



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)

Date: Thursday, November 20, 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. 5 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via chat)
2. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes
3. 20 minutes	Public Comments
4. 20 minutes	Committee Chairs Updates
5 20 minutes	Reports/Updates: • DDS Directive Updates • SARC Report/Updates ○ Nominations and Elections for Chair Positions ○ Member Recruitment • SCDD Update
6. 20 minutes	Member Questions and Discussion
7.	Adjourn. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2026

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 18, 2025**

Members Present:	Connie Boyar Joanna Kent Kishan Sreedhar	David Forderer Kavita Sreedhar Doug Pascover
Members Absent:	Suzanne Francisco Lori Luzader	Stephanie Krol Rika Yamamoto
Staff:	Lourdes Gonzalez Mike Keeley Emily Short Javier Zaldivar	Lisa Hartley Grecia Magaña Ivett Vazquez
Community:	Bryan Baker Jeannette Castro Pamela Endsley Alejandro Gatica Usha Kikkeri Dr. Pamela Lindsay Lien Nguyen Sally Sirocky Samim Punnilath Bobbi Tofoya Juan Vazquez Christine Anan tiffany	Emily Cassar Molly Davey Johann DeGuzman Sandra Grung Gina Lopez Jennifer Lucas (SCDD) Alicia Mesa Renee Pontil Tamara Ranney Ronda Vague mahlet Shekuna Ariel

The Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 7:03 p.m. presided by Ms. Kavita Sreedhar and Mr. David Forder Committee Co-Chairs followed by introductions.

1. Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the August Minutes.

M/S/C Moved to approve the August minutes (Boyar/Kent) No further discussion. The ayes have it. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Connie Boyar	Aye
David Forder	Aye
Joanna Kent	Aye
Doug Pascover	Abstain
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye

2. Member and Community Comments

- Many community members attended the meeting to discuss the sudden closure of an agency that impacted services to their loved ones. They requested an explanation from SARC. Mr. Zaldivar informed that it was an unfortunate situation, but he couldn't discuss specifics. SARC is working with families through their service coordinators.
- Many shared their issues with SDP:
 - The process is confusing
 - The process is long
 - Transition time is long and can be delayed
 - No response to inquiries
 - Difficulty connecting with FMSs
 - Processes are delayed often
- Ms. Hartley asked community members to contact her or Ms. Magana personally to discuss individual issues.
- The committee was recommended to:
 - Work with an Independent Facilitator when onboarding
 - Have close communication with all parties involved
 - All cases are individualized and shouldn't be compared
- For advocacy issues the committee would like to know the reason for the delays in the SD process.
 - Ms. Kent made a motion to create a work group to study SDP delays and focus on these issues:
 - Improving communication between SARC, families, and IFs about budget approvals.

- Clarifying timelines—ensuring everyone understands when budgets are approved and ready.
- Creating a simple update system so families aren't left in the dark about changes.

The committee voted to create a work group with a small number of members to discuss the delays issue and then report to the full committee.

Interested Members:

- Joanna (proposed work group)
- Doug
- Kavita
- Connie
- Kishan
- David

Community member Mr. Shamim Punnilath stated his interest in participating in the group. He was told to send his contact information to Ms. Kent, and or Ms. Short, or Ms. Gonzalez.

M/S/C Moved to approve the work group that will explore delays in SD to positively streamline the process (Kishan Sreedhar/Pascover) No further discussion. The ayes have it. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Connie Boyar	Aye
David Forder	Aye
Joanna Kent	Aye
Doug Pascover	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye

3. Approval of FY 2024-2025 Funds Allocation

The subcommittee presented four projects to allocate the funds. The committee discussed all the projects and agreed to allocate the money to all the four projects.

1. Quarterly SDP Workshop Days:
 - Focused on one-on-one support for families and individuals navigating Self-Determination Program (SDP), including assistance from 099 vendors.

- Comparison to successful IHSS and DBU conference models. Intended to reduce the wait time and improve access by holding them quarterly rather than semi-annually.
 - Vendors compensated for participation; regional center staff attendance implied (but not paid twice).
 - Registration required; aim to improve outreach.
2. Resource Fair and Symposium:
- Event to showcase SDP, including both those already on SDP and newcomers.
 - Symposium element: panel discussions featuring individuals with lived experience, vendors, and experts.
 - Resource fair to allow connections among families, vendors, and service coordinators.
 - Emphasis on using lived experience for panels and providing stipends.
 - Location flexibility discussed to maximize attendance and cover both San Jose and Santa Cruz catchment areas.
 - Potential for two events per year at strategic locations.
3. Plain Language/Accessible Materials:
- Development of infographics, videos, and other user-friendly materials explaining SDP.
 - Materials to be produced in multiple languages to address community diversity.
 - Budget estimate: \$5,000–\$10,000, potentially more if additional languages needed.
 - Intended for both digital outreach (flyers, downloadable PDFs) and hand-outs.
4. Cohort Support Groups:
- Considered for remaining/leftover funds after the above priorities.
 - It would be periodic support groups for families in SDP, potentially every other month, at community-friendly locations.
 - Some felt this priority was as important as accessible materials, not just an afterthought.

M/S/C Moved to approve the allocation of FY 2024-2025 funds to the four projects presented. (Boyar/Kishan Sreedhar) No further discussion. The ayes have it. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
Connie Boyar	Aye

David Forder	No
Joanna Kent	Aye
Doug Pascover	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye

4. Reports/Updates

SCDD Updates - Ms. Lucas gave these updates:

- The State Council is developing the next 5-year State Plan please give feedback via the Plan Survey: <https://scdd.ca.gov/stateplandevlopment/>.
- Videos shared from TCRC: <https://www.tri-counties.org/self-determination-videos/>

SARC Report:

Overview:

Total Active cases: 329

Active Pilot cases: 53

Average Age of Participants: 22.7

Avg Timeline – Orien. to POS: 13.0 months

Avg Timeline - IPP to POS: 5.3 months

De-activated cases: 0

New cases: 11

Detailed Breakdowns:

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	109	+4	White	113
Spanish/Latin	37	+2	Spanish/Latin	39
Vietnamese	17	---	Vietnamese	17
African American	3	---	African American	3
Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	34	+1	Chinese	35
Korean	14	---	Korean	14
Multi	9	---	Multi	9
Japanese	2	---	Japanese	2
Other Asian	19	---	Other Asian	19
Russian	3	---	Russian	3

Asian Indian	32	+4	Asian Indian	36
Other or Unknown	29	---	Other or Unknown	29

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	256	+9	English	265
Spanish	14	+1	Spanish	15
Vietnamese	11	---	Vietnamese	11
Mandarin	15	--	Mandarin	15
Cantonese	4	---	Cantonese	4
Hindi	3	+1	Hindi	4
Farsi	1	---	Farsi	1
Korean	6	---	Korean	6
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Other	5	---	Other	5

FMS Utilization (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	FMS Utilization (Current Report)	
Aveanna	113	---	Aveanna	113
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	24	+2	Ritz FMS	26
Cambrian FMS	11	+1	Cambrian FMS	12
Action FMS	4	---	Action FMS	4
Ace FMS	17	+5	Ace FMS	17
Public Partnerships LLC	8	---	Public Partnerships LLC	8
Arch FMS	2	---	Arch FMS	2

Fact FMS	4	---	Fact FMS	4
Sentinel Four	1	---	Sentinel Four	1
Accura FMS	11	+1	Accura FMS	12
Dromen	1	+2	Dromen	3
Sequoia SD	1	---	Sequoia SD	1

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	288	+9	Family Home	297
Independent Living	16	---	Independent Living	16
Supported Living	11	+2	Supported Living	13
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	117
19 to 29 yrs	159
30 to 39 yrs	40
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,	Bill Payer	1-2 month waitlist	\$80,000

PL2131)			
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'l (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](#)

AB 143 Section 8: Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4685.8 was amended to require the Department to work with community partners, including regional centers, to develop statewide standardized processes, procedures, and timelines related to enrollment, individual budget development, spending plans, financial management services, and access to transition supports.

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/D-2025-Legislation-002_2025_TrailerBillLanguageAffectingRegionalCenters.pdf

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:

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

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Phoenix Facilitation

Christine Kantor

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Reese, Helen

Wu, Jing

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Tang, Ying

Voon Yong Lee

Abraham Health Services

My Choice

Community Integration

Prescott Consulting SVCS

Abound

5. Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.