



Self Determination Advisory Committee

Community Outreach Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023
Committee Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting
Register in advance for this meeting:

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If you need any accommodations, please contact David Grady,
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Committee Agenda

1. 5 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via Chat)
2. 30 minutes	FMS Discussion & QA: Aveanna: Alma Morales & Huyen Tran
3. 50 minutes	Member and Community Questions & Comments
4. 5 minutes	Announcements & Adjourn

Because this is a community meeting designed to offer information to the public, the Self Determination Advisory Committee will not conduct business. This is a tele / video conference meeting only. There is no physical location for the meeting nor does the agenda need to be posted at the site.

SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 16, 2023

Members Present:	Martha Johanson	Connie Boyar
	Bernardino Sunglao	Doug Pascover
	Kavita Sreedhar	Lori Luzader
	Kishan Sreedhar	Stephanie Krol
Members Absent:	Huyen Tran	David Forderer
	Suzanne Francisco	Nassreen Zarea
Staff:	Javier Zaldivar	Mike Keeley
	John Hunt	Arushie Nugapitiya
	Irene De La Rosa	Jessica Hall
	Karla Cruz	Corina Bobeda
	Jennifer Price	Kait Wilkerson
	Robert Gonzalez	Anna Wall
	David Grady	Andy Nguyen
	Gil Villalobos	Jaclyn Balanay
Community:	Alex Gillaspie	Samantha Husman
	Suzy Requarth	Maritza Mendoza

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 January Minutes.

M/S/C Moved to approve the January minutes (Kishan/Doug). No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Doug Pascover	Abstain
Stephanie Krol	Aye
Martha Johanson	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Abstain
Bernardino Sunglao	Abstain

2. Suzy Requarth, M.Ed. – Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

- Suzy introduced themselves and gave a presentation on SDP with breakdowns of data by Regional Centers (RC), participants, type of disability, etc.
- Extended the timeline on the 099 rollout; DDS will provide a standardized vendorization packet for those who want to vendor with a RC,
- At the end of December 2022, a new directive addresses the continuation of individual budgets and spending plans for those who did not complete these steps by the end of the year so that there would not be an interruption in services.
- There was an extension of the weekly FMS payments to providers that was initially set to end in January 2023.
- February 2023's technical bulletin on billing system enhancements, backend changes for DDS and improved communications regarding delays with FMS and RCs.
 - A public, plain-language version will be released in the next few weeks.
- Upcoming priorities:
 - A standardized vendor packet for 099 supports will be available by 3/1.
 - Identify supports of FMS providers and build capacity for those to enroll into SDP.
 - IF/FMS standards identified in a statute amendment in 2021 are under development.

3. IFN Report

- IFN meeting principal points were concerns regarding vendoring for 099 and how burdensome the process is. Some RCs created their own packets and were not uniform and some RCs are waiting for DDS's packet.
- Discussions that all FMS statewide have June and July start dates which is preventing families from transitioning into SDP.

3.1. FMS Report

- NeuroNav has spent 36 hours coaching 30 clients, with 13 actively working with NeuroNav to enter or have already entered SDP.
- Loves working with SARC, Jennifer Price and Kait Wilkerson, and to change peoples lives and is open to discuss continued funding for next FY.
- Coaching is done via Zoom. NeuroNav has bilingual staff for coaching, transition support and IF support once they enter SDP. Specialized staff working specifically with SARC.

3.2. SARC Report

- SDP Report:
 - Lost 4 cases: 1 moved states, 2 moved to traditional services due to the inclusion of social recreation, 1 difficulty due to payment issues with FMS.
 - 7 new cases that recently transitioned.
 - +1 White, +1 Chinese, +1 Korean, +1 Asian Indian, +2 Unknown, -1 Spanish, -1 African American, -1 Other Asian, +5 English, -2 Spanish, +2 GT Independence, +2 Mains'l
- Essential Pay is ready to go.
- In-person orientations are held each week with virtual presentations on Saturdays. Orientation is available in various languages.
- Families can attend any official orientation but are asked to bring a certificate of completion if they attend a non-SARC orientation.
- SARC is sponsoring an educational conference for Spanish families in Greenfield on March 4 and will be presenting on SDP during the event.
- Please email Kait Wilkerson or Jennifer Price at participantchoice@sarc.org if you would like to invite SARC to attend any community events.

3.3. SCDD CC Report

- Met with 2 other SDACs and the response to the SDP website has been positive.
- 1 committee member requested info on FMS being included on the site.
- SDAC members are encouraged to review the site and email David Grady with suggestions.
- Working with RC Executive Directors on the budget and current and continued funding.
- Provided technical support training for people interested in becoming facilitators.
- Suggests the website not be actively promoted to the public until March or early April.

4. Next Round of Allocations

- Received requests for continued funding from PHP, NeuroNav and for the SDP website.
- PHP reported that the Spanish cohorts are not working well and to move forward with the English-only portion.
- Per Kishan Sreedhar, requesting to create video testimonials of self-advocates who transitioned into SDP and were happy with the process, to be posted to social media.
 - E-mailed a \$20k estimate to David Grady for approximately 50 videos, production, etc. but does not have a specific amount has no quotes have been requested from any company.
 - Proposed the funding to be divided across SARC, Golden Gate RC and East Bay RC.
- Per Kavita Sreedhar, requested to create a cohort group for those with more intensive behavioral needs and how to sustain being in SDP once enrolled.
 - David Grady will meet with Kavita offline to create a proposal.
 - Per Alex with NeuroNav, they have an IF service that is experts on the process once somebody enters SDP and could offer more coaching hours. TCRC and GGRC do cohort coaching currently and would be happy to add this to SARC's contract.

4.1. Approval of March Meeting Time Changes

The committee approved changing the March 16 meeting from a late-night community meeting to a morning committee meeting to discuss allocation funding, and to change the April meeting from a morning committee meeting to a late-night community meeting.

M/S/C Moved to approve the March and April meeting time changes (Martha/Kishan). No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Lori Luzader	Aye
Doug Pascover	Nay
Stephanie Krol	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Bernardino Sunglao	Aye
Martha Johanson	Aye

5. Member & Community Comments

- What strategies does DDS have to address the Hispanic/Spanish population?
 - Per Suzy Requarth, DDS provides the RC with data to help identify where they can focus their funds to be used and for SDAC to help direct their efforts.
 - Ensure SDP orientation is available and accessible to all.
 - Working with each RC to make it easier for them to gather and provide data to DDS.
- Is there data on those who are a self-advocate as opposed to somebody working with family support?
 - Per Suzy Requarth, DDS can request the living arrangements of individuals in SDP but will look into a way to find and show that breakdown.
 - Per Kait Wilkerson, SARC can only see if somebody is living independently as opposed to living in a family home but that would not be indicative of this ask.
- What is being done to build capacity for FMS?
 - Per Suzy Requarth, DDS meets with FMS providers monthly and a current priority is updating the FMS monthly rates so providers can maintain their current individuals before building capacity and making them sustainable.
- Does SARC offer support tailored to self-advocates, or those who are currently not enrolled into SDP and rely on paid support as opposed to an individual who has family support?
- Is outreach being done in plain language so somebody, with autism for example, can understand?
- Is GTI accepting clients with high budget amounts?
 - Per Maritza, they are enrolling for May/June and do not have a budget limit.
- Per Martha, we will discuss SDAC officer term limits, recruitment, nominations and elections in March but will focus on allocations.

Late Meetings Tentative Times:

April 20, 2023, at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

June 15, 2023, at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

September 21, 2023, at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date/Time

March 16, 2023, at 10:30 – 12 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.