



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022
Committee Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
This is an online meeting only.

ZOOM Meeting

Register in advance for this meeting:

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Committee Agenda

	Items	Responsible	Comments
1. 5 minutes	Introductions (via Chat) Review and approval of minutes		
2. 15 minutes	SARC Update: • Orientation Schedule • Allocation Updates • Self-Determination Participation	Zaldivar / Keeley Nugapitiya / Keely	
3. 10 minutes	1/4ly General Meetings Update	Grady	
4. 10 minutes	SD, Bay Area Advisory Committees, Web Site update.	Grady Sreedhar Luzader	
5. 5 minutes	Statewide SDAC	Johanson	
4. 20 minutes	DDS Directives on Goods and Services, Budget Tool, and Spending Plan FAQ	Committee	
5. 15 minutes	Committee and Public Comments		
5. 10 mins	Standing Reports / Updates: • Facilitator Update • SD Advocates:	Fac. Ntwrk. Grady / Zarea	
6.	Adjourn Meeting, Next Meeting Date: 3/17/22		

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**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 18, 2021 (Via Zoom)**

Members Present:	Connie Boyar Martha Johanson Doug Pascover Kishan Sreedhar Kathy Tanner Nasreen Zarea	Suzanne Francisco Lori Luzader Kavita Sreedhar Bernardino Sunglao Tran Huyen Tran
Members Absent:	Cherri Alcantara	David Forderer
Staff:	Lourdes Gonzalez John Hunt Irene De La Rosa Minerva Valdez Javier Zaldivar	Diana Gutierrez Arushie Nugapitiya Rommel Sanchez Ivett Vazquez
Community:	Erika Gonzalez Nicole De Guzman Sabrina Kappe Kidada Medina Kim Schreiber Deborah Wechsler	David Grady Katie Hornberger Julie LaRose Martina Ramirez Will Sandford

The Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 10:36 a.m. presided by Ms. Martha Johanson Committee Chair followed by introductions.

1. Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the October Minutes.

**M/S/C Moved to approve the October minutes (Luzader/Kishan Sreedhar)
No further discussion. The ayes have it. Motion carries.**

Member Present	Voted
Connie Boyar	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Martha Johanson	Aye

Lori Luzader	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Bernardo Sunglao	Aye
Kathy Tanner	Aye
Tran Huyen Tran	Aye
Nasreen Zarea	Aye

2. Survey Results

Mr. Grady presented the results on whether the SDAC meeting should be changed to a different time or day.

The consensus was to keep the meeting at the same time and day but on a quarterly basis do a larger one late in the afternoon for families to participate.

3. Self Determination Ombudsperson – Katie Hornberger

Ms. Hornberger acting Ombudsperson introduced herself and explained what the independent and autonomous office is responsible for.

- Explanation of Role
 - o Providing information
 - o Assisting RC consumers and families
 - o Facilitating solutions to disagreements
 - o Investigating Complaints
 - o Reporting to the Legislature
 - o Recommending changes to DDS and the Legislature
- Review of Activities
 - o Attend stakeholder meetings
 - o Share information
 - o Resolve individual matters
 - o Investigate systemic matters
 - o Facilitate improvement in the program
- What the Ombudsperson Does not Do
 - o Decide disputes in favor of one party or another
 - o Overturn a judicial decision or make a recommendation to a court
- Measures of Success
 - o The Ombudsperson will strive to:
 - Increase the number of people in SDP
 - Reduce the amount of time it takes to enter SDP
 - Recommend policy change at regional centers and DDS

- o Satisfaction surveys will be sent to all callers to the Office.
- How to Get Information or Assistance
 - o Website at [Office of the Self-Determination Program Ombudsperson - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)
 - o Email to SDP.Ombudsperson@DDS.CA.GOV
 - o Call 1-877-658-9731

Ms. Hornberger said that the office will hire diverse staff soon. She said that discussion and sharing of information will make the program better. It is about driving solutions, so she wants to hear from all, those with complaints and the success stories as well.

4. SARC Update

Mr. Zaldivar updated the committee on these topics:

- Self Determination flyers have been translated
- 120 orientations have been completed and some have shown interest to continue the process
- 45 budgets have been certified
- The SARC staff is being prepared to work with Self Determination
- SARC is working with the providers as well, they are confused on how to participate but the door is open

5. Statewide SDAC

Ms. Zarea shared that she presented at the meeting and was very proud of herself. She did a good job.

6. Financial Management System (FMS) Vendor Update

- No report

7. Independent Facilitator (IF) Update

- Next mixer on 11/19/21

8. SD Advocates

- Ms. Zarea shared that she wants more people to join the group.
- Meeting days are 2nd Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

9. Member and Community Comments

- State Council and the Department of Rehab will be providing Self Determination orientations sometime in late December.
- The "Into the Weeds" conference has been pushed to 2022 to work out some technical issues
- The rate reform should not have any effect on Self Determination
- There will not be a meeting in December 2021

11. Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12.00 p.m.