



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting
FY 2024-25 Allocation Sub-Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025
09:30 to 10:30

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

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

Committee Agenda

1. 5 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via chat)
2. 50 minutes	Discuss FY 2024-25 Funding Allocation and take it to full committee for approval.



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.

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Members of the Public can also attend by Zoom.

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Committee Agenda

5 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via chat)
5 minutes	Approval of Minutes
30 minutes	Member and Community Comments
15 Minutes	Approval of FY 2024- 2025 Funds Allocation
25 minutes	Reports/Updates: • SCDD Updates • DDS Directive Updates • SARC Report ○ Recruitment of new members
10 minutes	Chair's Topic for Discussion: scheduling evening meetings
	Adjourn. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16, 2025



**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
FUNDS ALLOCATION
July 17, 2025 (Zoom & In-person)**

Members Present:	David Forderer	Kavita
	Connie B.	Joanna Kent
	Kishan Sreedhar	Doug Pascover
	Suzanne Francisco	
Members Absent	Lori Luzader	Stephanie Krol-Viera
	Nasreen Zarea	Rica Yamamoto
Staff:	Grecia Magana	Mike Keeley
	Jeannie Pek	Javier Zaldivar
	Jennifer Huntley	Lisa Hartley
	Anna Wall	Jaclyne B./Patricia King
	Emily Short	
Community:	Jennifer Lucas	Wayne Glusker
	Jeannette Castro	Joel Esparza
	Richard Houk	Deepesh Shukla

Approval of Minutes:

Will provide hard copy of minutes as well as send out electronic version.

Reports and Updates:

- The committee chairs discussed the allocation of the budget for the fiscal year 2023-24; \$95,600 must be spent before March 2026.
- Discussion on a vote for approval of funds allocation for fiscal year 2024-25 at the next SDAC meeting.
- Vision for SARC to host an ambassador program and provide a venue, with food, childcare, transportation, create a flier and videos in plain language.
 - A cohort to be formed and is designed to promote public awareness and participation.

- Proposal to offer a breakdown of costs for each expense, i.e. hiring a part-time agency to take responsibility for duties between SARC guidelines and SDAC vision.
- SDP Ambassador program proposed by David Grady to hire a contractor/Outreach with different regional centers.
- A simpler update of the Ambassador RFP was shared & discussed.
- A discussion of the possibility of the FY23-24 funds to rollover to the FY24-25, if encumbered without the funds being taken away by the State.

M/S/C Moved to encumber the funds for FY23-24. (S. Francisco/C. Boyar) D. Pascover not in favor. No further discussions., Motion carries.

SCDD Updates:

SCDD launched Medicaid watch: A new campaign to provide opportunities to share thoughts, issues, concerns on Medicaid cuts. The goal is to provide hope, empowerment and capture issues and trends moving forward to help systems stay accountable. More information can be found via the links provided below:

<https://bit.ly/SCDDMedicaidWatch>

<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-home/> SSDAC Handouts

Public Comment:

- Deepesh Shukla- Feedback of lack of responsiveness and communication. Requested a set of questions to be sent to him but did not receive anything in over a month. FMS is asking for documents to be coordinated. Extension period ends August 31st and is hoping next year will be better coordinated.
 - Lisa Hartley will resolve and schedule time with Mr. Shukla offline.
- Kishan: Suggests transitions between SDP coordinators need more visibility on the status of the 4-6 week transition wait period to meet the new service coordinator.
 - Lisa: A new roadmap to review the outline of timelines to transition to SDP process is coming soon. Currently, SDP unit accepts while in transition to help families and prevent a lapse in service or service interruption. Will present more in the upcoming SDAC meeting with approval from Javier & Mike.
- Kavita: asks POS Families wonder when issued and sent to FMS; if there is a disconnect on who to contact?

- Lisa: Answer: Spending plan set and can reach out to service coordinators for questions. If a renewal is coming up, the best practice is an officer who can help during times of service coordinator absence (i.e. vacation).
Requests public sends email requests with some kindness.
- Kavita asks for an update on AB143 trailer bill language approved?
- David requests to take time to discuss impacts of assembly bill 143 to SDAC & what guardrails are in place and requests committee members attend in-person for accessibility.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59am.



**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 19, 2025 (Zoom & In-person)**

Members Present:	David Forderer	Kavita Sreedhar
	Connie Boyar	Joanna Kent
	Kishan Sreedhar	Doug Pascover
	Suzanne Francisco	
Members Absent:	Lori Luzader	Stephanie Krol-Viera
	Nassreen Zarea	Rica Yamamoto
Staff:	Lourdes Gonzalez	Mike Keeley
	Emily Short	Javier Zaldivar
	Grecia Magana	Lisa Hartley
	Anna Wall	
Community:	Jennifer Lucas SCDD	

The Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 7:14 p.m. presided by Ms. Kavita Sreedhar and Mr. David Forderer Committee co-chairs followed by introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

The committee approved the May minutes.

M/S/C Moved to approve the May minutes. (Forderer/Boyar) No further discussions. Two abstentions (Pascover, S.Francisco) Motion carries.

Reports and Updates:

- State Council is hosting a hybrid meeting hoping Chair is able to attend. The public is welcome. Medicaid cuts will be discussed, and advocacy outreach is critical to present to the State Council.
- 5th Annual "There Should Be a Law" registration closes on 7/18.
- Delays in fingerprinting take 4 weeks and affects IHSS & WPCS to clear agency employees. DDS reports being short-staffed causing a lengthy onboarding process.

SARC Report Overview:

- Total Active cases: 293
- Active Pilot cases: 53
- Average Age of Participants: 22.5
- 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>Difference</u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	96	+3	White	99
Spanish/Latin	33	---	Spanish/Latin	33
Vietnamese	15	---	Vietnamese	15
African American	3	---	African American	3
Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	30	+1	Chinese	31
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	+1	Asian Indian	28
Other or Unknown	29	---	Other or Unknown	29

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	231	+5	English	236
Spanish	13	---	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	110	+1	Aveanna	111
GT Independence	36	---	GT Independence	36
Mains'l	68	---	Mains'l	68
Acumen	11	---	Acumen	11
Essential Pay	2	---	Essential Pay	2
FMS Pay	3	---	FMS Pay	3
Ritz FMS	19	+1	Ritz FMS	20
Cambrian FMS	6	---	Cambrian FMS	6
Action FMS	4	---	Action FMS	4
Ace FMS	12	+1	Ace FMS	13

Public Partnerships LLC	6	---	Public Partnerships LLC	6
Arch FMS	2	---	Arch FMS	2
Fact FMS	4	---	Fact FMS	4
Sentinel Four	1	---	Sentinel Four	1
Accura FMS	3	+1	Accura FMS	4
Dromen	0	+1	Dromen	1
Sequoia SD	1	---	Sequoia SD	1

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	261	+4	Family Home	265
Independent Living	14	+1	Independent Living	15
Supported Living	10	---	Supported Living	10
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	108
19 to 29 yrs	135
30 to 39 yrs	37
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:

• Abound	• 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

- Latest directive guidance to apply for PMS. There is a list of providers of SDP which can be found on the website.
- DDS Directive Update: No update
- Kavita suggested providing transitional support to be provided on the website.
- Joanna expressed concerns regarding FMS & is interested in facilitating SDAC attendance to be a more seamless process.
- Lisa H. acknowledged and stated it is due to acumen.
- POS verify distributes either gold or pink vouchers, depending on how consumers are registered in the portal.
- Gov. Newsom's proposal on IHSS occupational therapy will reach a different stakeholder group.
- July FMS was reported at a standstill. All FMS funding could be delayed, and consumers will still be able to access information and services. Any concerns can be directed to Grecia Magana, their Service Coordinators or an SDP specialist.
- IPP outside of IDP need community feedback but there weren't any community present at that time.
- A suggestion to email participants experience as feedback to share with the community. Another suggestion is to create either a flyer &/or create a social media post.
- What is a fair SDP/IPP transition or renewal timeline receipt? When should consumers receive IPP documents?
 - Answer: SDP secretaries can email within the month.

Next meeting is scheduled on July 17th at 10:30am to discuss funds allocation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.