



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025

10:30 to 12:00

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/Updates: • DDS Directive Updates • Independent Facilitator (IF) Network Update • Financial Management System (FMS) Updates • SARC Report
4. 20 minutes	Chairs Topic for discussion: • Self-advocate outreach • Recruitment • Member Participation
5. 30 minutes	• Member and Community Comments
6.	Adjourn Next Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2025

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SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LOCATION:

6203 SAN IGNACIO AVE SUITE 200,
SAN JOSE, CA 95119
IN ROOM CRYSTAL SPRINGS

OR

ONLINE:

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[HTTPS://WWW.SANANDREASREGIONAL.ORG/CLIENTS/SELF-DETERMINATION-PROGRAM/](https://www.sanandreasregional.org/clients/self-determination-program/)

Self Determination Advisory Community Meeting
March 20th, 2025

Members Present:

Kishan Sreedhar
Kavita Sreedhar
Suzanne Francisco

Rika Yamamoto
Doug Pascover
Joanna Kent

Members Absent:

David Forderer
Connie Boyar
Stephanie Krol-Viera

Nassreen Zarea
Lori Luzader

Staff:

Lisa Hartley
Grecia Quintero
Javier Zaldivar
Mike Keeley

Brandon Inneh
Arushie Nugapitiya
Jennifer Huntley

Community:

Jaclyn Balanay
Jennifer Lucas
Dana Singletary
Jeanette Castro
Patricia Kamlley

Bobbi Tafoya
Gina
Siew Yee Teoh
Jenna Keating
Tammy Tieu

The Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 7:00pm presided by Kavita, co-chair committee member, followed by introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C Motioned to approve the meeting minutes. (Doug P./Kishan S.) The ayes have it. Motion carries.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Doug Pascover	Aye
Joanna Kent	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Abstain
Rika Yamamoto	Abstain

SARC Report:

Overview:

Total Active cases: 279

Active Pilot cases: 53

Average Age of Participants: 22.36

Avg Timeline – Orien. to POS: 12.9 months

Avg Timeline - IPP to POS: 5.3 month

De-activated cases: 0

New cases: 6

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	91	+3	White	94
Spanish/Latin	32	---	Spanish/Latin	32
Vietnamese	14	---	Vietnamese	14
African American	2	---	African American	2
Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	28	+1	Chinese	29
Korean	13	---	Korean	13
Multi	9	---	Multi	9
Japanese	2	---	Japanese	2
Other Asian	18	---	Other Asian	18
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Asian Indian	23	+1	Asian Indian	24
Other or Unknown	28	+1	Other or Unknown	29

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<u><i>Difference</i></u>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	218	+6	English	224
Spanish	12	---	Spanish	12
Vietnamese	8	---	Vietnamese	8
Mandarin	14	---	Mandarin	14
Cantonese	4	---	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><i>Difference</i></u>	FMS Utilization (Current Report)	
Aveanna	77	+1	Aveanna	78
GT Independence	83	---	GT Independence	83
Mains’l	46	---	Mains’l	46
Acumen	10	---	Acumen	10
Essential Pay	3	---	Essential Pay	3
FMS Pay	10	---	FMS Pay	10
Ritz FMS	16	+1	Ritz FMS	17
Cambrian FMS	8	---	Cambrian FMS	8
Action FMS	3	+1	Action FMS	4
Ace FMS	10	+1	Ace FMS	11
Public Partnerships LLC	3	+1	Public Partnerships LLC	4
Arch FMS	1	---	Arch FMS	1
Fact FMS	3	---	Fact FMS	3
Sentinel Four	0	+1	Sentinel Four	1

Agency	Supported Models	Waitlist	Budget Cap
Acumen (PY1678)	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	None	None
Aveanna/Premier (HS1188, HS1189)	Bill Payer/ Co-Employer	None	\$300,000 above \$350k is subject to approval
Cambrian FMS (PH2374)	All-but only accepting Co-Employer	Opens 2025	None
Essential Pay/Casa Fiscal (PL2132, PL2131)	Bill Payer	1-2 month waitlist	\$80,000
FACT Family (PW8172, PW8173, PW8174)	All	No waitlist	None
FMS Pay (PY2892)	Bill Payer	No waitlist	None
GT Independence (PW7948)	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	None	None
Mains'1 (PF3917)	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	Waitlist Opens 1/29/2025	\$350,000
Ritz FMS (PP0481)	All	No waitlist	\$120,000- higher is subject to approval
Sequoia SD (PM4667, PM4668, PM4669)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Ace FMS (PW8673; PW8689; PW8674)	Bill Payer/Co-Employer	No waitlist	\$120,000
Action FMS (PW8622)	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Public Partnerships LLC	Sole-Employer	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Arch FMS	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
FACT-Financial Management	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Sentinel Four	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<i>Difference</i>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	247	+5	Family Home	254
Independent Living	12	+1	Independent Living	13
Supported Living	9	---	Supported Living	9
Community Care Facility	1	---	Community Care Facility	1
Other	2	---	Other	2

Living Codes:

Family Home (11); Independent Living (13); SLS (14); CCF 4-6 Beds (46); Other (98)

FMS Updates

Current Transition Supports:

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Aveanna is our new 099 PDS vendor.
FTS- FMS Transition Supports (up to 3 months per scenario)
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Misc Program Updates:

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Coordinated Career Pathway Services available for individuals participating in SDP
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Current 099 Vendors:

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Aminah Abdul-Hakim
Adjoin
Brighter Community SVC
Kuthanur, Gowri
PRAGNYA
Phoenix Facilitation
Christine Kantor
Husman Associates Person
Neurodiversity PBC
Cao, Yajuan
Girasol Hive LLC
Reese, Helen
Wu, Jing
Sparacino, Lindsey
Tang, Ying
Voon Yong Lee
Abraham Health Services
My Choice
Community Integration
Prescott Consulting SVCS
Abound

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Developing an SDP Budget

Presented By
Jennifer Huntley, SDP Supervisor

Step 1: Review of Expenditures

For new enrollees, this will be a review of the last 12 months of funds spent on their traditional services.

For renewals, this will be a review of SDP funds spent during the budget year.

If there is significant underspending of a budget, an explanation will be requested.



Step 2: Address New and Unmet Needs

Any new or unmet needs should be reviewed during the IPP meeting.

Services may be revised, discontinued, or implemented depending on current needs.



Needs are unique to each individual. Services approved for one participant may not be approved for another.

Step 3: Draft Budget Based on Applicable Traditional Services

Traditional service standards are followed unless an exception is granted.

Required assessments are completed such as the respite tool or day care assessment.

Some traditional services are restricted to individuals of a certain age, academic level, or in certain living arrangements.



Step 4: Obtaining SARC Approval

The drafted budget must be reviewed & approved by (1) SDP specialist (or SC), (2) district manager, (3) associate director, and (4) director.

Additional information or documentation may be requested during the approval process.



Community Conversations:

- Clarification on traditional vs. self-determination services
- Definitions of traditional services according to DDS and SARC
- Access to budget and service information for participants
- Managing timelines and delays in budget approvals
- Procedures for IPP meetings and integrating person-centered planning
- Handling specific cases with exemptions or special circumstances
- Clarification on 099 support invoicing and transfer processes

- Common Community Issues:
 - Delays in budget processing and transitions
 - Concerns about service provider deductions (e.g., GT Independence's 1% fee)
 - Lack of timely meeting information and communication
 - Upcoming legislative and advocacy efforts
 - Questions about FMS agency policies (paid time off, co-employer models)
 - Challenges with independent facilitators and contract clarity

GT Independence's 1% fee:

- Fee continues despite DDS directives
 - Families should contact Lisa Hartley for help
 - GT Independence confirmed deductions and upcoming changes
 - Potential federal budget cuts:
 - Minimal updates provided so far
 - Emphasis placed on attending advocacy events and town halls
 - Improving communication:
 - Suggestion to distribute flyers more effectively
 - Plan to create a standardized flyer with QR codes for easier access
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- Upcoming Events and Advocacy Opportunities:
 - April 18: Regional Advisory Committee meeting with Deputy Director of Policy
 - April 21–25: Disability Week of Fashion, including mini town halls and advocacy activities

Next Meeting:

April 17th, 2025, Committee Meeting 10:30am-12:00pm

Self-Determination Program Monthly Status Report



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Detailed Breakdowns:

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19 to 29 yrs	132
30 to 39 yrs	34
40 to 49 yrs	9
50 to 59 yrs	4

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Phoenix Facilitation
Christine Kantor
Husman Associates Person
Neurodiversity PBC
Cao, Yajuan
Girasol Hive LLC
Reese, Helen
Wu, Jing
Sparacino, Lindsey
Tang, Ying
Voon Yong Lee
Abraham Health Services
My Choice
Community Integration
Prescott Consulting SVCS
Abound
