



1. Welcome, Interpreter's Intro, Roll Call to Establish Quorum (5 minutes)
2. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026 Meeting (3 minutes)
3. Public Comment (15 minutes)
4. Update on Admin Support (10 minutes)
5. Update on Bay Area SDP Website (10 minutes)
6. Identify RFPs and Establish Workgroups for Next Funding Round (30 minutes)
7. Update from Regional Center (5 minutes)
8. May 5 Statewide Advisory Committee Report (5 minutes)
9. Update on Potential New Committee Members (2 minutes)
10. Future Agenda Items (5 minutes)

May 5, 2026 Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting

10:30am-3:30pm

All meeting materials can be found at <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/>

1. Call to Order

2. Establish Quorum

3. Welcome and Introductions

4. Approval of Feb 2026 minutes

5. Co-Chair Report

Rick and Nestor shared this [Co-Chair Report Presentation](#)

- Town Hall Report: public comment on SDP waiver approval was compiled into a report and sent to Director Cervinka at DDS. LVACs are encouraged to use the report for advocacy for continued funding.
- Implementation Funding: LVACs reported use and importance of local funding, and DDS has been invited to provide an update on this funding later in today's agenda.
- DDS SDP Roundtable: DDS is holding quarterly meetings with differing perspectives on SDP (IFs, FMSs, family member). SSDAC members were given the opportunity to volunteer to participate in the Roundtable. The first meeting was held in May, next meeting will be in August. The priority now for the SSDAC chairs is to maintain the local funding. Participants are a small group of folks that are meeting with DDS to bring up systemic issues and strategized from different perspectives.
- Overview 2023-2026 SSDAC Outcomes: Best Practices Platform is for LVACs to see what other LVACs have tried and what has been successful. It is a way to share information, statewide, from one LVAC to another.
- Other Workgroup Activities: reviewed and provided feedback on a document outlining best practices in making LVAC meetings more accessible, increasing public participation at meetings, and member recruitment strategies. Strategies to engage LVAC members:
 - do a monthly survey "one thing working well/success, one challenge" then compile that to a letter to go to DDS or others
 - require LVAC members to report on a rotating basis *something* about SDP- a meeting they have attended, a video they watched, etc.

- SDP Orientation: there is a new orientation available that we will hear more about later on today's agenda. There is a suggestion for all LVAC members to attend that orientation.

6. IF Training Spotlight

Information from IFTA and Life Leap Services sharing information about ways some LVACs have used their implementation funds. [Independent Facilitator Training Spotlight Presentation](#)

7. DDS Updates

Eden Rosales, DDS- updates and structure of ombuds office- Effective June 2026, there will be a new grievance process (will end 4731), more info is on the DDS website- [Consumer Rights, Appeals & Complaints](#)

Marlene Morales, DDS- shared these: [DDS Presentation](#), [DDS Tracking Sheet](#)

There was a question regarding implementation funds available to LVACs. The response from Marlene is that no decision has been made at this time, it's still a proposal (in the trailer bill).

A comment was made that it's insulting for DDS to say that we use implementation funds for things that are covered otherwise so nothing will be lost with a cut to LVAC funds. DDS should take ownership for the decision to include the cut in the trailer bill language.

8. SCDD Updates

Aaron Carruthers shared this [SCDD Updates Presentation](#)

Aaron said that SCDD sent a letter opposing the removal of the implementation funding for LVAC. It looks like there will be time for SDP on the agenda at the state hearing on Thursday.

Aaron also shared that he is giving town halls on Medical cuts thru HR1 and gave highlights. California must begin implementation of cuts on 7/26/26. It looks like federal administration is building toward another deep cut.

9. Co-Chair Election Procedure Review

SSDAC co-chairs shared this [Co-Chair Election Procedure](#). Candidate statements are due by July 28. Co-chairs serve a 2-year terms, with an option to serve a second 2-year terms.

10. Public Comments

11. Adjourn- Next meeting August 10