



Client Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Agenda



July 17, 2025, from 3pm to 5pm



Kern Regional Center

Malibu Conference Room

3300 N. Sillect Avenue

Bakersfield, CA 93308

or



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Agenda

Welcome and
introductions

Tracey Mensch, Chair



Icebreaker question:
What did you do for the
4th of July weekend?

Open discussion



CAC Chair Report



Tracey Mensch, Chair &
KRC Staff

Guest Speaker
LEAG

Nichole Paterson,
Department of
Developmental Services
Representative

Activity / Game



Tracey Mensch, Chair &
KRC Staff

Upcoming Events

Open Discussion

Closing Remarks

Tracey Mensch, Chair



Client Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes

Facilitator(s): Tracey Mensch

Leadership Member(s) Present: Tomas Cubias, Isis Rasmussen

Languages Interpreted: Spanish

Platforms: In person and via Zoom-Hybrid

Translated Documents: (2)

Date: 6/17/25

Number of attendees: In person-4, via Zoom-7

The following discussions took place during the meeting:

Introductions were made by temporary chair Tracey Mensch. Tracey welcomed all attendees, both in person and online. This was followed by introductions from Kern Regional Center (KRC) staff members, and other attendees.

First topic in the agenda:

- Discussion began with an icebreaker question, “What do you like to do over the summer with your friends and family?” Answers included going to the beach, going out of town with friends, spending time outside to garden, getting ready for the football season, traveling, hiking mountains, going to Magic Mountain, long walks, sleepovers, watching movies, going to Jewel Lake, and spending time with family at the pool.

Next topic in the agenda:

- The next topic in the agenda was the Chair Report. Tracey shared updates of the upcoming Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Statewide CAC Support a Life conference to be held October and updates on the ongoing Medi-Cal cuts that might be happening in the state of California.
 - She shared for more information to please attend the KRC Board meetings. The next meeting to be held on August 22, 2025, from 6pm-7:30pm.

Next topic in the agenda:

- The next topic was a presentation on Employment Avenues by Jaime, KRC’s Client Employment Specialist. She shared about the different employment opportunities KRC clients have through KRC vendors. Please review attachment A for more information. A Supported Employment Resources sheet was shared with attendees. For more information review Attachment B.

- No questions from attendees.

Next topic in the agenda:

- The following topic on the agenda was a game of Jeopardy played by attendees in person and online.

Last topic in the agenda:

- The following topic in the agenda was the upcoming events and future topics. Frances and Tracey shared the upcoming KRC events:
 - English Listening Session, June 18, 2025
 - Punjabi Listening Session, June 19, 2025
 - An update for KRC's art contest was shared, artwork to be submitted by July 3, 2025
 - The Caseload Ratios meeting will be held in English, July 14, 2025
 - The Caseload Ratios meeting will be held in Spanish, July 15, 2025
- Tracey asked attendees if anyone had any questions or updates they wanted to share. An attendee shared the next SDLVAC meeting will be held July 7, 2025.
- No further comments or questions. Meeting Adjourned

Facilitator(s): The next meeting to be announced via the KRC website and social media.

Attachment A

Attachment A



KRC can help!!



Pathways to Employment!
What is the best option for you? Contact
your Service Coordinator or Jamie Patino
the KRC Employment Specialist at 661-
852-3203 for more information

Paid Internship (PIP)

Need to gain work
experience? A Paid
internship is a great
way to learn new job
skills and get some
experience to build
your resume for future
jobs. Not your forever
job, just a jumping
point!

Supported Employment

Ready for a job in the
community? Do you
need onsite support
to learn your job
duties, request
accommodations? SE
can would be a great
fit for you! A job
coach can really
help!

Tailored Day Services (TDS)

On the fence about a
job? Maybe TDS! You
get help finding
employment, with
getting out in the
community for
activity, work on your
job skills, volunteer
first to gain work
experience, and get
help with looking
into your education.

Coordinated Career Pathways

If you exiting a work
activity program,
subminimum wage
setting, or within two
years of exiting
secondary education
to achieve or advance
in employment a
Career Pathway
Navigator (CPN) and a
Customized
Employment Specialist
(CES). Services are
time-limited to 18
months but can be
extended to a
maximum of 24
months.

Day Program

Not ready to work
yet? Maybe you've
worked for a long
time! Day program
can be a great way to
engage with your
peers and with the
community during
your day. You can be
onsite, or out and
about doing
activities. You can
always explore
employment at your
own pace and when
you are ready!

The goal?

It is up to you! You
are the captain of
this ship! There are
so many options
available to help
you achieve your
goals! Talk with
your SC to see
which option if best
for you ☺

Attachment B

Attachment B



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

PIP = PAID INTERSHIP PROGRAM

TDS= Tailored Day Services

CIE = Competitive Inrgrated Employment

CCP- Coordinated Career Pathways

DART - Ridgecrest

Contact: Jonell Saenz
Supported Employment Groups

Bakersfield ARC - Bakersfield

Contact: Jaime Valdez or Angela Barr
PIP / CIE / TDS / CCP
Supported Employment Services

Community Support Options - Pathways to Work - Bakersfield & Tehachapi

Contact: Christina Pacheco
PIP / CIE / TDS

PathPoint - Bakersfield & Ridgecrest

Contact: Lora Moore
PIP / CIE / TDS

Social Vocational Services- Bakersfield & Delano

Contact: Dolores Sanchez or LaTisha Allbritton
PIP / CIE / TDS

Valley Achievement Center Bakersfield

Contact: Christina Espinoza
PIP / CIE / TDS

NAPD - Bakersfield

Contact: Melinda Harrison
PIP / CIE / TDS

DADD - Delano

Contact: Mario Bolanos
PIP / CIE / TDS

Cole Vocational - Bakersfield

Contact: Joleen Staker
Job readiness / Development / Coaching

IMAH - Bishop Area

Contact: Adelina Rico or Misty
PIP / TDS

Jay Nolan - Ridgecrest & Lake Isabella

Contact: Jessica Vasquez
PIP / CIE / TDS - Pending

AMFC - California City

Contact: Tori Morgan
CIE / TDS / PIP - Pending

TIL - Taft

Contact: Megan Romero
CCP / TDS

Community Intergrated Services- Bishop Area

Contact: Cindy Cox
CCP