



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

7:00-8:00 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/86508804587>

Meeting ID: 865 0880 4587

Passcode: 829099

Dial (669) 444-9171

Committee Agenda

1. 2 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via chat)
2. 3 minutes	Approval of Minutes
3. 25 minutes	Public Comments
4. 10 minutes	Committee Updates • State-wide meeting update
5. 10 minutes	Reports/Updates: • DDS Directive Updates • SARC Report/Updates • Officers Chair/Co-Chair Nominations • SCDD Update
6. 10 minutes	Member Questions and Discussion
7.	Adjourn. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2026, 10:30 – 12:00pm

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 16, 2026**

Members Present: Joanna Kent Jean Jihong Chen
Stephanie Krol Vieira Kishan Sreedhar
David Forderer Kavita Sreedhar
Mary Tang Uma Venkatesh
Shamim Punnilath Laura Harris

Members Absent: Lori Luzader Suzanne Francisco

Staff: Lourdes Gonzalez Lisa Hartley
Grecia Magaña Evelyn Contreras
Anna Wall Jennifer Huntley
Karla Cruz Mike Keeley
Irene De La Rosa

Community: Connie Boyer Ramaya
Doug Pascover
Ha Tran
Kayley Proenza
Jeanette Castro
Lindsey Koehler

The Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 10:32 a.m. presided by Ms. Kavita Sreedhar committee Member followed by introductions.

1. Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the March Minutes.

**M/S/C Moved to approve the March minutes (Forderer/Keshan Sreedhar).
No further discussion. The ayes have it. Motion carries.**

Member Present	Voted
Stephanie Krol	Aye
Mary Tang	Aye
Joanna Kent	Aye
Jean Jihong Chen	Abstain

David Forderer	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Uma Venkatesh	Aye
Laura Harris	Aye
Shamim Punnilath	Abstain

2. Member and Community Comments

Issues Accessing Meeting Links

- Difficulty locating the Zoom link and agendas on the SARC website.
 - Make meeting link (and registration) prominent at the top of the Self-Determination Program page.
- Non-intuitive navigation, especially for self-advocates and less tech-savvy community members
 - Add meeting to SARC's main events calendar and under "Events" tab.
 - Add a meeting calendar for the year to the website.
 - Consider using a Zoom registration system to trigger automatic reminders.

3. Public Announcements

- Mr. Pascover announced a successful "Voices of Experience" event in March (English).
- Announced a Spanish-language "Voices of Experience" was to be set for Saturday April 18, 2026.
- Ms. Jeanette Castro (Public Partnership, LLC Financial Management Services) shared that PPL is accepting new enrollments with no waitlist, offering sole employer and bill payer models.

4. Committee Updates

- Roundtable luncheon will be starting April 25, 2026
- Volunteers include:
 - Joanna Kent
 - Jennifer Huntley
 - Mary Tang
 - Kishan Sreedhar

- Kavita Sreedhar
- David Forderer
- Connie Boyer
- SARC SDP will be taking turns attending the luncheons.
- Repost flyers on social media to maximize reach.
- Share broadly across organizations, support groups, and parent networks.
- Next luncheon will be held on May 30, 2026, at Imagine, 10707 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003.

3. Reports/Updates

SARC Updates – DDS Directive

- All orientations are now statewide (State Council Developmental Disabilities); regional centers are not conducting orientation directly.
- SDP Orientation: Effective April 1, 2026, orientation consists of two required two-hour sessions (Part A then Part B). Completion required before accessing transition supports and enrollment.
- Those who have finished orientation or are already enrolled before April 1 do not need to retake but may do so voluntarily.

Committee Discussed- Self-Advocate Accessibility:

- Discussion about requirements for self-advocates (especially those with significant sensory needs or not conserved) to complete both orientation parts.
- SARC policy: Participant can designate a support person to attend orientation on their behalf if necessary; will follow State Council Developmental Disabilities directive closely.
- Need for clearer guidance from State Council, David Forderer to follow up.

SARC Report-Ms. Grecia Magana:

Overview:

Total Active cases: 420

Avg Timeline – Orien. to POS: 14 months

Active Pilot cases: 53

Avg Timeline - IPP to POS: 5.6 months

Average Age of Participants: 23.1

De-activated cases: 0

New cases: 19

Detailed Breakdowns:

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	130	+8	White	138
Spanish/Latin	46	---	Spanish/Latin	46
Vietnamese	22	+2	Vietnamese	24
African American	3	---	African American	3
Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	58	+4	Chinese	62
Korean	15	+1	Korean	16
Multi	9	---	Multi	9
Japanese	2	---	Japanese	2
Other Asian	20	---	Other Asian	20
Russian	4	---	Russian	4
Asian Indian	50	+4	Asian Indian	54
Other or Unknown	32	---	Other or Unknown	32

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	319	+11	English	330
Spanish	16	---	Spanish	16
Vietnamese	16	+2	Vietnamese	18
Mandarin	25	+4	Mandarin	29
Cantonese	4	---	Cantonese	4
Hindi	4	+1	Hindi	5
Farsi	1	---	Farsi	1
Korean	7	+1	Korean	8

Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Other	6	---	Other	6

FMS Utilization (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	FMS Utilization (Current Report)	
Aveanna	76	---	Aveanna	76
GT Independence	60	---	GT Independence	60
Mains'l	51	---	Mains'l	51
Acumen	7	---	Acumen	7
Essential Pay	8	---	Essential Pay	8
FMS Pay	7	---	FMS Pay	7
Ritz FMS	41	+2	Ritz FMS	43
Cambrian FMS	24	+5	Cambrian FMS	29
Action FMS	6	---	Action FMS	6
Ace FMS	36	+2	Ace FMS	38
Public Partnerships LLC	12	---	Public Partnerships LLC	12
Arch FMS	1	---	Arch FMS	1
Fact FMS	7	---	Fact FMS	7
Sentinel Four	6	---	Sentinel Four	6
Accura FMS	45	+6	Accura FMS	51
Dromen	5	---	Dromen	5
Sequoia SD	1	+2	Sequoia SD	2
AAA	5	---	AAA	5
HR Alliance West	3	+2	HR Alliance West	5

*FMS list updated to include transfers between FMS agencies.

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	365	+17	Family Home	382

Independent Living	16	+1	Independent Living	17
Supported Living	17	+1	Supported Living	18
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	159
19 to 29 yrs	201
30 to 39 yrs	46
40 to 49 yrs	10
50 to 59 yrs	4

FMS Updates

Agency	Supported Models	Waitlist	Budget Cap
Acumen	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	None	None
Aveanna/Premier	Bill Payer/ Co-Employer	None	\$300,000 above \$350k is subject to approval
Cambrian FMS	All-but only accepting Co-Employer	Opens 2025	None
Essential Pay/Casa Fiscal	Bill Payer	1-2 month waitlist	\$80,000
FACT Family	All	No waitlist	None
FMS Pay	Bill Payer	No waitlist	None
GT Independence	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	No waitlist	None
Mains'l	Bill Payer/ Sole Employer	Waitlist Opens 1/29/2025	\$350,000
Ritz FMS	All	No waitlist	\$120,000- higher is subject to approval
Sequoia SD	All	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Ace FMS	Bill Payer/Co-Employer	No waitlist	\$120,000

Action FMS	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
HR Alliance	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed

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](#)

March 24, 2026

Self-Determination Program: Orientation Update

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/D-2026-SelfDeterminationProgram-001.pdf>

3. Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.



Join Us For the

Self Determination Roundtable Luncheon

HOSTED BY

San Andreas Regional Center's Self Determination Advisory Committee

An In-Person Roundtable luncheon for individuals and families served by SARC to **connect, learn, & share** experiences about the SDP

 **Date: June 27, 2026**

 **Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00PM**

 **Location: 1917 Concourse Dr, San Jose, 95131**

Gave the Dates

June 27

July 25

Aug 29

Sep 26

Open discussion with SARC SDP Team
Community connection & support
Free Catered Lunch Provided



RSVP

Please register and include the total number of attendees from your family or group.

Register Here

Scan QR CODE to register



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*We Look forward to
seeing you there*

