



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 21st, 2024

10:30AM to 12:00PM

(Meeting is on ZOOM)

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

Members of the Public can also attend by Zoom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82660754481>

Committee Agenda

1. 5 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via chat)
2. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes Approval of Agenda
3. 30 minutes	Reports/Updates: Co-Chair Updates Updates on SDP Ambassador Program IF Network Report FMS Updates SARC Report/ DDS Directive Updates
4. 50 minutes	Member and Community Comments
6.	Adjourn Next Meeting: Thursday, November 21 st , 2024, 10:30 AM

Self Determination Advisory Community Meeting
October 17th, 2024

Members Present:

Kishan Sreedhar
Kavita Sreedhar
Suzanne Francisco

Connie Boyar
Doug Pascover
David Forderer

Members Absent:

Stephanie Krol Viera
Rika Yamamoto

Nassreen Zarea
Lori Luzader

Staff:

Lisa Hartley
Grecia Quintero
Javier Zaldivar
Mike Keeley

Brandon Inneh
Lourdes Gonzales

Community:

Jaclyn Balanay
Julie Steele
Richard Hauck

Adriana de los Santos
Deepesh Shukla
Olaf L.

The Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 7:10pm 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
David Forderer	Abstain

The motion to approve the minutes carries.

SARC Report:

Overview:

Total Active cases: 256

Active Pilot cases: 53

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New cases: 12

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	80	+2	White	82
Spanish/Latin	30	+1	Spanish/Latin	31
Vietnamese	13	+1	Vietnamese	14
African American	2	---	African American	2
Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	21	+3	Chinese	24
Korean	13	---	Korean	13
Multi	8	---	Multi	8
Japanese	2	---	Japanese	2
Other Asian	16	+2	Other Asian	18
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Asian Indian	18	+3	Asian Indian	22
Other or Unknown	22	--	Other or Unknown	27

Detailed Breakdowns:

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Hindi	3	---	Hindi	3
Farsi	1	---	Farsi	1
Korean	5	---	Korean	5
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Other	5	---	Other	5

FMS Utilization (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	FMS Utilization (Current Report)	
Aveanna	74	+2	Aveanna	76
GT Independence	81	---	GT Independence	81
Mains'l	49	---	Mains'l	49
Acumen	10	---	Acumen	10
Essential Pay	3	---	Essential Pay	3
FMS Pay	9	+1	FMS Pay	10
Ritz FMS	5	+6	Ritz FMS	11
Cambrian FMS	6	+2	Cambrian FMS	8
Action FMS	1	---	Action FMS	1
Ace FMS	6	---	Ace FMS	6
Public Partnerships LLC	0	+1	Public Partnerships LLC	1

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	222	+11	Family Home	233
Independent Living	10	+1	Independent Living	11
Supported Living	9	---	Supported Living	9
Community Care Facility	1	---	Community Care Facility	1
Other	2	---	Other	2

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FMS Updates

Agency	Supported Models	Waitlist	Budget Cap
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Sequoia SD (PM4667, PM4668, PM4669)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
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Action FMS (PW8622)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
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 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

- Kishan S. asked if a client wants to transition into SDP, at what point through the process, does the client receive an SDP coordinator?
 - *Grecia Q. answered, stating, the traditional unit will put in the POS and then will submit the transfer to Grecia.*
- Connie B. asked if there is a difference in the intake for SDP? Connie also asked if other regional centers have specialized units for SDP? Connie also asked if the regional center believes that having a specialized unit is an overall net positive for the program?
 - *Grecia Q. stated that there is an influx of people who are becoming interested in SDP and at the same time, newer needs are having to be met. Grecia said that there is a combination, where some other regional centers do have SDP units, and some don't. Grecia answered saying that having specialists does help make a difference for families and consumers when they are able to meet with someone who is capable of giving more in-depth approaches to SDP.*
- Mike K. stated that he thinks there is more consistency in having an SDP unit than in the beginning, which is an advantage.
- Kavita S. asked if there is an effort to let consumers know about SDP if they are already receiving traditional services?
 - *Mike K. answered saying that at the IPP meeting every year, they go over the consumers services and look at what's working for them and what's not, then SDP can be brought up as an option to consider. He stated that most people who end up joining SDP have been in the early adult age group. So there already is a want/desire to have more autonomy over their life, which would also draw them to SDP.*
- Connie B. stated that she has heard from other people that there is a hesitancy for people to join SDP because of the fear of being able to replace or higher proper staff if they were to switch over.
- David F. explained that as someone who made the transition from traditional to SDP, he completely understands the fear of not wanting to transition because he was already comfortable using his traditional services and the idea of switching to something completely new can be very daunting.

- Doug P. stated that at the moment, since the main demographic is younger people for SDP, reaching out to SLS might be something to hold off on as most SLS's are serving majority an older demographic. Instead, the focus should be on outreach to the primary demographic of SDP which is children and young adults.
- Mike K. stated that reaching out to people without vendors might be the better option to pursue in terms of outreach.

Community Conversations:

- Adriana D. asked for a clearer explanation of what the SDAC is for?
 - *Kavita S. answered stating that it is required that there is a voluntary advisory committee, and it is here to offer suggestions, advice, and any type of support for the program and to help the local regional center.*
 - *Connie B. also stated that the committee can bring recommendations up to the state level.*
 - *Kishan S. also added that this committee is also a place to share a lot of the success stories that have happened within SDP.*
- Deepesh S. stated that it is wonderful that we have this committee and believes that it is great that the community is able to provide feedback.
- Connie B. announced that the Autism Society is having a large conference in December and there will be a breakout session on SDP.

The regional center will help the committee host an SDP in-person community meeting starting up again in 2025.

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