024

1. Call to Order: 5:03 p.m.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were Rick Wood, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Sandra Van Scotter, Adeyinka Glover and Norma Tuiasopo. A quorum was established.
3. Review Responses to RFP re: implementation of SDP with SDP funds:

Melanie Waters introduced a continued discussion of proposals submitted by Ally Comprehensive Services, LLC, Community Integration Specialists, SDP Pro, Lighthouse Best, Independent Facilitator Training Academy, and Self Determined Futures LLC.

Independent Facilitator Training Academy submitted testimonials, committed to training 40 IFs, already has a grant for training IFs. The committee members voted to not fund this proposal.

Self Determined Futures LLC proposal: the committee members voted to not fund this proposal.

Community Integration Specialists, LLC proposal: Cindy Cox committed to expand to the Ridgecrest area. The committee members voted to fund the amended proposal at \$26,500 (Adeyinka abstained).

Ally Comprehensive Services, LLC proposal includes a funding request of \$50,000. Yolanda Cruz reported that per Katie Ramirez, trainings will occur at KRC offices. The committee members voted to fund the proposal at \$51,500 (Adeyinka abstained).

Melanie Waters was directed to draft contracts.

Lighthouse Best proposal: The committee members votes to not fund this proposal, but suggested that the proponent become engaged with the committee in the future.

SDP Pro submitted a Powerpoint presentation. Funds request: \$30,000. The committee members voted to not fund this proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Attachment 4

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SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Rick Wood at 5:10 p.m.
2. Quorum was not established. Present were Rick Wood, Sandra Van Scotter and Norma Tuiasopo. Absent were Kelly Kulzer-Reyes and Adeyinka Glover. Newly appointed member Lori Stevens will join the committee at the July 2024 meeting.
3. Additional Items. Rick requested that the committee discuss training for committee members.
4. Public Comment. None.
5. Approval of Minutes of April 8, May 6 and May 20 Meetings. Deferred to the July, 2024 meeting.
6. Status of SDP.
 - a. Celebrations. Cindy Cox commended RC staff for assisting in addressing the needs of a participant in crisis.

Enrique Roman announced that Directors of Community Services received a DDS grant to establish 3 “Statewide FMS” entities with consistent protocols and responsibilities, as another FMS option. KRC is the lead RC for the Central CA FMS.

Michi Gates that DDS will add a SDP goal to the Regional Center Performance Measures Workgroup.
 - b. Obstacles. Cindy Cox announced that Mainsl has given notice to its co-employer status clients that they will be converted to sole employer status by 09-30-24. Sandra reminded that Mainsl announced in late 2023 that it would not accept new clients under co-employer status.

Cindy also stated that FMSs are requiring authorizations to be submitted by the 15th of each month for purchases the next month. Difficult to be timely.
 - c. Directives. None since the most recent 3 issued.
 - d. SSDAC Updates. Rick announced that at the most recent SSDAC meeting in May, the committee discussed and provided comment on the FMS Townhall public recommendations, which will be presented to DDS. Rick also reported out the discussion topics at the May 8, 2024 DDS SDP Advisory Committee meeting, including the role of LVACs in the DDS training and outreach plan, standardization, FMS and IF certifications, and FMS Townhall report presented by Rick Wood. Rick also reported on the DDS Directive Updates public meeting held on May 6 in which it identified 6 priorities: IF and FMS standardization, accountability for expenditure of implementation funds, community outreach, consideration of animated videos, mandatory discussion of SDP at IPP meetings, and internal outreach.

e. Committee Chair Election. Deferred to the July, 2024 meeting due to lack of quorum.

f. Melanie Waters' report on status of contracts for implementation of funds deferred to July, 2024 meeting, due to Melanie's absence.

7. KRC Updates.

Adriana Antonio and Chloe Hayes reported out the SDP statistics. Copies of presentations to be made available to committee members.

Celia Pinal reported that staff enthusiasm has increased since centralization, and more interest has been shown by prospective participants.

The committee discussed outreach through IPP meetings with SCs. Norma suggested that at each IPP meeting, an appointment be set up with the SDP group. Sandra suggested that in outreach the questions should be asked differently, depending on the audience. Celia advised that Q&A sessions occur after orientation, and that the new SDP unit is collaborative.

8. Topics for Next Meeting. Chair election; approval of minutes; Mainst transition issues; committee training; First Choice Solutions and Community Integration Services reports discussion.

The meeting was adjourned to July 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

6:28 p.m.

Attachment 5

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MEMORANDUM

TO: KERN REGIONAL CENTER LOCAL SELF-DETERMINATION VOLUNTEER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: ENRIQUE ROMAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A SELF-DETERMINATION MARKETING
VIDEO(S)

DATE: JUNE 21, 2024

Committee Members,

I come before you this evening to propose to all the development of a Self-Determination Program video to be used as a marketing tool. The proposed video will be developed using monies provided by the Department of Developmental Services via KRC's Language Access and Cultural Competency efforts.

Currently, KRC is developing videos explaining certain regional center processes, in various languages. From the onset, KRC had planned to develop an SDP video as part of the video development project and since the Committee did not get a response on this need via its recent Request for Proposal process, KRC would like to open up this opportunity to our Committee and develop this video.

If the Committee is interested in engaging in this project, the video(s) will be developed/produced by Joel Metzger, from Ice Box Logic.

I'm looking forward to our discussion and hoping that the Committee is amenable to the proposal.

Respectfully,

Enrique Roman

Enrique Roman
Director of Community Services