



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

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. Member Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Approval of FY 2023-2024 Ambassador Funds Allocation for the Roundtable
 - a. Chairs present ideas for 24-25 funds allocation and ask for Member input for votes in the next meeting
4. Committee Discussion
5. Chair reports on SSDAC meeting
6. SCDD Updates
7. SARC Report
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourn

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 15, 2025**

Members Present:	Connie Boyar Joanna Kent Kishan Sreedhar	David Forderer (Chair) Kavita Sreedhar (co-chair) Rika Yamamoto
Members Absent:	Suzanne Francisco Lori Luzader Nassreen Zarea	Stephanie Krol-Viera Doug Pascover
Staff:	Lourdes Gonzalez Mike Keeley Grecia Quintero Ivett Vazquez	Lisa Hartley Arushie Nugapitiya Irene de la Rosa Anna Wall
Community:	Jaclyn Balanay (DDS) Wayne Glusker Stephanie	Jeannette Castro Laura Noland

The Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 10:40 a.m. presided by Ms. Kavita Sreedhar and Mr. David Forderer Committee co-chairs followed by introductions.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the April Minutes with a recommended revision.

**M/S/C Moved to approve the April minutes. (Kishan Sreedhar/Forderer)
No further discussions. All in favor, Motion carries.**

Reports and Updates

DDS Directive Updates

Ms. Grecia Quintero shared the latest directive issued; it can be found on DDS' website: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/program-directives/>

- Additional Requirement for Entities Applying for Self-Determination
Program Financial Management Service Vendorization
 - o With Attachment A - Additional Vendor Requirements
 - o Attachment B – SDP/FMS Provider Review Tool

- The committee requested that SARC notify them about issued directives as soon as possible. The committee was advised that they can always find the most current information on DDS' website:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/>

Independent Facilitator (IF) Network Update

- None

Financial Management System (FMS) Updates

- None

SARC Report

Report Date: 05/9/2025

Overview:

Total Active cases: 288
 Active Pilot cases: 53
 Average Age of Participants: 22.4
 Avg Timeline – Orien. to POS: 12.9 months
 Avg Timeline - IPP to POS: 5.3 months
 De-activated cases: 0
 New cases: 5

Detailed Breakdowns:

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<u><i>Difference</i></u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	93	+3	White	96
Spanish/Latin	32	+1	Spanish/Latin	33
Vietnamese	15	---	Vietnamese	15
African American	3	---	African American	3
Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	30	---	Chinese	30
Korean	13	---	Korean	13
Multi	9	---	Multi	9
Japanese	2	---	Japanese	2
Other Asian	18	---	Other Asian	18
Russian	3	---	Russian	3

Asian Indian	27	---	Asian Indian	27
Other or Unknown	28	+1	Other or Unknown	29

Detailed Breakdowns:

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	227	+4	English	231
Spanish	12	+1	Spanish	13
Vietnamese	9	---	Vietnamese	9
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>Difference</u>	FMS Utilization (Current Report)	
Aveanna	78	---	Aveanna	78
GT Independence	83	---	GT Independence	82
Mains'l	46	---	Mains'l	4
Acumen	10	---	Acumen	10
Essential Pay	3	---	Essential Pay	3
FMS Pay	10	---	FMS Pay	10
Ritz FMS	18	+1	Ritz FMS	19
Cambrian FMS	9	---	Cambrian FMS	9
Action FMS	4	---	Action FMS	4
Ace FMS	12	---	Ace FMS	12
Public Partnerships LLC	4	+1	Public Partnerships LLC	5

Arch FMS	2	---	Arch FMS	2
Fact FMS	3	+1	Fact FMS	4
Sentinel Four	1	---	Sentinel Four	1
Accura FMS	1	+2	Accura FMS	3

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<i><u>Difference</u></i>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	258	+4	Family Home	262
Independent Living	13	+1	Independent Living	14
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)

Age range	Number of Participants
18yrs and under	106
19 to 29 yrs	133
30 to 39 yrs	36
40 to 49 yrs	9
50 to 59 yrs	4

FMS Updates

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	No waitlist	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
Dromen	All	No waitlist	None
Accura	All	No waitlist	\$150,000- higher is subject to approval

Current Transition Supports:

099 Self-Directed Supports (up to 40 hours)

Aveanna is our new 099 PDS vendor.

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

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

Program Updates:

Regional Center Directives : CA Department of Developmental Services

Self-Determination Program: Additional Requirement for Entities Applying for the Self-Determination Program Financial Management Service Vendorization 4/22/2025

Entities applying to be an SDP FMS must provide the information indicated in the Review Tool, meeting all three preliminary requirements.

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/D-2025-Self-DeterminationProgram-001_SDP_AdditionalRequirement_for_Entities.pdf

Current 099 Vendors:

099 Vendors:

La Vi La CIP for 099-GEN. La Vi La CIP also provides services in Vietnamese.

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

The committee asked if SDP participants can be tracked by culture and to add it to the report.

Chairs Topics for Discussion

- Mr. Forderer asked to add an item to the agenda for the next meeting. He shared that he wants the committee to discuss producing a mission statement that will add value to the program.
- Mr. Kishan asked to add a topic to the agenda; That SARC provide any information on the budget on what will happen.
- Ms. Boyar shared that the time to discuss budget items should happen sooner than later, she suggested:
 - o Meeting with decision makers
 - o Advocacy via written letters
 - o Join rallies
- The committee agreed to form a subcommittee and discuss these topics in more dept and bring them to the full committee:
 - o Vision/Mission statement
 - o Best way for Advocacy
 - o Reconsider meeting agenda, times, and locations to increase family participation.
 - o Subcommittee members:
 - David
 - Kavita
 - Kishan

- Connie
- Joana
- Rika

Member and Community Comments

Mr. Forderer suggested that the committee focus in making in-roads to higher levels of people with disabilities

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.