



## Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)

**Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026**

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/89584116810?pwd=4zYGdOpDIX8CQKTrAEptmk2ITbYaYE.1>

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### Committee Agenda

1. 5 minutes	Member Introductions (Others via chat)
2. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes
3. 20 minutes	Public Comments
4. 20 minutes	Chairs Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
5 20 minutes	Reports/Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DDS Directive Updates</li><li>• SARC Report/Updates</li><li>• SCDD Update</li></ul>
6. 20 minutes	Member Questions and Discussion
7.	Adjourn. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER  
SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
October 16, 2025**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Connie Boyar Joanna Kent Kavita Sreedhar Doug Pascover	David Forderer Stephanie Krol Kishan Sreedhar
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Suzanne Francisco Rika Yamamoto	Lori Luzader
<b>Staff:</b>	Karla Cruz Lisa Hartley Grecia Magaña Anna Wall	Lourdes Gonzalez Mike Keeley Evelyn Rivera
<b>Community:</b>	Diana Perez Jaclyn Balanay Jihong Jean Chen Monserrat	Daniel Bowd Jennifer Lucas (SCDD) Kristianna Moralls Ramya

The Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) commenced at 10:33 a.m. presided by Ms. Kavita Sreedhar and Mr. David Forder Committee Co-Chairs followed by introductions.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The committee had a long discussion before approving the September Minutes. There were questions and confusion on the creation of the workgroup:

- Some members said that SDAC does not have clear guidelines on how to form workgroups and subcommittees
- How many members can participate on the workgroup before it becomes a regular meeting that must be publicized 10 days prior
- Several solutions were shared on how to address workgroups:
  - Workgroups are generally smaller, and the lead of a workgroup usually decides how many members will be part of it.
  - More than one workgroup can be formed
  - The purpose of keeping a smaller group is to make it easier to get work done and then report back to the larger committee.

- SCDD shared this link on forming *Sub-Committees, Workgroups, Ad-Hoc Committees, and Task Forces* <https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/04/Best-Practice-Forming-Sub-Committees-Workgroups-Etc.pdf>
- Ms. Krol suggested that the committee create some guidelines that are fluid and supportive

The committee finally agreed to approve the September minutes with the following amendment:

*"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 September minutes with the above amendment (Forder/Kishan Sreedhar) No further discussion. The ayes have it. Motion carries.**

<b>Member Present</b>	<b>Voted</b>
Stephanie Krol	<b>Aye</b>
Connie Boyar	<b>Aye</b>
David Forder	<b>Aye</b>
Joanna Kent	<b>Abstain</b>
Kavita Sreedhar	<b>Aye</b>
Kishan Sreedhar	<b>Aye</b>

Mr. Daniel Bowd from the community is interested in joining the workgroup he will contact Ms. Gonzalez for details.

**Personal Statement**

Mr. Forder asked Mr. Kishan to read a one-page statement to the committee. In his statement he expressed the changes in his life (for the better) since joining SD, where before he often felt excluded.

He also made the following requests of the committee:

- Bring back the Ambassador program and make it happen
- Wants to continue as Chair of the committee for two more years, with Ms. Sreedhar as co-chair
- Focus on self-advocates and stop ignoring them

Mr. Bowd shared his appreciation for David’s statement and shared how he also felt excluded and ignored. Ms. Magaña asked Mr. Bowd to contact her personally to address his issues offline.

**2. Reports/Updates**

**SARC Updates** – Mr. Keeley informed the committee that there are applicants being interviewed to bring in new SDAC members.

**SCDD Updates** - Ms. Lucas gave these updates:

- The SDP orientations continue to be held. You can attend and get more info here: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>

The committee proposed that the monthly meeting be moved to the evening. The decision will be made once SARC and SCDD address the feasibility of moving it, since there will be an impact on staff being able to attend and a financial impact to keep the building running after hours.

**SARC Report:**

**Overview:**

Total Active cases: 335  
 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: 6

**Detailed Breakdowns:**

Ethnicity Breakdown (Last Report)		<i><b>Difference</b></i>	Ethnicity Breakdown (Current Report)	
White	113	<b>+2</b>	White	115
Spanish/Latin	39	---	Spanish/Latin	39
Vietnamese	17	<b>+1</b>	Vietnamese	18

African American	3	---	African American	3
Indian	10	---	Indian	10
Chinese	35	<b>+3</b>	Chinese	38
Korean	14	---	Korean	14
Multi	9	---	Multi	9
Japanese	2	---	Japanese	2
Other Asian	19	---	Other Asian	19
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Asian Indian	36	---	Asian Indian	36
Other or Unknown	29	---	Other or Unknown	29

Language Breakdown (Last Report)		<b><i>Difference</i></b>	Language Breakdown (Current Report)	
English	265	<b>+3</b>	English	268
Spanish	15	---	Spanish	15
Vietnamese	11	<b>+1</b>	Vietnamese	12
Mandarin	15	<b>+2</b>	Mandarin	17
Cantonese	4	---	Cantonese	4
Hindi	4	---	Hindi	4
Farsi	1	---	Farsi	1
Korean	6	---	Korean	6
Russian	3	---	Russian	3
Other	5	---	Other	5

FMS Utilization (Last Report)		<b><i>Difference</i></b>	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	26	<b>+1</b>	Ritz FMS	27
Cambrian FMS	12	<b>+1</b>	Cambrian FMS	13
Action FMS	4	---	Action FMS	4
Ace FMS	17	---	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	<b>+1</b>	Sentinel Four	2
Accura FMS	12	<b>+2</b>	Accura FMS	13
Dromen	3	<b>+1</b>	Dromen	4
Sequoia SD	1	---	Sequoia SD	1

Residential Setting (Last Report)		<b><u>Difference</u></b>	Residential Setting (Current Report)	
Family Home	297	<b>+6</b>	Family Home	303
Independent Living	16	---	Independent Living	16
Supported Living	13	---	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	118
19 to 29 yrs	164
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, 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](#)

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](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](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

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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

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**3. Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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