



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 20th, 2025

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
3. 30 minutes	Reports/Updates: Member Recruitment IF Network Report FMS Updates SARC Report/ DDS Directive Updates
4. 30 minutes	Technical Discussion: How To's How are SDP Renewal Budgets Calculated for those already receiving services in SDP How do Individuals in ARF (Grouphomes) Practice Self Determination
5. 20 minutes	Member and Community Comments
6.	Adjourn Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20 th , 2025, 10:30 AM

Self Determination Advisory Community Meeting
January 16th, 2025

Members Present:

Kishan Sreedhar
Kavita Sreedhar
Suzanne Francisco
Stephanie Krol Viera

Connie Boyar
Doug Pascover
Joanna Kent

Members Absent:

David Forderer
Rika Yamamoto

Nassreen Zarea
Lori Luzader

Staff:

Lisa Hartley
Grecia Quintero
Anna Wall
Mike Keeley

Brandon Inneh
Irene De La Rosa

Community:

Jaclyn Balanay
Jennifer Lucas
Alicia Mesa

Jesse Gonzalez
Laura Noland
Jonathan Yongwan Jo

The Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 10:30am presided by Kavita, co-chair committee member, followed by introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Doug Pascover	Aye
Joanna Kent	Abstain
Connie Boyar	Aye
Stephanie Krol Vieria	Abstain

The motion to approve the minutes carries.

Member Recruitment:

- Recruitment for new members in the Self-Determination Advisory Committee is highlighted.
- Jennifer L. shared details on how to apply for membership. Also suggested sub-committee to go over and verify membership positions within committee.
- The committee discusses filling vacancies for State Council and regional center positions.
- Ensuring county representation and cultural diversity among committee members is emphasized.
- Public input is encouraged, regardless of official membership.

IF Network Report:

- Doug P. shared that the IF Network moved their meeting last month because there were members of that group who decided there was more value in attending the statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee.
- Doug P. did not attend the makeup meeting.

FMS Updates:

- Grecia Q. has been reaching out to FMS's requesting that they come and join the SDAC meeting. Sent out meeting invites to FMS's.
- No FMS updates.

SARC Report:

Overview:

Total Active cases: 271

Active Pilot cases: 53

Average Age of Participants: 24.09

Avg Timeline – Orien. to POS: 12.9 months

Avg Timeline - IPP to POS: 5.3 month

De-activated cases: 1

New cases: 1

Detailed Breakdown

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
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Other or Unknown	27	+1	Other or Unknown	28

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	205	+11	English	216
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Mandarin	13	+1	Mandarin	14
Cantonese	3	+1	Cantonese	4
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	76	+1	Aveanna	77
GT Independence	83	---	GT Independence	83
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Acumen	10	---	Acumen	10
Essential Pay	3	---	Essential Pay	3
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Ritz FMS	11	+4	Ritz FMS	15
Cambrian FMS	8	---	Cambrian FMS	8
Action FMS	1	+2	Action FMS	3
Ace FMS	6	+3	Ace FMS	9
Public Partnerships LLC	1	+2	Public Partnerships LLC	3
Arch FMS	0	+1	Arch FMS	+1

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	235	+12	Family Home	247
Independent Living	11	+1	Independent Living	12
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Community Care Facility	1	---	Community Care Facility	1
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Action FMS (PW8622)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Public Partnerships LLC	Sole-Employer	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Arch FMS	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed

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My Choice

Community Integration

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Challenges in SDP Implementation

- SDP information shared during IPP meetings improves uptake monitoring.
- Grecia Q. mentioned that existing supported living arrangements impact SDP enrollment as some consumers feel no need to transition if their system works for them.
- Kavita S. stated that some supported living providers opt out of SDP, raising concerns for parents.

Communication & Support for Families

- Concerns about FMS responses—families want a direct point of contact instead of a general email.
- Regular FMS meetings suggested by Grecia Q. for better communication between community and FMS's
- Guidance on hiring/managing home health agency staff needed.
- Older parents struggle with SDP management and need more resources.

- Workshops proposed to provide support and education. Jennifer L. suggested conducting a survey to assess demand and feasibility before moving forward.
- SDP Ambassador Program put on hold due to feedback about unclear RFP details.
- Javier revising the program for an improved rollout.
- A roundtable discussion on self-determination in supported living is proposed.
- Concerns about the roundtable's impact—some prefer a larger symposium or subcommittee. Joanna K. believes a symposium on multiple topics would be better because it would not be limiting information to just SLS providers.
- Joanna K. suggested subcommittee that can serve as a place to share ideas for something that can be larger and accessible to more of the community.
- Kavita S. responded, saying that there are other roundtables for specific topics. The SDP ambassador program is meant to target all parts of the community. This roundtable will be specifically for SLS.

M/S/C Motioned to host a community round table at SARC for SLS providers so they may learn more about SDP. (Kavita S./Connie B.) The ayes have it. Motion carries.

Kavita S. made a motion to host the roundtable. The motion was seconded by Connie B.

Roll Call Vote:

Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Doug Pascover	Aye
Joanna Kent	Abstain
Connie Boyar	Aye
Stephanie Krol Vieria	Aye

M/S/C Motioned to have 099 and IF information listed on SARC website for families and consumers to have access to the information. (Suzanne F./Connie B.) The ayes have it. Motion carries.

Suzanne F. made a motion to have that information on the website. The motion was seconded by Connie B.

Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye

Suzanne Francisco	Aye
Doug Pascover	Aye
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Self-Determination Presentations & Community Engagement

- Suggestion to revisit SDP presentations for new providers.
- Current focus is on rate reform, but self-determination discussions remain open.
- Potential refresher presentation on SDP considered.
- Ambassador program integrates some discussed concerns.

Rate Reform & Budget Updates

- Rate reform impacts SDP budgets—families must contact regional centers for updates.
- New rates apply starting January 1st without requiring meetings.
- Rate reform complexities:
 - Merging multiple funding streams into a single rate.
 - Administrative costs remain unclear.
 - Regional center directors also struggle with reform intricacies.
- Families can contact Grecia Q. and Mike K. for guidance.

Concerns Regarding DSP Compensation

- **Uncertainty around DSP wages despite rate increases.**
- **Lack of transparency in administrative cost allocations.**
- **Ways to determine industry pay:**
 - Checking **job ads from agencies.**
 - Asking **friends in the field.**
 - Reviewing **rate reform workbooks.**
- **009 supports now available as self-directed options**—not all Independent Facilitators (IFs) need to be vendorized.

Committee Updates & Future Plans

- IPP scheduling improvements noticed in faster self-determination enrollment.
- New SDP supervisor position to be filled.
- Growing team and increased need for referrals.
- DDS directive outlines funding priorities for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:
 - Collaborative groups, workshops, recruitment, training.
 - Employer readiness training and transition coaching.
 - Funds to be allocated accordingly.
- Committee to revisit funding priorities next meeting.
- Request for prior meeting updates acknowledged.
- SDP training outreach discussed flyers to be distributed via SARC and social media.

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