



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

10:30 to 12:00

This is an online meeting only.

ZOOM Meeting

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Committee Agenda

1. 5 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via Chat) Review and approval of minutes
2. 20 minutes 10 minutes of Q & A	Suzy Requarth, M.Ed. Acting Manager, Self-Determination Program and HCBS Regulations, Department of Developmental Services
3. 10 minutes	Reports Independent Facilitator Network / FMS SARC SCDD CC SD Advocate Leadership Group
5. 30 minutes	Next Round of Allocations: Continued Funding New Funding Proposals
6. 15 minutes	Member and Community Comments
7.	Adjourn Next Public Meeting: March 16, 2023. 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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San Andreas Regional Center
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Minutes
November 17, 2022

Members Present:	Martha Johanson	Connie Boyar
	Lori Luzader	Maria Martinez
	Suzanne Francisco	Kavita Sreedhar
	Doug Pascover	Kishan Sreedhar
	Huyen Tran	David Forderer
Members Absent:	Nassreen Zarea	Bernardino Sunglao
	Stephanie Krol	
Staff:	Robert Gonzalez	Jennifer Price
	John Hunt	Anna Wall
	Kait Wilkerson	Karla Cruz
	Mike Keeley	Jeany Pek
	Irene De La Rosa	Arushie Nugapitiya
	Jessica Hall	
Community:	David Grady	Gil Villalobos
	Shelly Zitman	Andy Nguyen
	Jaclyn Balanay	Terrasel Jones
	Claudia Harty	Sandra Van Scotter
	Maritza Mendoza	Mary Peitso

The Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 10:30 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 (Connie/Lori). No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Connie Boyar	Aye

Martha Johanson	Aye
Lori Luzader	Aye
Doug Pascover	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Maria Martinez (for Krol)	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Aye

2. Approval of 2023 SARC SDAC Calendar

The committee approved the 2023 SDAC calendar. Committee will not meet in December.

M/S/C Moved to approve the 2023 SDAC calendar (Doug/Lori). No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Connie Boyar	Aye
Martha Johanson	Aye
Lori Luzader	Aye
Doug Pascover	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Maria Martinez (for Krol)	Aye

2.1 2023 SARC SDAC Calendar Dates

January 19, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

February 16, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

March 16, 2023 – 7 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

April 20, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

May 18, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

June 15, 2023 – 7 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

July 20, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

August 16, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

September 21, 2023 – 7 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

October 19, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

November 16, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

December – No Meeting

3. SARC SDAC Letter to DDS

- David Grady shared the draft letter asking for an extension for the 099 directive on 02/01/2023.
- It is the responsibility of the RC to vendorize, based off their respective policies.
- Direct any concerns about policies to the respective RC to address.
- SARC's SDAC agrees to vote virtually and to send their response via email. SARC's SDAC was given the opportunity to offer edits to David Grady and received none.
- Will carbon copy or 'CC' SARC SDAC, Statewide SDAC and the ombuds person. David Grady and Martha Johanson will create a more formal salutation after this meeting/

3.1. Approval of SARC SDAC Letter to DDS

The committee approved the SARC SDAC letter to be sent to DDS.

M/S/C Moved to approve the 2023 SDAC calendar (Kishan/Kavita). No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Connie Boyar	Aye
Martha Johanson	Aye
Lori Luzader	Aye
Doug Pascover	Abstain
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Maria Martinez (for Krol)	Aye
Huyen Tran	Abstain

4. Next Round of Allocations

- David Grady advises this SDAC for general discussion only, without motions, on what to fund for next year.
- Divided into continuing funding for current projects (cohort, coaching, website, translation) and extending funding if any new ideas or projects a committee member may ask of the committee. Once voted, a budget will be created and voted on in January or February 2023 for SARC to request allocation for.
- SDAC requests information from PCS on cohort groups:
 - Goal was to have 8 families per session
 - English cohort reached max capacity each session and starting the next round of cohorts, but they are overcapacity.
 - PCS continues to advertise, email, and promote the Spanish and Vietnamese cohorts during SDP orientations and 1:1 meeting.
 - Currently running 2 full sets of English cohorts which is capped at 8 families.
 - PCS receive positive feedback from families in cohorts.

- Jessica Hall will coordinate with PHP to discuss feasibility of tracking if the budget/spending plan is faster, families have a shorter renewal, what stage of SDP a family is currently in and how long it takes to transition into SDP.
- Jessica Hall will collect information for January 2023 SDAC meeting on comparing cohorts to coaching and outcomes and which system is more effective than the other, if any.
 - David Grady mentions that the allocations are designed to help families into SDP. If an option is suspended, then reliance on IFs may drop on 02/01/2023. The more opportunities for families, the better.
- Advertisements are not being sent to 100% of SARC families. It is up to the SC to bring up to a family if they need it is needed or relevant and to the Diversity and Inclusion Manager for more specific outreach.

5. IFN Report

- Main topic of their meeting was frustration, fear and anxiety around the 099 directive. There are those that will not vendorize due to this directive, those trying to vendor and having a difficult time and those that feel like they need to vendor but are discouraged. The insurance requirement by the RC is scaring people (statewide and may not be SARC specific) as an individual practitioner with a side business.
- Importance of cost neutrality, complications and poor performance of the system that is closely linked to people trying to increase their budget beyond the last 12 months of their POS. Caregivers in SDP are not paid for months due to how long it takes an individual to get in the system and the statewide renewal process going slowly so they don't stick around.
- Approx. 350 members in the IFN meeting, with approx. 40 that attend the monthly meeting.

5.1 FMS Report

- Aveanna is currently enrolling for Feb/Mar 2023 with a \$200k budget restriction.
- GT Independence is currently enrolling for April 2023 with no budget parameters.

5.2 SARC report

- 6 new intakes since last month, 2 previous members moved out of state, for 116 actives in the system, with POS in place and receiving services.
- Average age is 21
- 34 Caucasian, 16 Spanish, 11 Indian, 10 Chinese, 4 Korean, 1 Japanese, 1 African American, 2 Multi-ethnic, 6 Other Asian, 2 Russian, 9 Spanish, 8 Vietnamese, 85 English, 37 Mandarin, 31 Other
- 75 Aveanna, 29 GT Independence, 12 Other for FMS usage
- Report shared to committee members after this meeting.

5.3 SCDD CC Report

- Website mostly designed but needed content
- David Grady requests a supplement to the original \$15k for a new total of \$7800 to build content
 - \$1.8k for FMS, \$6k for content and forum management: 20 hours @ \$75 = \$1.5k/month

5.3.1. Supplement to SDAC Website

The committee approved the supplement of \$7800 to fund the SDAC website.

M/S/C Moved to approve the supplement to the SDAC website (David/Suzanne). No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Connie Boyar	Aye
Martha Johanson	Aye
Lori Luzader	Abstain
Doug Pascover	Nay
Kavita Sreedhar	Nay
Kishan Sreedhar	Abstain
Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Maria Martinez (for Krol)	Nay
Huyen Tran	Abstain
David Forderer	Aye

5.4 SD Advocate Leadership Group Report

5.5 Member and Community Comments

- Shelly Zitman thanked everyone involved in the SDP process and was happy to see people attend the meeting that he works with for services. Shelly sees the number of delays and timelines and wants to know if there is a document that can be referred to with expected timelines.
 - Per Jessica Hall, timeline parameters in terms of signatures on a budget form or spending plan should take 1-2 months depending on the services requested if everything is done,

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The meeting adjourned at 12 P.M.