



## Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

January 5, 2026

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](mailto: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)

B. December 1, 2025, minutes (Attachment 2)

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. SDP updates on process and procedures on the website

C. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program

D. Monthly report on the awardees of the SDP Implementation

a. Ally's Comprehensive Services

b. Community Integration Specialist

c. RISE Services

E. Discussion of possible topics for 2026 RFP

8) Topics for Next Meeting

**Discussion**

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

Upcoming meeting 2026 SDLVAC meeting schedule:

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**

Attachment 1

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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. Member Kulzer-Reyes 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, ED shared 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 2025 SDPLVAC meeting schedule:

- December 1, 2025

10) Meeting adjourned at 7PM

Attachment 2

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Self -Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2025

- 1) Call to Order: 5:04PM
- 2) Establish of Quorum: Committee members in attendance are as follows:
  - A. Sandra Van Scotter, chair (SCDD appointee)
  - B. Erica Clark (OCRA representative, required by statute),
  - C. Norma Tuiasosopo (Family Resource Center representative- Exceptional Families Center, required by statute)
  - D. Kelly Kulzer-Reyes (KRC Appointee)
- 3) Additional Items: None
- 4) Public Comment:
  - A. Member Kulzer-Reyes shared she will be teaching a few disability services courses at Taft College for spring 2026.
  - B. Attendee expressed appreciation to Enrique, Isis, and Tomas for making a trip out to Bishop.
- 5) Approval of SDLVAC Minutes:
  - A. November 3, 2025, minutes (Attachment 1)
    - a. The item was tabled for the next meeting.
- 6) Status of SDP (Wood/ Van Scotter)
  - A. Updates on SDP at KRC and statewide.
    - a. Celebrations

- i. Member Kulzer-Reyes expressed her gratitude for the ongoing conversation aimed at streamlining the Self-Determination Program (SDP).
    - ii. Member Tuiasosopo shares her excitement regarding her child officially transitioning to SDP.
  - b. Obstacles (all)
    - i. Member Kelly Kulzer-Reyes shared that DDS interviewed SDP clients without clearly defined objectives or outcomes for the interviews.
  - c. Directives (Wood/ Van Scotter)
    - i. Community Assistance Empowerment Chief Yang Lee is assisting with navigating the changes to come to SDP. There are five new directives published on November 25, 2025, [Self-Determination Program: Initial Individual Budgets and Spending Plans](#).
  - 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. There will be a SDAC meeting open to the public on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, via Zoom. Link of the meeting [Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee | SCDD](#)

## 7) KRC Updates

A. Self-Determination Program (SDP) Enrollment.

- a. As of December, a total of 842 individuals have enrolled in the SDP LMS orientation, with 452 completing the English version, 110 completing the Spanish version, and 9 completing the English version in ASL; currently, 331 participants are enrolled in the Self-Determination Program.

B. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program.

- a. Two new SC have been hired who will be working from the Ridgecrest office.

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

a. Ally's Comprehensive Services

- i. Worked to support coaching for 20 individuals, including 17 Hispanic/Latino and 3 Caucasian participants. The team is still working on in-person SDP orientation and information sessions at KRC. While also advancing virtual sessions, holding one informational session and one orientation in October. Additionally, they are actively engaging families interested in the program during outreach events.

b. Community Integration Specialist: Invoice

- i. Due to the holiday season, there will be no participants in January, and February transitions are still being determined. The goal is to assist 14 clients, and as of December, 12 clients have successfully transitioned, including eight Spanish-speaking clients. Currently

they are working with 11 clients on their coaching. With an estimate of four months period for transitioning.

c. RISE Services

- i. Two new Independent Facilitator (IF) were hired and completed their training in October 2025. A discussion was held regarding IFs not being allowed to provide any other services.

8) Topics for Next Meeting

A. SDP updates regarding the process and procedures on the website.

B. Upcoming meeting 2025 SDLVAC meeting schedule:

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- 9) The Chair moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Kulzer-Reyes and carried unanimously.