



Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

December 1, 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:

- 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)

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. November 3, 2025, minutes (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)
- i. Information regarding issues and recommendations submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) by the Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC).
- ii. An update on the best practices for the SDAC platform along with information regarding the allocation of implementation funds.
- 7) KRC Updates **Discussion**
- A. Self-Determination Program (SDP) Enrollment
- 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 2026 SDLVAC meeting schedule:

January 5, 2026	February 2, 2026	March 2, 2026	April 6, 2026
May 4, 2026	June 1, 2026	July 6, 2026	August 3, 2026
August 31, 2026	October 5, 2026	November 2, 2026	December 7, 2026

9) Adjournment

Action

Self -Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2025

- 1) Call to Order: 5:09PM
- 2) 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: None
- 5) Approval of SDLVAC Minutes:
 - A. Member Kulzer-Reyes moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, October 6, 2025. The co-chair seconded the motion, and it was carried.
- 6) Approval of 2026 meeting dates:
 - A. A motion was made by the Co-chair to change the originally scheduled September 14, 2026, meeting to August 31, 2026. Kulzer-mReyes seconded the motion, and it was carried. The September meeting will now be held on August 31, 2026.

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7) Status of SDP (Wood/ Van Scotter)

A. Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide

a. Celebrations (all)

- i. Member Tuiasosopo shared, her family member will be transitioning to Self-Determination Program (SDP).
- ii. Co-Chair shared (SC) Jordan Drew has been a great support. Another highlight was finding a new dentist to care for his son's needs. Additionally, he will be a speaker at the upcoming Disability United Voices (DVU) Conference on November 19, 2025.
- iii. Enrique Roman, KRC, Executive Director shared that the agency has been working on building a strong SPD unit. Furthermore, also shared gratitude toward Cindy Cox for participating in the 4TH Annual California Native American Indian Symposium on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

b. Obstacles (all)

- i. Chair shared the upcoming changes to SDP is an obstacle to overcome.

c. Directives (Wood/ Van Scotter)

- i. Directives related to SB 47, transportation, and the Ombudsperson were briefly mentioned. For more information regarding directive please visit the following link: [D-2025-Legislation-003.pdf](#)
- d. Statewide Committee updates (Wood/ Van Scotter)
 - i. Next SDAC meeting will be held December 2, 2025. A conversation will be held during the meeting.
 - ii. A proposal to form a committee of six or fewer members was presented to DDS Deputy Director Lee Yang and was well received.
 - iii. An update on the best practices for the SDAC platform will be provided at the next meeting, along with a discussion on the allocation of implementation funds.
 - iv. Issues and recommendations submitted to DDS by SDAC will be shared at the next meeting

8) KRC Updates

A. Self-Determination Program Enrollment

- a) As of October 2025, KRC has 323 individuals enrolled in SDP.

Additionally, Additionally, 815 individuals have completed the SDP Learning Management System (LMS) Orientation: with 435 enrolled in English, 105 enrolled in Spanish, nine in ASL.
- b) A discussion was held regarding renewal dates and budget planning for individuals enrolled in SDP.

B. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program

- a) No general updates.

C. Monthly report on the awardees of the SDP Implementation

- a) Ally's Comprehensive Services: Currently coaching 18 individuals.

Participated in the Buddy Walk and the Walk for a Million Dreams for the month of October. They have been working on outreach materials. Held a Self-Determination informational session and one Self-determination orientation session for the month of October.

- b) Community Integration Specialist: Successfully transitioned three Spanish-speaking clients to the Self-Determination Program (SDP) and anticipates three additional transitions on December 1, 2025. No transitions are planned for January. The process of transitioning clients into SDP is taking longer than expected, approximately four months or more. Currently, the team has achieved 78% of their goal. Has transitioned a total of six Spanish individual reaching their goal.
- c) RISE Services: Two new team members have been hired and have successfully completed their training.

9) Topics for Next Meeting

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

- a. Questions to be addressed at the January 2026 Meeting: Clarification is needed regarding the process for requesting changes to an individual's current spending plan under the Self-Determination Program (SDP). Specifically:
 - i. Who reviews and approves the request initially?

- ii. What is the subsequent chain of review?
- iii. How long does the entire decision-making process typically take?
- iv. Are requests reviewed on a weekly, monthly, or quota-based schedule?

Upcoming meeting 2026 SDPLVAC meeting schedule:

- December 1, 2025

10) Meeting adjourned at 7PM