



Self Determination Advisory Community Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 17th, 2024

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

San Andreas Regional Center
6203 San Ignacio Ave, Ste
200 San Jose, CA 95119

Members of the Public can also attend by Zoom.

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Committee Agenda

1. 5 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via chat)
2. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes
3. 30 minutes	Reports: SARC Report
4. 50 minutes	Community Conversations
6.	Adjourn Next Meeting: Thursday, November 21 st , 2024, 10:30 AM

Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting
September 19th, 2024

Members Present:

Kishan Sreedhar
Kavita Sreedhar
Suzanne Francisco
Rika Yamamoto

Connie Boyar
Doug Pascover
David Forderer
Lori Luzader

Members Absent:

Stephanie Krol Viera

Nassreen Zarea

Staff:

Lisa Hartley
Anna Wall
Grecia Quintero
Arushie Nugapitiya
Javier Zaldivar

Brandon Inneh
Karla Cruz

Community:

Jaclyn Balanay
Jesse Gonzalez
Alicia Mesa

Shelly Zitman
Klaus Bachman

The Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 10:38am presided by Kavita, co-chair committee member, followed by introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C Moved to approve the minutes (Doug P./Kishan S.) No further discussion. The ayes have it. Motion carries.

Doug P. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kishan.

Roll Call Vote:

Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Connie Boyar	Aye

Doug Pascover	Aye
Rika Yamamoto	Abstain
Lori Luzader	Abstain

The motion to approve the minutes carries.

Chairs Report:

- Kavita S. stated that the ambassador program has been drafted and sent out to community members by Javier Z.
- Suzanne F. requested that the drafted program be sent in the chat and Javier Z. explained that it is in the SDP section of the SARC website.
- Kavita S. stated that there is work being started in regard to the Master Plan, and there is extensive discussion for the SDP program within the Master Plan.

FMS/IFN Report:

- Doug P. stated that the topic for the meeting was some confusion around the directive for transitional services and that people are generally okay with that directive.
- They bid farewell to David Grady as he is retiring.
- Kishan S. brought up numbers of items that can be on a spending plan and how Bill Payer will not accept a spending plan if it has 10 or less items. Wants to know if that's just that specific case or is this something put in place with all FMS's?
 - *Javier Z. stated that he will look into this and reach out to all FMS's to ask about whether or not that is a general policy.*

SARC Report:

Total Active cases: 244

Active Pilot cases: 53

Average Age of Participants: 22.20

De-activated cases: 0

New cases: 2

Avg Timeline – Orien. to POS: 13 months

Avg Timeline - IPP to POS: 5.4 months

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<u><i>Difference</i></u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	79	+1	White	80
Spanish/Latin	30	--	Spanish/Latin	30
Vietnamese	13	---	Vietnamese	13
African American	2	---	African American	2

Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	21	---	Chinese	21
Korean	13	--	Korean	13
Multi	8	---	Multi	8
Japanese	2	---	Japanese	2
Other Asian	12	---	Other Asian	12
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Asian Indian	17	+1	Asian Indian	18
Other or Unknown	32	--	Other or Unknown	32

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	195	+1	English	196
Spanish	11	--	Spanish	11
Vietnamese	8	---	Vietnamese	8
Mandarin	10	---	Mandarin	10

Cantonese	2	---	Cantonese	2
Hindi	3	---	Hindi	3
Farsi	1	---	Farsi	1
Korean	5	---	Korean	5
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Other	4	+1	Other	5

FMS Utilization (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	FMS Utilization (Current Report)	
Aveanna	74	---	Aveanna	74
GT Independence	79	+2	GT Independence	81
Mains'l	49	---	Mains'l	49
Acumen	10	---	Acumen	10
Essential Pay	3	---	Essential Pay	3

FMS Pay	9	---	FMS Pay	9
Ritz FMS	5	---	Ritz FMS	5
Cambrian FMS	6	---	Cambrian FMS	6
Action FMS	1	---	Action FMS	1
Ace FMS	6	---	Ace FMS	6

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	220	+2	Family Home	222
Independent Living	10	---	Independent Living	10
Supported Living	9	---	Supported Living	9
Community Care Facility	1	---	Community Care Facility	1
Other	2	---	Other	2

Living Codes:

Agency	Supported Models	Waitlist	Budget Cap
Acumen (PY1678)	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	None	None
Aveanna/Premier (HS1188, HS1189)	Bill Payer/ Co-Employer	None	\$150,000
Cambrian FMS (PH2374)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Essential Pay/Casa Fiscal (PL2132, PL2131)	Bill Payer	Open Waitlist	\$50,000
FACT Family (PW8172, PW8173, PW8174)	All	Accepting New Referrals	Not disclosed
FMS Pay (PY2892)	Bill Payer	Waitlist until June 2024	None
GT Independence (PW7948)	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	None	None
Mains'l (PF3917)	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	None. New appts. Booked through 2/27.	None
Ritz FMS (PP0481)	Bill Payer/ Co-Employer	Accepting new referrals Feb 2024	\$120,000
Sequoia SD (PM4667, PM4668, PM4669)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Ace FMS (PW8673; PW8689; PW8674)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed

Action FMS (PW8622)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
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Family Home (11); Independent Living (13); SLS (14); CCF 4-6 Beds (46); Other (9

12 out of 13 FMS providers in CA have been vendored with SARC.

Current Transition Supports:

099 Self-Directed Supports (up to 40 hours)

FTS- FMS Transition Supports (up to 3 months per scenario)

-scenarios: new to SDP, changing FMS agencies, or transferring RCs

Misc Program Updates:

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Transition supports (099) are soon to be available through participant-directed services. Coordinated Career Pathway Services available for individuals participating in SDP

Current 099 Vendors:

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HS1346 PRAGNYA

HS1345 Aminah Abdul-Hakim

PH2585 Phoenix Facilitation

HB1408 Christine Kantor

ZY2614 Husman Associates Person HB1432 Neurodiversity PBC

PE2998 Cao, Yajuan

PL2221 Girasol Hive LLC

HS1381 Kuthanur, Gowri

HB1423 Reese, Helen

PP0916 Wu, Jing

PY2940 Sparacino, Lindsey

HS1383 Tang, Ying

HS1384 Voon Yong Lee

HS1395 Brighter Community SVC. HS1387 Abraham Health Services

- Grecia Q. gave a reminder that the FMS's are updating their spending plan for the employer burden rate that can be located on DDS's website.
- There is a deadline for this to be completed by Oct. 31st
- Lisa H. stated that the DDS website lists the current FMS employer burden rates. There are 2 that don't have their updated rates (GT Independence & Action FMS) so they can use whichever rate is currently there until it is updated.
- Grecia Q. stated that any extra employer costs will be listed as a line item on the spending plan.
- Kavita S. asked if the current spending plans need to be amended right away, or can that wait until renewal happens?
 - *Grecia Q. stated that we have our Oct. 31st deadline, so it would be preferred to approach it as amending unless the plan is already being processed for renewal for the 31st.*
- Grecia Q. stated that the SDP unit has received a large number of transfers for individuals wanting to start SDP, so the SDP unit has opened up another position and that person will be starting soon.
- Lisa H. stated that there is also another SDP position that was opened for our Salinas and Watsonville offices, and that person will be starting on Oct. 1st.
- Kavita S. asked if the SDP timeline has gone down?
 - *Grecia Q. stated that she has had one case that was a 1-month process. Stated that on average she is seeing from 3-5 months.*
 - *Lisa H. says that there are multiple variables as to why the timelines differ so that is why there is such a broad timeline average.*
- Kavita S. asked if there is an issue with SDP, can a family reach out to the SDP department for assistance?
 - *Grecia Q. stated that they absolutely can reach out to the SDP department.*
- Connie B. asked if we collect data on why an individual joined SDP?
 - *Grecia Q. stated that we do not collect specific data on why someone would join SDP. SDP is open to the public so there are resources everywhere. SARC will look into a possible tracking method for that information.*

Website Committee:

- Kishan S. stated that the committee has identified a contractor that will maintain the site. They have created the contract, but it has not been signed yet as it is still being discussed.
- The committee has asked for consistent updates from the contractor to find out how the website is doing.
- Hoping for by the next meeting, the website will be going live. As of now, there is no required allocation of funds.

Member and Community Comments:

- Javier Z. stated that the DDS dashboard is up and running. It can be used for the public to be able to see some of the spending data at the regional center and will be able to see how it

compares to other regional centers and how much specific services and programs are receiving in terms of funding.

- Connie B. thanked SARC for representing at Master Plan meeting in Fresno.
- Connie B. asked if you can have IHSS and SLS services in the home?
 - *Lisa H. and Kavita S. stated that IHSS is a very different service from SLS and that when it comes to the aging parent, there are multiple services that can help keep people in the family home, however SLS services are only available to the individual served and not their family.*
- Kavita S. asked if that is something someone has coordinated family supports in traditional services, can that be implemented into their SDP.
 - *Lisa H. answered saying no it cannot be.*
- Doug P. shared that DDS ruled PTO for providers can be offered as a benefit.
- Kishan S. asked if it could be a separate line item?
 - *Doug P. stated that is outside of the scope but the general ruling is that PTO can be offered as part of your compensation package.*
- Kishan S. stated that the website looks very good and is happy DDS made those changes.
- Suzanne F. asked who will be replacing David Grady in this meeting?
 - *David F. stated that Jennifer Lucas will be the interim person for the time being after David Grady retires.*

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Roll Call Vote:

Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Connie Boyar	Aye
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Self-Determination Program Monthly Status Report



Report Date: 10/15/2024

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