



Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

October 6, 2025

5:00 PM to 7:00PM

Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order:

2. Establish of Quorum:

A. A quorum is defined as more than half of the committee members being present, which is required for any official votes to take place. For this committee, at least four members must be present to conduct a vote. However, if a quorum is not met, the committee may still convene to discuss topics and engage in problem solving activities without voting on any matter.

B. There are Six 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)
- Kelly Kulzer-Reyes (KRC Appointee)

C. If you are interested in serving, please contact KRC's Enrique Roman,

Enrique.Roman@kernrc.org

3. Additional Items: Discussion items can be added. Items added here cannot be voted on today. You can also mention things you would like to focus on at a future meeting.

4. Public Comment: Comments about items not on the agenda are welcomed! If your concern/topic is on the agenda, please join the discussion and add your thoughts there, too.

5. Approval of SDLVAC Minutes: **Action**

A. September 8, 2025 (Attachment 1)

6. Status of SDP (Wood/ Van Scotter) **Discussion**

A. Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide

a. Celebrations (all)

b. Obstacles (all)

c. Directives (Wood/ Van Scotter)

d. Statewide Committee updates (Wood/ Van Scotter)

7. KRC Updates **Discussion**

A. Self-Determination Program Enrollment.

B. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program.

C. Monthly report on the awardees of the SDP Implementation
Funding.

8. Topics for Next Meeting **Discussion**

A. Members of the public – suggestions welcomed

Upcoming meeting 2025 SDPLVAC meeting schedule:

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| November 3, 2025 | December 1, 2025 |
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9. Adjournment

Attachment 1

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Self -Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025

1. Call to Order: 5:03PM
2. A quorum has been established: All committee members in attendance.
 - a. Sandra Van Scotter, Chair (SCDD appointee)
 - b. Rick Wood, Co-chair (SCDD appointee)
 - c. Erica Clark, (OCRA representative, required by statute)
 - d. Norma Tuiasosopo, (Family Resource Center representative- Exceptional Families Center, required by statute)
 - e. Lorie Stewart, (SCDD appointee)
 - f. Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, (KRC Appointee)
3. Additional Items: None
4. Public Comment:
 - A. Member (Lorie S) has submitted a request to Kern Regional Center (KRC) for a home alarm system to support her child, who had a tendency to elope. Stewart is seeking clarification from KRC regarding the expected timeline to process such request under the Self-Determination Program (SDP).
 - B. Member (Kulzer-Reyes) shared that Taff College is currently developing a non-credit certificate program to train independent facilitators. With the expected rollout date being early Fall of 2026.

- C. Chair (Van Scotter) shared information about the upcoming SDP Connect event, hosted by Disability Voices United (DVU) once a month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 4:30PM to 6:00PM.
5. Approval of SDLVAC Minutes: There were no questions or modifications needed for meeting minutes for July 7, 2025, or August 4, 2025. Member Stewart motion to approve minutes, member Tuiasosopo second the motion. The motion carried with five members voting “aye” and one member abstaining. The minutes for July 7, 2025, and August 4, 2025, are approved.
6. Status of SDP (Wood/ Van Scotter)
- A. Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide
- a) Celebrations
1. Chair (Van Scotter) shared that there is an opportunity to continue growing. However, we must work through these challenging parts to get to the growth part.
 2. Co-Chair (Wood) reported that it now takes six weeks to get a caregiver approved through the state from the time of application. Furthermore, Wood shared he was able to hire a new caregiver within three weeks for his son.
 3. Attendee (Cox) shared Mammoth now has a neurologist in town.
 4. Member (Kulzer-Reyes) expressed excitement about the onboarding of a new Service Coordinator to SDP.
- b) Obstacles (all)

1. Co-Chair (Wood) during the pandemic no one caught Covid, however, last month his son caught covid and two of his caregivers.
 2. Chair (Van Scotter) shared one obstacle has been learning to navigate all the new changes.
- c) Directives (Wood/ Van Scotter)
1. There have been six new directives since the last committee meeting. However, none of them are directly associated with SDP.
 - a. The Chair (Van Scotter) asked for clarification regarding the person-centered plan facilitation trainer.
- d) Statewide Committee updates (Wood/ Van Scotter)
1. On September 9, 2025, the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee will meet from 10:30AM to 4:00PM. A presentation and update on the SDP Best Practices Platform will be share with the committee.
 2. SDAC will be sending a letter to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) containing a recommendation for a system-wide service coordinator training protocol.
 3. A collaborative discussion with DDS will be held to establish expectations for both parties as the fiscal year begins. Which is a great opportunity for SDAC and DDS to engage more collaboratively than in the past.
 4. A goal and priority setting discussion between DDS and SDAC will also take place during the statewide meeting.

5. DVU will be hosting an in-person seminar in Oakland, CA titled “Empowerment in Practice Self Determination and Supportive Decision Making.” The Co-chair will be a speaker on a plenary panel.
 - a. Empowerment in Practice November 19 conference
<https://disabilityvoicesunited.org/empowerment-in-practice/>
 - b. <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/>
 - c. <https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/09/Sept-2025-BPP-Updates-Final-9.5.2025.pdf>

7. KRC Updates

A. Self-Determination Program Enrollment

- a. As of August 2025, KRC has 296 enrolled in SDP. Additionally, 785 individuals have completed the SDP Learning Management System (LMS) Orientation: 418 in English, with 104 in Spanish, and nine in ASL.
- b. A discussion was held regarding the setbacks currently affecting SDP enrollment.

B. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program

- a. No General updates.

C. Data was requested for:

- a. Individuals who have completed the SDP enrollment process.
- b. Individuals that did not complete the enrollment process.
- c. Individuals who are on the placeholder list.
 - The requested information will be gathered and presented at the upcoming meeting on November 3, 2025.

8. Guest Speaker: Vanessa Webster, KRC Fair Hearing Officer

A. Vanessa Webster KRC Fair Hearing Officer delivered an appeal process presentation. Which was followed by a Q&A discussion regarding the appeal process involving committee members, attendees, and the fair hearing officer.

1. KRC website in both English/Spanish as well on the 4731, if

helpful: <https://kernrc.org/your-rights/4731-complaints/>

2. Lanterman Act Appeals online packet

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/general/appeals-complaints-comments/fair-hearings-complaint-process/lanterman-act-appeals-information-packet/>

9. Monthly report on the awardees of the SDP Implementation Funding

A. Ally's Comprehensive Services: Is currently working with five individuals for individual coaching. Participating in two upcoming resource fairs in the Kern catchment area. Sign up for the special needs resource fairs on September 27, 2025, and the buddy walk resources fair on October 11, 2025. Additionally, they have drafted an informational flyer to share with the community.

B. Community Integration Specialist: Has concentrated on Spanish speaking families and clients in Mono county. They will transition six families by October 1, 2025, and each of these six clients will receive in-person orientation support. In addition, they have transitioned five non-Spanish speaking clients into SDP. They will be participating in the Hearts Connection, a one-day conference in Bishop, CA, on September 18, 2025. They will be providing information and a Q&A session on SDP.

C. RISE Service: No report yet, as their contract was recently signed. However, a report is expected to be delivered at the next meeting.

10. Topics for Next Meeting

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11. Adjournment at: 6:59PM