



## Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

November 4, 2024

5:00 PM to 7:00PM

Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

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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 five members of this committee:
  - Sandra Van Scotter, chair (SCDD appointee)
  - Rick Wood, co-chair (SCDD appointee)
  - Erica Clark (OCRA representative, required by statute),
  - Norma Tuiasosopo (Family Resource Center representative- Exceptional Families Center, required by statute)
  - 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 September 9, 2024, (Attachment 1), and

October 7, 2024 (Attachment 2)

Action

6) Status of SDP (Wood/all)

- Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide

Discussion

- a. Celebrations (all)
- b. Obstacles (all)
- c. Directives (Wood/all)
- d. Statewide Committee updates (Wood)

7) KRC Updates

Discussion

- a) Self-Determination Program Enrollment
- b) General Updates on the Self-Determination Program
- c) *Data request: Presentation and Discussion of the obstacles in the transition to SDP –*
  - I. SDP Enrollment summary (Participant Choice Specialists)
  - II. Orientation completions (demographic data: ethnicity, location, and language group)
  - III. Linktree (Shannon Lueck)
  - IV. Proposed Dates for 2025

|                   |                  |                  |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| January 6, 2025   | February 3, 2025 | March 3, 2025    | April 7, 2025    |
| May 5, 2025       | June 2, 2025     | July 7, 2025     | August 4, 2025   |
| September 8, 2025 | October 6, 2025  | November 3, 2025 | December 1, 2025 |

8) Topics for Next Meeting

Discussion

- Members of the public – suggestions welcome

Upcoming meeting,

2024 SDPLVAC meeting schedule;

- December 2, 2024

9) Adjournment

Attachment 1

Attachment 1

KERN REGIONAL CENTER SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Sandra Van Scotter at 5:04 p.m.
2. Quorum Established. Present were Sandra Van Scotter, Rick Wood, Eva Casas-Sarmiento, Norma Tuiasosopo and Lorie Stewart. Note: Sandra Van Scotter thanked former member Kelly Kulzer Reyes for her extraordinary participation on the committee. She will be missed.
3. Additional Items. None.
4. Public Comment. None.
5. Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2024 meeting. On motion to approve with one addition (adding Isis Rasmussen as one of the staff liaisons to the SDP) by Rick and seconded by Lorie, the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.
6. a. Celebrations. Enrique announced that Michi Gates has left KRC for DDS; that Celia Penal, Director of Community Relations, is no longer with KRC; that on 08-30-24, he and Tomas met with several IFs to discuss ways to improve the SDP and to develop and maintain collaborative relationships, including (1) open lines of communication re: case matters, with 2 positive results already; (2) establish an SDP email to allow IFs to submit documents, with KRC monitoring the email account to speed up processes, and to allow participants and families to submit questions, and finally to speed up SDP processes; (3) KRC will conduct joint trainings to potential participants and staff; (4) KRC will communicate with other regional centers for examples of processes, especially for transitions to minimize the time required to transition and to avoid the need for extensions; and (5) Kelly Kulzer has facilitated a consultation between KRC and Jeff \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss ways of streamlining SDP processes.

Eva announced the hiring by OCRA of 2 new clients rights advocates; on October 3, OCRA will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its new offices.

b. Obstacles. Sandra provided public comment to the KRC Board at its recent meeting re: transparency, the Board's dismissive approach to the LVAC and SDP. Enrique commented that KRC is changing; Lorie and Rick expressed agreement with Sandra's comments. Dian Schneider, mother of Nick, former committee member, expressed difficulty arising out of new SDP caseworker, who advised that Nick could not use traditional providers while in the SDP (not true). Christina Rockwell announced that she was in a FMS focus group to develop training and requirements for FMS agencies. Yolanda Cruz (SCDD) advised that SCDD can conduct trainings including on the subject of generic resources. Yamilka Coca is curious to know if KRC has a cutoff date for transitioning to SDP. Enrique replied that it does not, but that FMS's have their own deadlines. Eva asked if KRC can do an inventory of appeals filed by SDP participants in order to problem-solve to reduce the need for an appeal. KRC Has recently resolved 2 cases with open conversation. Appeals staff need mor SDP knowledge. Recent

Lanterman Act changes make appeals more friendly, focused on resolution. Discussion re: need to have a support person as a witness in an appeal proceeding. Enrique embraced addressing this issue. Lorie expressed support for education on appeals procedures and rights including for administrative law judges.

c. Directives. No SDP directives. However, a new directive offering a stipend of up to \$1200 for direct services providers to participate in training courses, some of which have been completed as of 08-31-24. DDS has offered RC employees the opportunity to apply for funds for training. Sandra announced the next SDP Q&A Friday 09-20-24, English and Spanish. Rick announced the next SSDAC meeting on 09-10-24 which will be a grant showcase presented by DVU and LVAC committee training presented by SCDD.

7. KRC Updates. Enrique announced that the video producer developing a SDP outreach video will present at the next committee meeting. The participant choice specialist team has been hired, with 2 SDP service coordinators in Bakersfield, 1 in Ridgecrest, 1 in Bishop. KRC is still searching for a SDP program manager. Sandra stated that the committee needs more data for transparency including types of POS, number of fair hearings and appeals, number of participants leaving SDP, number who are no longer eligible for SDP, and the executive Board is unaware. Enrique committed to running reports from the data KRC has access to. Last KRC SDP report to DDS was on 08-30-24. KRC will share DDS's data report with the committee.

PCS Adriana Antonio and Chloe Hayes shared data on slides: 198 enrollees as of 09-09-24; reports on language of participants and caregivers, ethnicity, zip codes, location of enrollees. Next Q&A session data will be shared at next meeting.

Melanie Waters provided a summary of the activity of the awardees (Ally and Integrated Services) of implementation funds re: new clients, outreach, orientations, coaching, upcoming sessions at KRC. Overall, both are "off and running" with funding for activities. SDP interest is increasing, and coaching continues to be requested.

8. Topics for Next Meeting. Videographer presentation. Proposed 2025 meeting dates. Next meeting 10-07-24 at 5:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment. 7:07 p.m.

Attachment 2

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# KERN REGIONAL CENTER SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Sandra Van Scotter at 5:06 p.m.
2. Quorum Established. Present were Sandra Van Scotter, Norma Tuiasosopo, Lorie Stewart, Ericka Clark, and Yolanda Cruz. Note: Tomas Cubias announces Spanish Interpretation is available, for question or concerns regarding interpretation contact Tomas Cubias. Sandra announces committee is looking for new committee members if interested contact Enrique Roman or Yolanda Cruz.
3. Additional Items. None.
4. Public Comment. None.
5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on September 9, 2004, will be added to November's meeting.
6.
  - a. Celebrations. Sandra celebrates being able to be involved in the Vendor Advisory Committee meeting, and discuss the Self Determination Program (SDP), and how to Vendors can transition into the program. Sandra asks Enrique Roman if he can clarify the opt – in and opt out of SDP. Enrique explains that vendors can opt-in into the SDP, if they chose.  

Yolanda Cruz announces a Building the Bridges event with Law Enforcement.
  - b. Obstacles. Sandra states her obstacles are same as before.
  - c. Directives. No new SDP directives. Statewide committee Sept 10, 2024, meeting, grand showcase presented by Judge Mark.  

Sandra states LVAC funds could be used to promote and startup support groups. Yolanda suggests an event of getting to know your LVAC and provide food and time to meet with all committee members.
- Sandra wishes to discuss the directive issued November 17, 2023, subject FUNDING TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM. In which she requests Kern Regional Center (KRC) shares the reports provided to DDS. Melanie Waters clarifies that she reports to LVAC during KRC updates. Melanie further explains that all funding is voted on by the committee. Melanie states she can prepare a PowerPoint and report to the LVAC.
- Sandra states that the State Committee held a training on what the role of the committee chair, members and the Regional Center.
7. KRC Updates. Enrique announces that KRC is still developing the SDP unit, still actively recruiting for the SDP Program Manager. Assistant directors Omelia and Yesenia are assisting in the interim.



Enrique announces that the IF roundtable is ongoing and are moving in a positive direction and KRC will continue to collaborate with the IF's to make improvements.

Enrique announces LMS system is experiencing some technical difficulties and the report normally shared is not available.

Enrique states the appeals report is still being worked on. KRC is currently with out an Assistant Director of Appeals. Enrique and Assistant Directors Omelia and Yesenia are assisting in reviewing appeals.

Enrique presents a power point on the Client Demographic in Bakersfield on Status 2 (attachment 1). Potential enrollment into Self Determination Program (SDP) 11,856. There are 8,256 clients residing in the City of Bakersfield of those breakdown via quadrants: Northwest 1,104, Northeast 2,643, Southwest 2,425, and Southeast 2,084. Sandra thanks Enrique for the presentation and request the same information for the outlining areas.

Enrique introduces Joel Metzger, with Ice Box Logic. Joel has created other videos in collaboration with KRC. Joel presents an informative video of Dr. Gates, former Executive Director of KRC. Sandra request Tomas share status of production for SDP video. Tomas shares that next step would be to develop a list of topics. Note: Yolanda share link for SDP Central Valley videos. Lorie commented she would like to clients and family members featured in the meeting. Sandra asks for a deadline date, Tomas clarifies that the deadline would be November 15, 2024. Yolanda suggests the following topics: SDP Orientation, Person Centered Plan (PCP), and what is the role of an FMS.

Melanie Waters reports on funding, Ally has spent \$10,885, continue to provide one on one coaching and in-person SDP Orientation. CIS has spent \$6,157.50, Person Centered Planning development. Lori and Sandra Requested a written report.

Sandra asked for status of the linktree on the homepage of the KRC website, having Shonnon possibly speak at the LVAC meeting.

8. Topics for Next Meeting. Proposed 2025 meeting dates. Next meeting November 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment. 6:53 p.m.

Attachment 1

Attachment 1



Kern Regional Center

Self-Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

Client Demographics: Bakersfield

## “Status 2” population at Kern Regional Center

Currently there are 11,856 clients at Kern Regional Center with a case management Status 2 designation.

This total does not include the 200 clients currently enrolled in the Self-Determination program.

In essence, we have the potential to enroll 11,856 clients into SDP!

## Bakersfield

There are 8,256 clients residing in the City of Bakersfield.

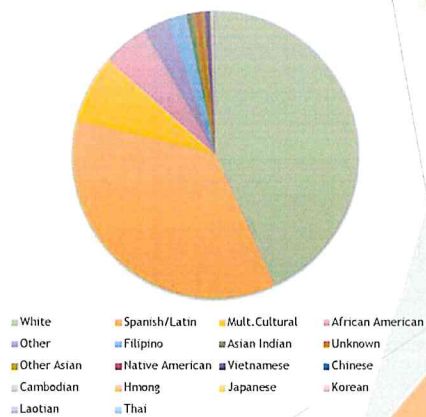
For the purposes of this discussion, I split the City into four quadrants by using highway 99 (north to south) and Highway 58 (east to west) to see where our clients live, by ethnicity and language, so that we can tailor our SDP outreach efforts.

Here are the four quadrants and the number of clients residing in the area,

- ▶ Northwest: Total client population: 1,104
- ▶ Northeast: Total client population: 2,643
- ▶ Southwest: Total client population: 2,425
- ▶ Southeast: Total client population: 2,084

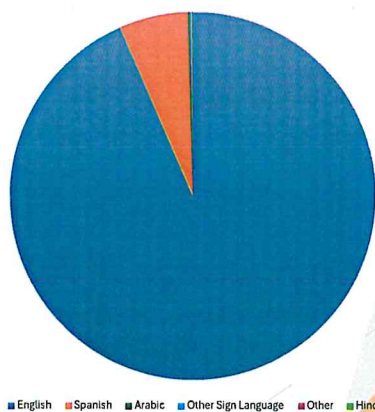
## Bakersfield: Northwest area by ethnicity

|                  |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| White            | 476 | 43% |
| Spanish/Latin    | 394 | 36% |
| Mult.Cultural    | 85  | 8%  |
| African American | 57  | 5%  |
| Other            | 32  | 3%  |
| Filipino         | 24  | 2%  |
| Asian Indian     | 9   | <1% |
| Unknown          | 7   | <1% |
| Other Asian      | 6   | <1% |
| Native American  | 3   | <1% |
| Vietnamese       | 3   | <1% |
| Chinese          | 2   | <1% |
| Cambodian        | 1   | <1% |
| Hmong            | 1   | <1% |
| Japanese         | 1   | <1% |
| Korean           | 1   | <1% |
| Laotian          | 1   | <1% |
| Thai             | 1   | <1% |



### Bakersfield: Northwest area by CLIENT language

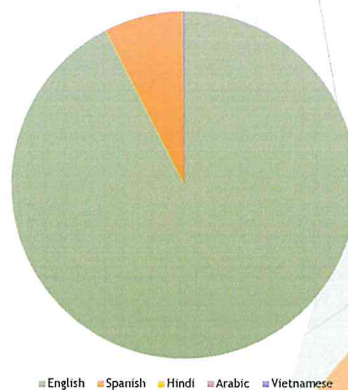
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| English    | 93% |
| Spanish    | 6%  |
| Arabic     | <1% |
| Other Sign | <1% |
| Other      | <1% |
| Hindi      | <1% |



■ English ■ Spanish ■ Arabic ■ Other Sign Language ■ Other ■ Hindi

### Bakersfield: Northwest area by CARETAKER language

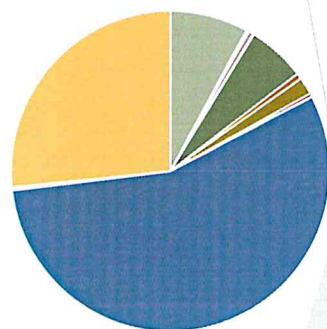
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| English   | 92% |
| Spanish   | 7%  |
| Hindi     | <1% |
| Arabic    | <1% |
| Vietnames | <1% |





## Bakersfield: Northeast area by ethnicity

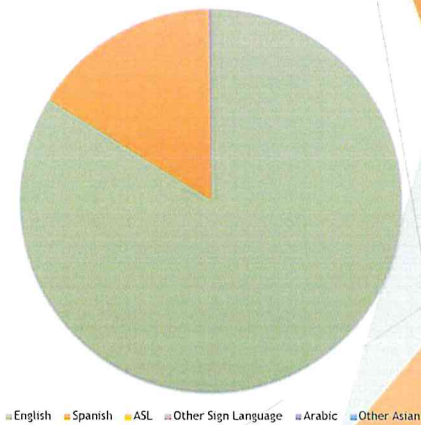
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| Spanish/Latin                | 1473 | 56% |
| White                        | 703  | 27% |
| African American             | 209  | 8%  |
| Mult.Cultural                | 155  | 6%  |
| Other                        | 46   | 2%  |
| Native American              | 16   | <1% |
| Filipino                     | 13   | <1% |
| Other Asian                  | 9    | <1% |
| Unknown                      | 7    | <1% |
| Asian Indian                 | 6    | <1% |
| Thai                         | 2    | <1% |
| Chinese                      | 1    | <1% |
| Japanese                     | 1    | <1% |
| Korean                       | 1    | <1% |
| Other Pacific Islander Group | 1    | <1% |



- African American
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Korean
- Mult.Cultural
- Native American
- Other
- Other Asian
- Other Pacific Islander Group
- Spanish/Latin
- Unknown
- Thai
- White

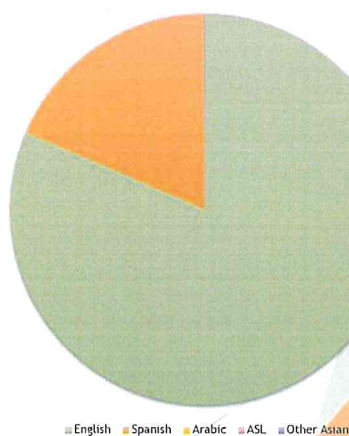
## Bakersfield: Northeast area by CLIENT language

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| English             | 84% |
| Spanish             | 16% |
| ASL                 | <1% |
| Other Sign Language | <1% |
| Arabic              | <1% |
| Other Asian         | <1% |



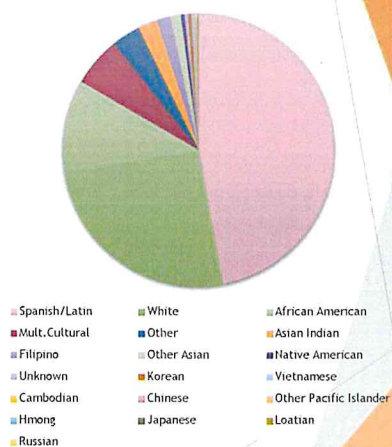
### Bakersfield: Northeast area by CARETAKER language

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| English     | 81% |
| Spanish     | 18% |
| Arabic      | <1% |
| ASL         | <1% |
| Other Asian | <1% |



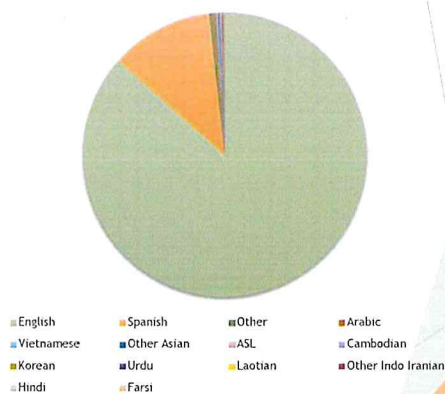
## Bakersfield: Southwest area by ethnicity

|                        |      |     |
|------------------------|------|-----|
| Spanish/Latin          | 1142 | 47% |
| White                  | 609  | 25% |
| African American       | 269  | 11% |
| Mult.Cultural          | 144  | 6%  |
| Other                  | 84   | 3%  |
| Asian Indian           | 56   | 2%  |
| Filipino               | 38   | 2%  |
| Other Asian            | 31   | 1%  |
| Native American        | 12   | <1% |
| Unknown                | 10   | <1% |
| Korean                 | 9    | <1% |
| Vietnamese             | 9    | <1% |
| Cambodian              | 3    | <1% |
| Chinese                | 3    | <1% |
| Other Pacific Islander | 2    | <1% |
| Hmong                  | 1    | <1% |
| Japanese               | 1    | <1% |
| Loatian                | 1    | <1% |
| Russian                | 1    | <1% |



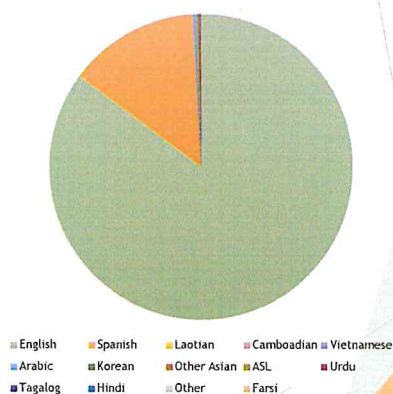
## Bakersfield: Southwest area by CLIENT language

|                    |      |     |
|--------------------|------|-----|
| English            | 2095 | 86% |
| Spanish            | 284  | 12% |
| Other              | 11   | <1% |
| Arabic             | 8    | <1% |
| Vietnamese         | 7    | <1% |
| Other Asian        | 4    | <1% |
| ASL                | 3    | <1% |
| Cambodian          | 2    | <1% |
| Korean             | 2    | <1% |
| Urdu               | 2    | <1% |
| Laotian            | 1    | <1% |
| Other Indo Iranian | 1    | <1% |
| Hindi              | 1    | <1% |
| Farsi              | 1    | <1% |



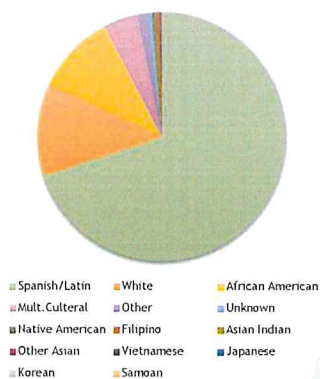
## Bakersfield: Southwest area by CARETAKER language

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|-------------|------|-----|
| English     | 2061 | 85% |
| Spanish     | 336  | 14% |
| Laotian     | 1    | <1% |
| Camboodian  | 2    | <1% |
| Vietnamese  | 3    | <1% |
| Arabic      | 6    | <1% |
| Korean      | 3    | <1% |
| Other Asian | 4    | <1% |
| ASL         | 1    | <1% |
| Urdu        | 1    | <1% |
| Tagalog     | 1    | <1% |
| Hindi       | 1    | <1% |
| Other       | 1    | <1% |
| Farsi       | 1    | <1% |



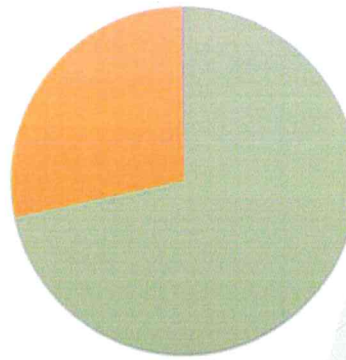
## Bakersfield: Southeast area by ethnicity

|                  |      |     |
|------------------|------|-----|
| Spanish/Latin    | 1457 | 70% |
| White            | 249  | 12% |
| African American | 218  | 10% |
| Mult.Culteral    | 94   | 5%  |
| Other            | 28   | 1%  |
| Unknown          | 11   | <1% |
| Native American  | 8    | <1% |
| Filipino         | 7    | <1% |
| Asian Indian     | 5    | <1% |
| Other Asian      | 2    | <1% |
| Vietnamese       | 2    | <1% |
| Japanese         | 1    | <1% |
| Korean           | 1    | <1% |
| Samoan           | 1    | <1% |



### Bakersfield: Southeast area by CLIENT language

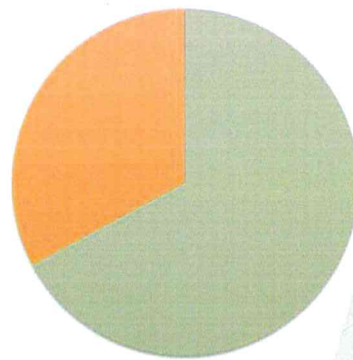
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|---------|-----|
| English | 72% |
| Spanish | 28% |
| Tagalog | <1% |
| ASL     | <1% |
| Other   | <1% |





### Bakersfield: Southeast area by CARETAKER language

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| English | 67% |
| Spanish | 33% |
| Tagalog | <1% |
| Arabic  | <1% |



Thank You

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Discussion/  
Questions?