



Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

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

Join Via Zoom Meeting

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Committee Agenda

I. 2 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via chat)
II. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes
III. 20 minutes	Public Comments *
IV. 10 minutes	Committee Updates: • State-wide meeting update • Vendor Workgroup Update • Discuss Spending Money Process
V. 30 minutes	Reports/Updates: • DDS Directive Updates • SARC Report/Updates • SCDD Update
VI. 20 minutes	Member Questions and Discussion • Committee Formations • Proposal adjusting the date and time of meetings
VII.	Adjourn. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

**Public Comment is an opportunity to share feedback, highlight service gaps, and request program improvements. SDAC will use public input to guide its recommendations.*

**Please do not share personal information, keep comments focused on the committee, to share written feedback email econtreras@sarc.org.*

**We encourage local businesses to share their information in the chat, as well as local events and information that is for the community but not relevant to advising the committee.*

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 18,2026**

Members Present: Joanna Kent Kishan Sreedhar
Stephanie Krol Vieira Kavita Sreedhar
David Forderer Laura Harris
Suzanne Francisco Shamim Punnilath

Members Absent: Lori Luzader Uma Venkatesh
Jean Jihong Chen Mary Tang

Staff: Javier Zaldivar Lisa Hartley
Grecia Magaña Evelyn Contreras
Lourdes Gonzalez Jennifer Huntley

Community: Jennifer Lucas (SCDD) Connie Boyer
Joe Macias (SCDD) Beth Martinko
Jaclyn Balany (DDS) Ha Tran

The Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 7:06 pm. presided by Ms. Kavita Sreedhar committee Co-Chair followed by introductions.

1. Approval of Minutes

The committee had a long discussion on whether to approve the May minutes. They agreed not to approve the minutes. The committee stated there would be amendments to the minutes and would be sending them back to the administrative assistant.

M/S/C Moved to approve the May minutes (Sreedhar). After the discussion. The No's have it. Motion denied.

Member Present	Voted
Stephanie Krol	No
Joanna Kent	Aye
Kishan Sreedhar	No
Shamim Punnilath	No
David Forderer	Aye
Suzanne Francisco	Abstain
Laura Harris	Aye

Kavita Sreedhar	No
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2. Member and Community Comments

Improvement of minutes

- Committee discussed meetings to be transcribed or audio recorded and shared with the committee.
- Mr. Javier Zaldivar stated committee members can choose to record meetings.

DAN- Disability Access Navigator

- Ms. Beth Martinko introduced the DAN (Disability Access Navigator), a free, AI-guided tool for self-advocates, families, and regional centers to assist with IPP goals.
- English and Spanish supported.
- Helps navigate California's Regional Center System
- About-dan.sdta-np.com

SDP Luncheon

- Scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2026
- Registration info and flyer circulated; committee members are encouraged to distribute and attend.
- Mr. Javier Zaldivar to send attendee list and agenda/questions for session planning.

3. Reports/Updates

SARC Updates

- Schedule and announce a special in-person meeting (prior to the July meeting) for Chair/Co-Chair nominations and voting process and LVAC funding discussion.
 - Clarify and communicate committee membership/term policies.
- Address Zoom access issues to improve meeting link management.
- Confirm/update language support process for SDP orientations and circulate contact information for requests.

SARC Report-Ms. Grecia Magana:

Overview:

Total Active cases: 471

Avg Timeline – Orien. to POS: 14 months

Active Pilot cases: 53

Avg Timeline - IPP to POS: 5.5 months

Average Age of Participants: 22.7

De-activated cases: 0

New cases: 23

Detailed Breakdowns:

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	147	+9	White	156
Spanish/Latin	52	+2	Spanish/Latin	54
Vietnamese	26	+1	Vietnamese	27
African American	3	+1	African American	4
Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	67	+3	Chinese	70
Korean	16	+1	Korean	17
Multi	9	---	Multi	9
Japanese	2	---	Japanese	2
Other Asian	20	---	Other Asian	20
Russian	4	---	Russian	4
Asian Indian	60	+2	Asian Indian	62
Other or Unknown	32	+4	Other or Unknown	36

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	351	+18	English	369
Spanish	16	---	Spanish	16
Vietnamese	20	+1	Vietnamese	21

Mandarin	31	+3	Mandarin	34
Cantonese	4	---	Cantonese	4
Hindi	8	+1	Hindi	9
Farsi	1	---	Farsi	1
Korean	8	---	Korean	8
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Other	6	---	Other	6

FMS Utilization (Last Report)		<i>Difference</i>	FMS Utilization (Current Report)	
Aveanna	76	---	Aveanna	76
GT Independence	63	---	GT Independence	63
Mains'l	51	---	Mains'l	51
Acumen	7	---	Acumen	7
Essential Pay	8	---	Essential Pay	8
FMS Pay	7	---	FMS Pay	7
Ritz FMS	47	+1	Ritz FMS	48
Cambrian FMS	32	+3	Cambrian FMS	35
Action FMS	6	---	Action FMS	6
Ace FMS	41	+2	Ace FMS	43
Public Partnerships LLC	4	---	Public Partnerships LLC	4
Arch FMS	2	+3	Arch FMS	5
Fact FMS	7	---	Fact FMS	7
Sentinel Four	6	---	Sentinel Four	6
Accura FMS	61	+9	Accura FMS	70
Dromen	5	+1	Dromen	6
Sequoia SD	2	+1	Sequoia SD	3
AAA	5	+2	AAA	7

HR Alliance West	7	---	HR Alliance West	7
Ridgeline	0	+1	HR Alliance West	1

*FMS list updated to include transfers between FMS agencies.

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<u>Difference</u>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	410	+22	Family Home	432
Independent Living	18	---	Independent Living	18
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	184
19 to 29 yrs	219
30 to 39 yrs	52
40 to 49 yrs	12
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:

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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 8:07 p.m.

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 21, 2026**

Members Present:	Joanna Kent	Kishan Sreedhar
	Stephanie Krol Vieira	Kavita Sreedhar
	David Forderer	Uma Venkatesh
	Suzanne Francisco	Laura Harris
	Shamim Punnilath	
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	Anna Wall	Jennifer Huntley
	Karla Cruz	Mike Keeley
	Irene De La Rosa	Javier Zaldivar
	Ivett Vazquez	Arushie Nugapitiya
Community:	Connie Boyer	Pamela Flanders
	Ramaya Subramanian	Ricardo DelHoyo
	Doug Pascover	Bebo Saab
	Joe Macias	Rashad Akhundov
	Kayley Proenza	David Bloch

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Kishan Sreedhar	Aye
Kavita Sreedhar	Aye
Uma Venkatesh	Aye
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2. Member and Community Comments

Feedback from SDP Community Events

- Venue issues for the SDP Roundtable. Venue locked; event moved outdoors but continued successfully, rain or shine.
- Approximately 40 families; Diverse participants including new, experienced, questioning, and on-the-fence families attended.
- Ms. Jennifer Huntley from SARC, Mr. Kishan Sreedhar, Ms. Joanna Kent and other participated in Q&A.
- Attendees valued direct answers.

3. Public Announcements

- Mr. Ricardo DelHoyo (Public Partnership, LLC) introduced as new community liaison for PPL, a Financial Management Services provider.
 - Noted they are currently accepting new enrollments but only for bill payer and sole employment models.
- Mr. Rashad Akundov (Add-On Support Services) expressed ongoing payment delays from certain Financial Management Services vendors, sometimes exceeding 6 months.
- Requested recourse options and assistance from the SARC team.

4. Committee Updates

SDAC Committee Policies and Procedures

- Committee Membership, Term Limits, and Removal
 - Issue raised over handling of terms and removal.
 - Recounted discussions from prior years (dating back at least 2019) to adopt term limit guidelines/bylaws.
 - Email was sent out with SARC SDAC Member Guidelines adopted May 21, 2020.

- Request made for these policies to be made easily accessible (e.g., posted on the website).
- Ms. Joanna Kent suggested a workgroup in order to share with the bigger group (SDAC).

SDAC Roundtable Discussion

- SDAC Roundtable events are SDP Committee functions.
- Requested that events and registrations be handled through a single, shared email/registration (to clarify SDAC as host, reduce confusion).
- Discussion regarding use of personal or third-party emails on flyers for SDAC luncheons; need to be emailed from a general email that shows it is a SDAC-affiliated activity and not a particular agency's .

5. Reports/Updates

SARC Updates – DDS Directive

DDS Directive Updates and SDP Program Stats

- Most recent: April update on Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientations.
 - Hosted by SCDD (State Council Developmental Disabilities); regional centers are not conducting orientations directly.
 - Orientation split into two parts; must attend both.
 - SCDD provides certificated; participants/families forward to Service Coordinator to enroll.

Mr. Joe Macias shared information on:

- "There Should Be a Law" contest: Community proposals for new laws positively impacting IDD community. All are welcome to submit.

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