



Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

April 7, 2025

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 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, Enrique.Roman@kernrc.org or SCDD's Yolanda Cruz, Yolanda.Cruz2@scdd.ca.gov 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 February 3, 2025, (Attachment 1) and March 10, 2025, (Attachment 2) Action

6) Status of SDP (Wood/ Van Scotter)

- Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide

Discussion

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

7) KRC Updates

Discussion

- a) SDP Ombudsperson Office
- b) Self-Determination Program Enrollment
- c) General Updates on the Self-Determination Program
- d) *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. Fifth year funding and next RFP

8) Topics for Next Meeting

Discussion

- Members of the public – suggestions welcome

Upcoming meeting 2025 SDPLVAC meeting schedule:

May 5, 2025	June 2, 2025	July 7, 2025	August 4, 2025
September 8, 2025	October 6, 2025	December 1, 2025	

9) Adjournment

Attachment 1

Attachment 1

KRC SDP Local Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting

February 3, 2025

1. Call to Order: 5:03 p.m.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Present were Sandra Van Scotter, Rick Wood, Erica Clark, Norma Tuaisosopo and Lorie Stewart. A quorum was established.
3. Additional Items: Sandra reported the Grass Roots Day is March 3, 2025, organized by ARCA, to address lawmakers. Sandra will propose that the Committee meeting be moved from March 3 to March 10 to accommodate those who will attend Grass Roots Day. Sandra reported that Katie Hornberger will speak to our Committee at its April meeting.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2024, meeting: Lorie moved to approve, Norma seconded, minutes were approved unanimously. Minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2025: Melanie Waters pointed out misspelling of “implementation” and “Gabriella” in 6a. Motion to approve, subject to corrections of misspellings, was made by Norma, seconded by Erica, was approved, with Rick and Lorie abstaining.
6. Status of SDP:
 - a, b. Celebrations/Obstacles: Rick commended Rebecca Antonia and Heidi Reindl for their work on getting his son, Davis transitioned to year 2 in the SDP. Community Interface Services is his new FMS in place of GT Independence. Cindy Cox gave a shout-out to Community Interface Services as a great FMS. She also stated that she met with FMS ACE which features online interaction, and is excellent. She stated that SD gives consumers confidence. Julio Romero (KRC) announced the new SDP lead service coordinator has been hired. Sandra announced that she has moved to FMS Sentinel, which so far, is so good. Enrique Roman (KRC) announced that at an IF meeting about a month ago the issue was timely processing payments. KRC is addressing issues and will try to improve. Yolanda Cruz (SCDD) spoke about an upcoming event in February to discuss SDP issues. Flyer to come.
 - c. Directives: Sandra spoke to recent DDS SDP Directives: 01-14-25 case management. The law has changed to provide that consumers’ records are available for inspection for any reason. Records to be provided within 3 business days of requests for them. 01-16-25 revision to SDP implementation funds to correct an error in RC funding amounts. 01-17-25 case management directive includes 2 new guides for families to prepare for IPPs, including a focus on person centered planning. 01-22-25 service code crosswalk includes clarification of codes. Enrique to request staff to give a presentation at a future meeting. 01-30-25 directive includes changes in conflict-of-interest policies for RC staff. RCs must publish and post policies within 90 days.
 - d. SSDAC Updates: Rick announced the next SSDAC meeting to be held on 02-19-25, which will include a report on the December Town Hall meeting input from the public; a CORO Fellow, David Delgado, has been commissioned by SCDD to prepare a budget development tool

for consumers which will be unveiled at the meeting. It is intended to address administrative burden of budget development.

7. KRC Updates.

a-c. First, Julio reported the equity and access funding from DDS falls outside of SDP implementation funds. Julio presented orientation and enrollment data (Attachment 1A). 229 enrollees through January 2025. PowerPoint presentation has been distributed to committee members. A Q & A session was attended last week, 3 English-speaking, and 3 Spanish-speaking attendees.

Melanie reported on existing SDP implementation funds awardees. Information included in the agenda packet. Melanie also reported on the activities of Ally and Community Integration Specialists (Attachment 1B). Also, year-5 implementation funds are \$79,529.91. Need to discuss next year's funding at next meeting in order to develop a RFP. Rick committed to bringing funding activities from other LVACs which are being solicited by SSDAC staff.

Tomas Cubias reported that the video producer has developed scripts which will be shared with subcommittee members for input within the next 2 weeks. He will send proposed dates and times. He reported that on 02-20 an event will be held in the Malibu Room from 5-7 pm entitled "Know Your Rights" for the general community.

Enrique reported on Rate Study updates. In the SDP rate changes are discussed at the budget development stage before sending to the FMS. He will devise a plan to notify each SDP participant of rate changes and increases to assist in changes and transitions. He discussed 099 which requires vendorization to obtain funds, or there exists an exemption for entities who want to serve but will not seek vendorization due to insurance requirement, which is to provide participant directed services instead of 099 transition services.

Sandra encourages more applicants for the committee to increase diversity and focus on self-advocates. Include IFs. If a conflict on certain agenda items, IFs can recuse and not participate in discussion or vote. Yolanda suggested that we recruit persons from whom we know.

8. Topics for Next Meeting: Year-5 SDP implementation funds RFP. Next meeting date to be March 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The next KRC Board meeting is 02-25-25.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Attachment 1A

Attachment 1A

SDP Progress for KRC	24-Nov	24-Dec.	25-Jan	
SDP LMS Orientation Enrolled	407	595	620	25
LMS Completed: English	199	304	321	17
LMS Completed: Spanish	66	78	79	1
LMS Completed: English(ASL)	2	7	8	1
LMS Completed: Korean			0	
Enrolled in SDP	212	216	229	229

Attachment 1B

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SDP Implementation Funding Report

FY 22/23 (Year 4)– February 2025

Total of invoices submitted to KRC's accounting department is as follows:

- ALLY – \$43,478.75 (as of 1-27-25)
 - Total awarded - \$51,524.99

- Community Integration Specialists/CIS - \$15,962.50 (as of 1-27-25)
 - Total awarded - \$26,500.00

Attachment 2

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SKRC SDP Local Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting

March 10, 2025

1. Call to Order: 5:02 p.m.
2. Establishment of Quorum: Not enough individuals available no quorum established.
3. Additional Items: No additional comments
4. Public Comment: Sandra would like to celebrate Kern Regional Center is currently outpacing its previous years of enrollment. Yolanda would like to celebrate the fact that we have additional individuals interested in joining our committee. Sandra would also like to celebrate our Client Advisory Committee next March 18, 2025.
5. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2025. Sandra shared that the approval of minutes will be moved to next month as we do not have a quorum.
6. Status of SDP:
 - a, b. Celebrations/Obstacles: Sandra would like to celebrate Kern Regional Center is currently outpacing its previous years of enrollment. Yolanda would like to celebrate that we have additional individuals interested in joining our committee. Sandra would also like to celebrate our Client Advisory Committee next March 18, 2025. Sandra shares an obstacle of worry over the potential cut in funding to Medicaid. This potential cut will affect many from our catchment area. Sandra shares information from Disability Voices United, urging individuals from our catchment area to speak with our representatives specifically David Valadao. Yolanda shares that state health has previously had meetings with Valadao's office

Local Vendor Advisory Committee Chair – Tamerla Prince presents on who is and when the Vendor Advisory Committee meet. The committee is made of vendors from Kern Regional Center. They meet every other month on the fourth Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tamerla shares that during the Vendor Advisory Committee the different departments from Kern Regional Center give updates and vendors share concerns. This serves as a great opportunity for vendors to receive information directly from directors of KRC and directors address possible concerns from the vendors.
 - c. Directives: Sandra shares that there have been four new directives since our last meeting. One of them are for Financial Management Service (FMS) rate, this does not apply to SDP. Enrique clarifies that FMS's are used in other areas outside of SDP and that is for code 490 which is for the paid internship program. The other directives are on rate reform, respite, and quality incentive programs.
 - d. SSDAC Updates: Sandra updates that the state committee will have a training on congressional budget process, proposed Medicaid cuts, and how to effectively communicate with legislators.

7. KRC Updates.

a-c. First, Julio reported that KRC has 241 individuals fully transitioned into the Self-Determination program (Attachment 2A). Sandra has questions about our processes concerning rolling overspending plans year to year. She recommends or requests if KRC can start the process three months before to help alleviate the disruption of services. Julio shares that KRC is conducting internal meetings to streamline the Self-Determination process. Public comment were shared that overall, the processes have improved however, there are still areas of improvement. Overall SDP has shown growth and KRC has shown great improvement.

Sandra asks KRC how the new IPP is going. KRC staff had positive feedback. The new IPP does take more time, but it is very much person-centered and has opened the opportunity to really get to know the individuals we serve.

Melanie reported on existing SDP implementation funds awardees. Information is included in the agenda packet. Melanie also reported on the activities of Ally and Community Integration Specialists (Attachment 2B). Melanie also gave a reminder that the DDS Allocation Survey is due March 28, 2025, and she will be submitting that report.

Melanie discusses the future RFP and suggests forming a subcommittee, to narrow down what the committee would like to see in the RFP and publish the RFP. Suggestions from committee are mentoring and training opportunities.

8. The next KRC Board meeting is March 25, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Attachment 2A

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SDP Progress for KRC
SDP LMS Orientation Enrolled
LMS Completed: English
LMS Completed:Spanish
LMS Completed: English(ASL)
LMS Completed:Korean
Enrolled in SDP

24-Nov	24-Dec.	25-Jan	25-Feb
407	595	620	633
199	304	321	328
66	78	79	83
2	7	8	8
		0	0
212	216	229	241

Attachment 2B

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SDP Implementation Funding Report

FY 22/23 (Year 4)– March 2025

Total of invoices submitted to KRC's accounting department is as follows:

- **ALLY – \$51,524.99 as of 3-4-2025**
 - Total awarded - \$51,524.99

- **Community Integration Specialists/CIS - \$23,912.50 as of 3-4-2025**
 - Total awarded - \$26,500.00