



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Kern Regional Center, 3200 N. Sillect Ave., Bakersfield CA 93308
 Malibu Room

General Business		
1. Call to Order and Introductions		Tracey Mensch, President
2. Review and Approve Agenda of March 25, 2025	Action	Tracey Mensch, President
3. Review and Approve Board Minutes of February 25, 2025 (Attachment 1)	Action	Tracey Mensch, President
4. Linguistic and Cultural Competency Activities and Current Outcomes (Attachment 2)* <i>*This attachment will be available at or before the meeting</i>	Info	Tomas Cubias, Director of Administration & Compliance
5. Public Input	Info	
Reports		
6. Board President's Report	Info	Tracey Mensch, President
7. Consumer Advisory Committee Report	Info.	Tracey Mensch, President and CAC Chairperson
8. Executive Director's Report	Info.	Enrique Roman, Executive Director
9. Financial Reports a. POS Report for January 2025 (Attachment 3) b. Operations Report for January 2025 (Attachment 4)	Info.	Tom Wolfgram, CFO
10. Vendor Advisory Committee Report	Info.	Tamerla Prince, VAC Representative

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The next KRC Board of Directors meeting is
April 22, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Attachment 1



Kern Regional Center Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2025

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This was a hybrid meeting conducted in-person at Kern Regional Center, 3200 N. Sillect Ave., Bakersfield CA 93308, in the Malibu Conference Room and online via Zoom. Spanish interpretation was provided by Nidya Madrigal-Navia and ASL interpretation was provided by Kimberly Cantrell and Sabrina Cardinale.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair: Tracey Mensch, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Attendees

Board Members:	Guest Attendees:
Ana Alonso, KRC Board Vice President	Maribel Baez, Support Person for Ana Alonso
Carlos Isidoro, Board Member	Flor Chavez, Round-the-Clock Care
Ryan Jones, Board Member	Cindy Cox, Support Person for Donald Tobias
Tracey Mensch, KRC Board President	Debbie Escobar, Round-the-Clock Care
Tamerla Prince, VAC Representative	Milton Fuentes
Donald Tobias, Board Member	Jill Green
Mark Tolentino, Board Member	S. Hernandez
Simon Verdugo, Board Member	Matthew LeGrand
Board Members Absent:	Suzana Montoya
Martin Vasquez, Secretary	John Noriega, Support Person for Simon Verdugo
Ruth Watterson, Board Member	Teresa Oliveras
KRC Staff Present:	Edwin Pineda, DDS
Freddy Cantu, IT Manager	Teresa Villanueva Rojas
Lynn Clark, Director of Community Services	Norma Tuiasosopo
Tomas Cubias, Director of Administration & Compliance	Sandra Van Scotter, Chair of KRC SDP Advisory Committee
Michael Cummings, Chief Equity Officer	Mitzi Villalon
Yesenia Mackie, Asst. Director of Client Services (Adult)	
Lori Molhook, KRC RN Consultant	
Darlene Pankey, Executive Assistant	
Ana Pena, Interim Asst. Director of Client Services (Early Start/Early Childhood)	
Gabriela Rodriguez, Asst. Director of Client Services (Transition)	
Isis Rasmussen, Community Services	
Enrique Roman, Executive Director	
Omelia Trigueros, Director of Client Services	
Tom Wolfgram, Chief Financial Officer	



2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Presenter: Tracey Mensch, President

Action: Approval of the agenda for February 25, 2025

Outcome: The agenda for February 25, 2025 was approved as presented.

Motion made by Tamerla Prince

Seconded by Ana Alonso

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

3. Review and Approval of Board Minutes

Presenter: Tracey Mensch, President

Action: Approval of the board minutes from January 28, 2025

Outcome: Approved board minutes of January 28, 2025

Motion made by Simon Verdugo

Seconded by Ana Alonso

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

4. KRC Work Plan

Presenter: Enrique Roman, Executive Director

Discussion: Overview of the KRC Work Plan, focusing on accountability, activity quantification, and measurement. Key areas include:

- Administration/Service Coordination
- Training
- Disparity
- Documentation Standards
- Diverse Living Options
- Community Placement
- Legal Proceedings
- Resource Development
- Early Start
- Community Awareness
- Education
- Client Employment
- Appeal and Complaint Coordination
- Self-Advocacy
- Service Coordination

The PowerPoint presentation used by Mr. Roman is attached to these minutes.

5. Public Input

Sandra Van Scotter: Update on SDP meeting of February 3, 2025.

Ana Alonso: Spoke about budget cuts presenting challenges in obtaining services for children, emphasizing unity among parents, KRC, DDS, and the State of California.



6. Board President's Report

Presenter: Tracey Mensch, President and Enrique Roman, Executive Director

Discussion: Budget concerns, advocacy efforts, upcoming State Budget Hearings, and the Master Plan.

2025-26: Budget

We all need to unite in the next stage of the budget for our community and our regional center systems. S.E.I.U. organized and hosted a Town Hall Meeting to address Congressman Valadao about proposed cuts to Medicare at the Federal level. Several agencies, families, and clients were present at this meeting. KRC will reach out to Congressman Valadao's office to schedule visits on a local level as well as expressing these concerns at to our State Legislators during the upcoming ARCA Grassroots event. The State CAC, which Board President Mensch is a part of, is also reaching out to State Legislators regarding these possible cuts. State Budget Hearings will take place in April. Legislation is unlikely to approve any bills that have a fiscal impact due to the uncertainty of the Federal government's budgetary decisions.

Master Plan

The Master Plan is wrapping up. March 19 will be the last meeting. The committees will then decide which topics will be presented before the Legislature. Some work left to do, but we are near the end.

Consumer Advisory Committee Report

The Consumer Advisory Committee met on February 18. The committee continues to grow with many ideas being discussed. Tracey Mensch is keeping the CAC abreast of the activities of the Statewide CAC as well as the budget information and how the committee can make a difference by working with legislators and being a part of community events.

7. Executive Director's Report

Presenter: Enrique Roman, Executive Director

Continued Advocacy

Given the recent changes in Federal immigration policy and to address the anxiety surrounding these changes, KRC hosted a "Know Your Rights" meeting on February 6, 2025. The meeting was intended to provide education to individuals and provide the knowledge they needed to safeguard their individual rights, how communicate, and what documents they should have with them in the event they are approached by Federal immigration officials. This is the first of several meetings we will be having.

Public Records Request Act

Effective January 1, 2026, regional centers will be subject to the Public Records Act. Preparations are being made in collaboration with ARCA to ensure that we are prepared by the deadline. KRC will be bringing the mandates of the Public Records Act to the Board of Directors and provide training. The training should take place in late Summer/early fall of this year.



Family Needs Assessment Tool

The Family Needs Assessment tool is being developed by DDS for Service Coordinators and families. The tool specifically addresses Respite, Day Care, and Personal Assistance. Revisions were done to the tool and it is now ready for pilot. There will be seven Service Coordinators who will be piloting the tool here at KRC. We are expecting full implementation on July 1, 2025.

8. Financial Reports

Presenter: Tom Wolfgram, Chief Financial Officer

Discussion: POS and Operations Reports for December 2024, highlighting expenditures and budget adjustments.

POS Report for December 2024

Total spent for the month ending December 31, 2024: \$23,090,888

YTD: \$150,285,790

We have provided \$150 million worth of services. Last year at this time we had spent \$109 million. So, we have spent approximately \$41 million more for services this year. Mr. Wolfgram estimates that there are about \$3 Million still unbilled for this period.

Operations Report for December 2024

Total expenses for the month ending December 31, 2024: \$17,293,785

YTD: \$1,615,930

Our proposed expenditure \$29.7 million and our estimated Operating expenses was \$8.8 Million. If we had actually spent that allocation over the period of 6 months, we would have spent \$14.8 Million, but since we have not filled all of our vacancies, we have only spent \$12.7 Million. If we project forward at that same pace, we will have \$2 Million remaining. The same scenario plays out with Operating Expenses. There was \$8.8 Million allocated. With projected spending moving forward to be \$3.7 Million. Actual spending will be \$4 Million, leaving a deficit of \$300,000.

Mr. Wolfgram will be revisiting these proposed allocation expenditures and make adjustments as needed.

Attachments: POS and Operation Reports ending December 31, 2024

9. Vendor Advisory Committee Report

Presenter: Tamerla Prince, VAC Representative

Vendor Advisory has not met since January. Ms. Prince attended a meeting with Community Services to plan the Spring Vendor Fair. The Vendor Fair will be open to the community again due to the great success and feedback we received last year.

10. Adjournment

Time: 7:42 PM

Next Meeting: March 25, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Kern Regional Center

Attachment 2

This attachment will be available at or
before the Board Meeting

Attachment 3

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
PURCHASE OF SERVICE
FY 2024-2025
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2025

PURCHASE OF SERVICES	07/31/24	08/31/24	09/30/24	10/31/24	11/30/24	12/31/24	01/31/25	2023-2024 Total
OUT-OF-HOME								
Community Care Facility	6,216,748	6,368,217	6,241,223	6,354,074	6,416,807	6,506,554	6,499,490	44,603,113
ICF/SNF Facility	236,905	245,380	230,749	235,067	207,182	238,387	217,323	1,610,993
TOTAL OUT OF HOME	6,453,653	6,613,597	6,471,972	6,589,141	6,623,989	6,744,941	6,716,813	46,214,106
DAY PROGRAMS								
Day Care	54,231	57,531	59,567	49,750	37,480	6,971	8,780	274,310
Day Training	4,293,700	4,564,012	4,275,466	4,938,328	4,357,010	4,236,637	5,356,998	32,022,151
Supported Employment	466,509	456,701	409,754	449,741	412,625	421,386	460,929	3,077,645
Work Activity Program	8,506	8,650	7,444	9,742	7,300	2,040		43,682
SUBTOTAL DAY PROGRAMS	4,822,946	5,086,894	4,752,231	5,447,561	4,814,415	4,667,034	5,826,707	35,417,788
OTHER SERVICES								
Non Medical Services Prof	1,073,880	1,147,709	1,140,918	1,133,813	1,088,368	1,035,974	1,127,329	7,747,991
Non Medical Services Prog	2,049,510	2,149,075	2,172,379	2,277,218	1,904,506	1,884,737	2,249,734	14,687,159
Home Care Services Prog	19,186	23,571	19,763	19,870	19,366	156,767	2,297	260,820
Transportation	517,076	511,751	475,685	637,146	543,297	546,726	577,159	3,808,840
Transportation Contracts	944,176	959,800	897,643	977,118	846,564	956,407	959,359	6,541,067
Prevention Services	792,137	777,318	743,433	808,795	698,686	698,900	744,812	5,264,081
Other Authorized Services	4,352,871	4,401,526	4,328,911	4,505,585	4,251,166	4,173,022	4,053,982	30,067,063
P & I Expense	10,403	10,580	10,580	10,341	9,810	10,518	11,142	73,374
Hospital Care								-
Medical Equipment	10,809	14,553	11,306	6,862	5,078	5,382	4,915	58,905
Medical Services Prof	269,235	262,483	245,059	243,493	239,817	230,981	123,061	1,614,129
Medical Services Prog	35,750	31,658	34,089	34,037	32,542	30,405	28,872	227,353
Respite Care - In Home	3,613,661	3,684,891	3,707,572	3,852,750	3,765,822	3,694,359	1,923,965	24,243,020
Respite Care - Out of Home	20,719	70,120	17,037	18,718	14,501	11,729	15,085	167,909
Camps	17,125	9,425	5,645	6,285	7,225	7,225	6,530	59,460
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TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	13,726,538	14,054,460	13,810,020	14,532,031	13,426,748	13,443,132	11,828,242	94,821,171
TOTAL PURCHASE OF SERVICES	25,003,137	25,754,951	25,034,223	26,568,733	24,865,152	24,855,107	24,371,762	176,453,065
COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN								
Community Care Facility	98,699	98,699	76,946	80,238	83,065	98,691	98,669	635,007
ICF/SNF Facility								-
Day Training								-
Non-Medical Services	1,000						3,034	4,034
Non-Medical Services-Programs	6,211	4,848	4,848	5,754	4,395	4,984	5,347	36,387
Transportation								-
Other Authorized Services								-
Other Services								-
Medical Care - Prof								-
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TOTAL COMMUNITY PLACEMENT P	105,910	103,547	81,794	85,992	87,460	103,675	107,050	675,428
TOTAL PURCHASE OF SERVICE	25,109,047	25,858,498	25,116,017	26,654,725	24,952,612	24,958,782	24,478,812	177,128,493

Attachment 4

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
 OPERATIONS
 FY 2024/2025
 AS OF JANUARY 31, 2025

	PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	PROPOSED YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	07/31/24	08/31/24	09/30/24	10/31/24	11/30/24	12/31/24	01/31/25	TOTAL	(OVER)/UNDER
OPERATIONS											
Salaries & Benefits	29,744,051	18,304,031	2,212,180	2,035,138	2,045,379	2,199,888	2,053,278	2,169,247	3,367,344	16,082,465	2,221,577
Operating Expenses	8,868,000	5,173,000	670,999	417,244	592,724	876,917	778,599	720,374	1,020,500	5,077,355	95,645
SUBTOTAL OPS	38,612,051	23,477,031	2,883,179	2,452,381	2,638,103	3,076,805	2,831,877	2,889,621	4,387,844	21,159,809	2,317,222
COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN											
Salaries & Benefits	518,006	318,773		78,142	61,995	42,214	24,738	52,872	95,361	355,323	(36,550)
Operating Expenses	19,400	11,317			20,005	1,333	1,333	57,347	1,333	81,352	(70,035)
SUBTOTAL CPP	537,406	330,090	-	78,142	82,000	43,547	26,072	110,218	96,695	436,674	(106,585)
FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM											
Salaries & Benefits	95,402	58,709	7,586	5,641	7,401	7,527	7,220	7,543	10,122	53,040	5,669
Operating Expenses	183,401	106,984	6,803	11,633	12,342	13,376	13,671	10,330	13,965	82,120	24,864
SUBTOTAL FGP	278,803	165,693	14,389	17,274	19,743	20,903	20,891	17,872	24,088	135,160	30,533
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM											
Salaries & Benefits	71,970	44,289	5,722	4,255	5,583	5,640	5,447	5,690	7,636	39,974	4,316
Operating Expenses	137,594	80,263	6,734	5,650	6,234	6,771	7,677	5,364	8,626	47,056	33,207
SUBTOTAL SCP	209,564	124,552	12,457	9,906	11,817	12,411	13,124	11,054	16,262	87,030	37,522
TOTAL OPERATIONS	39,637,824	24,097,366	2,910,024	2,557,703	2,751,664	3,153,666	2,891,963	3,028,765	4,524,888	21,818,673	2,278,693