



Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

November 4, 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 welcome! 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. October 6, 2025, minutes (Attachment 1)
- B. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Monday of each month from 5PM to 7PM via Zoom. If the first Monday falls on a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled to the following Monday. The proposed meeting dates are as follows:

January 5, 2025	February 2, 2025	March 2, 2025	April 6, 2025
May 4, 2025	June 1, 2025	July 6, 2025	August 3, 2025
September 14, 2025	October 5,2025	November 2, 2025	December 7, 2025

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
 - a) Data information for the following:
 - i. Completed Enrollment: Number of individuals who have successfully completed the SDP enrollment process.
 - ii. Incomplete Enrollment: Number and reasons for individuals who initiated but did not complete the enrollment process.

- iii. Placeholder List: Count and status of individuals currently on the placeholders list, including any movement or updates.

B. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program

C. Monthly report on the awardees of the SDP Implementation

- a) Ally's Comprehensive Services:
- b) Community Integration Specialist:
- c) RISE Services:

8) Topics for Next Meeting

Discussion

A. **Members of the public – suggestions welcome**

Upcoming meeting 2025 SDPLVAC meeting schedule:

- December 1, 2025

9) Adjournment

Action

Attachment 1

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Self -Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 6, 2025

1. Call to Order: 5:09PM
2. A quorum has been established. The following committee members are in attendance:
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), Kelley Kulzer-Reyes (KRC Appointee).

Absent committee member: Lorie Stewart (SCDD appointee)
3. Additional Items: Determining dates for the 2026 calendar year.
4. Public Comment:
 - A. Attendee Self-Determination Institute shared information regarding a few free meetings they will be hosting via Zoom. Meetings will cover the enrollment process and financial management.
 - B. Attendee shared their agency has started some coaching support with person centered planning and transition support.
 - C. Attendee with Disability Voices United (DVU) shared the agency will be hosting a Self-Determination Program (SDP) connection, on the second Wednesday of every month. Additional information was shared about the upcoming "Empowerment in Practice, Self-Determination and Supported Decision-Making" Conference, will be held in Los Angeles November 19, 2025, at the California Endowment Center.

5. Approval of SDLVAC Minutes: There were no questions or modifications needed for meeting minutes for September 8, 2025. Chair motioned to approve minute, member Tuiasosopo second in the motion. The motion was carried with four members voting aye with no nays.
6. Status of SDP (Wood/ Van Scotter)
 - A. Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide
 - a. Celebrations (all)
 1. The chair shared; her son recently released a video game he supported in developing.
 2. KRC has been selected to provide a sample of 38 SDP cases for review during the Home and Community Bases waiver audit.
 - b. Obstacles (all)
 1. Concerns regarding individuals' accumulating services and the impact of budget reductions were raised.
 - c. Directives (Wood/ Van Scotter)
 1. No new SDP specific directive since April 22, 2025. All the directives can be found on the following link [Regional Center Directives: CA Department of Developmental Services](#)
 - d. Statewide Committee updates (Wood/ Van Scotter)
 1. Information was shared regarding the Self-Determination Conference in Oakland, CA, with a focus on budget-related topics. The following links were shared.
 - a. [FINAL Individual-Budgets Community Input 2025.pdf](#)

- b. https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Individual-Budgets_Community_Input_2025_SPANISH.pdf

- 2. A Townhall is being coordinated for the month of December.
- 3. DDS will be developing Service Coordinator training with a focus on: Where do committee members fall into these training courses and training for program managers.

7. KRC Updates

A. Self-Determination Program Enrollment.

- a. As of September 2025, KRC has 308 enrolled in SDP. Additionally, 180 individuals have completed the SDP Learning Management System (LMS) Orientation: with 436 enrolled in English, 107 enrolled in Spanish, nine in ASL, and one enrolled in Korean.
- b. A conversation regarding other regional centers of similar size to Kern Regional Center and data to be collected from SDP, to streamline the SDP enrollment process.

B. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program.

- a. No general updates.

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

- a. Ally's Comprehensive Services: According to the September 2025 report, they are currently coaching 14 individuals. Participated at a special needs community resources fair on September 27, 2025. Will be participating on the Buddy Walk on October 11, 2025. Along with the million dreams walk

on October 25, 2025. Ally and Community Integration Specialist worked together on a flyer to be shared at outreach events.

- b. Community Integration Specialist: Currently coaching 12 clients. Are finishing up their transition on our currently Spanish speaking clients with three more on the waiting list. Participated in the Hearts Connection one day conference in Bishop on September 18, 2025, where they held a Q&A session on SDP. They are currently working with over 10 vendors.
- c. RISE Services: No invoices were submitted for this reporting period. However, two employees have recently been hired to support program implementation.
- d. Individuals interested in these services can have a conversation with their Service Coordinator.

8. Topics for Next Meeting

A. Members of the public – suggestions welcomed

- a. Information regarding KRC processes to be delivered for the month of January 2026.

Upcoming meeting 2025 SDPLVAC meeting schedule:

November 3, 2025	December 1, 2025
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9. Meeting Adjourned at 6:52PM.