



Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting Agenda

March 2, 2026

5:00 PM to 7:00PM

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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. February 2, 20206 (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 (SDP) Enrollment
 - B. SDP updates on process and procedures on the website
 - C. Review of SDP data regarding budget approvals turnaround time
 - D. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program
 - E. 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
 - A. Members of the public- suggestions welcome

Upcoming meeting 2026 SDLVAC meeting Schedule:

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, February 2, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:09 PM.
2. Quorum Established: A quorum was confirmed.
 - A. Members in attendance: Sandra Van Scotter (Chair), Norma Tuiasosopo, Kelly Kulzer-Reyes, Rick Wood (Vice-Chair), Lorie Stewart.
 - B. Absentee: Erica Clark.
3. Additional Items:
 - A. Member Kulzar-Reyes shared Taft Colleges' non-credit Disability Services classes have been approved by the Chancellors office, and they're scheduled for this upcoming fall.
 - B. Member Stewart raised concerns about how the Kern Regional Center administers budget approval processes for individuals.
4. Public Comment
 - A. Attendee shared information about the Self-Determination Institute hosting SDP community lunch services every 3rd Tuesday from 12PM-1PM via Zoom.
 - B. Attendee representing GT Independence Financial Management (FM) shared information about their services. Currently they do not have a waiting list or a budget cap.
 - C. Jeannette Castro community liaison with PPL shared that they are currently accepting new enrollments. Currently there is no waitlist and can work with a wide range of budgets also offering the sole employer and bill payer models.
 - D. A discussion regarding the SDP audit was held.
5. Approval of Minutes for the following months: November 2025, December 2025, January 2026.
 - A. Member Tuiasosopo made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart. The motion was carried as follows:
 - a. November 2025: Four ayes; the Vice-Chair abstained.
 - b. December 2025: All ayes.
 - c. January 2026: All ayes.

6. Status of SDP (Wood/Van Scotter)

A. Updates on SDP at KRC and Statewide

a. Celebration

- i. Co-Chair Wood shared his appreciation with the SDP team.
- ii. Member Kulzar-Reyes shared her excitement with onboarding Bakersfield Music and Art services.

b. Obstacles

- i. The Chair (Van Scotter) reported that several individuals have expressed disappointment with the way they have been treated within the Regional Center system. Member Stewart also noted having heard similar concerns.

c. Directives (Wood/Van Scotter)

- i. Beginning in the 2026–2027-year, Regional Centers will be required to track public data related to disagreements, denials, and Notices of Action.

d. Statewide Committee updates (Wood/Van Scotter)

- i. SDAC Townhall meeting Feb 17, 2026, from 11AM-1PM.
- ii. A discussion was held regarding waiver funds/implementation of funds being eliminated and will not be given to the LVACs.
- iii. A subcommittee was established to draft a resolution letter. Members appointed to the subcommittee include Vice-Chair Wood, Member Kulzer-Reyes, and Member Tuiasosopo.

7. KRC Updates

A. Self Determination Program (SDP) Enrollment

- a. As of January 2026, enrollment is as follows; 870 LMS orientation enrolled, 464 LMS completed in English, 114 LMS completed in Spanish, nine LMS completed in English (ASL), one LMS completed in Korean. With a total of 342 enrolled in SDP.

B. SDP updates on process and procedures on the website

- a. Process and procedures are

C. General Updates on the Self-Determination Program

- a. No updates
- D. Monthly report on the awardees of the SDP Implementation
 - A. Ally’s Comprehensive Services
 - a. No updates
 - B. Community Integration Specialist
 - a. No updates
 - C. RISE Services
 - a. No updates
- 8. Topics for Next Meeting
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10. Meeting adjured at 7PM.