



Client Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Agenda



August 12, 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 Miller, Chair



Icebreaker question:
What is your favorite season of the year?

Open discussion



CAC Chair's Report



Tracey Miller, Chair

Guest Speaker
Topic:
Emergency Preparedness

Joseph Grounds,
Emergency Service
Coordinator

Activity / Game



Tracey Miller, Chair

Upcoming Events

Open Discussion

Closing Remarks

Tracey Miller, Chair



For questions or information on upcoming meetings please contact:

CAC Meeting

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Facilitator(s): Tracey Mensh

Leadership Member(s) Present: Isis Rasmussen

Language Interpreted: Spanish

Platforms: In person and via Zoom-Hybrid

Translated Documents: CAC July Meeting Agenda,

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025

Number of attendees: 15 in attendance, including Kern Regional Center (KRC) Service Access and Equity (SAE) Staff, including 5 via Zoom.

Welcome and Introductions

The CAC Chair welcomes everyone in person and online, followed by introductions from other agencies present and KRC staff.

Icebreaker question:

- What did you do for the 4th of July weekend?

Answers ranged from going out of town for 4th of July celebrations, watching fireworks online, traveling to visit family, enjoying fun activities, going to the movies, and relaxing at home.

CAC Chair Report

- The Chair shared that she had a meeting with ARCA, and she was chosen to serve as Chair for another year.
- During the ARCA meeting, participants shared the various activities they organized in their communities as part of the CAC Statewide initiative.
- During the meeting, it was shared that the federal budget has experienced a slight reduction. She mentioned that more detailed information will be available at the next meeting.
- Regarding food stamps in California, the federal government will no longer manage this program. This transition is still underway, and more updates will be provided later.

- She also encouraged the community to continue to advocate for Medicare and Medicaid and noted that she will share more information on this topic in a future meeting.
- The Chair mentioned that tomorrow there will be another rally from 8-11 for IHSS. She asked the community to participate in the rally if it is possible. Their office is on the corner of Main and State.

The Chair emphasized that she would report back during the next meeting in August.

Next topic in the agenda:

DDS representative presented on LEAG.

- She introduced herself and mentioned that she has been in her department for almost 20 years. Her job includes advocacy and engaging with self-advocates. She is involved in committees, boards, and community work, including working with the LEAG.
- DDS is now moving to use the name: Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) instead of CAC.
- Vision:
 - My life, my way (with support) people with disabilities will live their lives the way they want with support.
 - LEAG's purpose is to advise DDS director and their staff on policies, programs, and regulations. Affecting services, delivery, and support to people with developmental disabilities. Also, to provide policies, programs, and protection for those with developmental disabilities. Helping them receive information the way they understand.
 - LEAG members encourage peers and self-advocacy to be leaders and be a voice locally, statewide, and nationally. They influence decisions on boards, and committees.
- Outcomes: leadership, empowerment, and community inclusion.
 - The new LEAG will be reviewed every 2 years.
 - They need to attend 2 meetings in person or online.
 - Attend LEAG subcommittee meetings.
 - Represent and share information with DDS from people with developmental disabilities in your community.

- DDS goals for the LEAG
 - Create more employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
 - Advise on simplifying language for better understanding.
 - Provide peer to peer education and support opportunities.
 - Revisions to the Lanterman book are coming soon.

To become a LEAG member, you must be 18 years of age. Committed to providing a voice for people with developmental disabilities. People can find the application online at:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/consumers/consumer-advisory-committee/>

Leadership for youth: <https://pyd.org/programs/youth-leadership-forum/>

Attendee comment

Is the LEAG open to the public?

Next in the agenda:

- activity and games. Pictionary.

Upcoming events:

The self-determination advisory meeting is coming August 4th, 2025. Anyone can see the information on the KRC's event page and social media.

Board meeting on August 26 from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Closing remarks

- Joseph Grounds will present information on Emergency preparedness. Please let me know if you have any emergency preparedness questions before the meeting. All questions are welcome.
- Ridgecrest participant requested to have the KRC Fair Hearing Officer come and talk at CAC meeting.
- Next meeting will be announced via the KRC website and social media.
- Meeting adjourned on time.