

SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTICE AGENDA

Monday, June 16, 2025, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Only

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5:00 - 5:02 p.m. I. Call to Order and Introductions Lisa Lopez



5:02 - 5:05 p.m. II. Vision Statement Christine Gianola

5:05 - 5:10 p.m. III. Approval of Minutes



1. Board Meeting Minutes - 5/19/25
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting - 5/19/25
3. Program Policy Committee - 6/3/25
4. Board Development Committee - 6/3/25
5. Executive Committee - 6/3/25
6. Quality Assurance - 6/10/25
7. SPAC Minutes - 6/12/25



5:10 - 5:27 p.m. IV. State Council on Developmental Disabilities . . JLucas

Note: Time is allowed for public input on all agenda items prior to board action on that item. Time is also allowed for public input on any issue not included on the agenda. [W&I Code 4660 (c)]. People wishing to give input need to fill-out the pink sheet and give it to the administrative assistant then they are invited to speak during "Public Comment", During a virtual meeting send a direct message via chat to the Administrative Assistant stating name, and topic of discussion. The Board appreciates and accepts all input without discussion.



5:27 - 5:35 V. Presidents ReportLisa Lopez
1 What's Exiting about June



5:35 - 5:55 VI. Executive Director's ReportJavier Zaldivar
1. Diversity Outreach Update
2. Employment Programs Update
3. Health and Safety Awareness Strategy
4. NCI (National Core Indicator) PresentationJim Elliot
5. Performance Contract PresentationJim Elliot



5:55 - 6:15 VII. Director of Consumer Services ReportMike Keeley
1. New and Closing Programs
2. Self-Determination Update
3. Social Recreation Update



6:15 - 6:40 VIII. Committee Reports
1. Fiscal Gus Maldonado
2. Program Policy Paloma Barraza
Action Item: Recommendation to adopt the Conflict Mitigation Policy for Delegated Conserveatorships.
3. Board Development Maya Bareket
4. Quality Assurance Advisory Veronica Contreras
5. Service Provider Advisory Erika Gonzalez
6. People's Advisory Committee Maya Bareket



6:40 - 6:45 IX. Public Comment



6:45 - 6:50 X. Board Comment



6:50 — 7:00 XI. Announcements
**Summer Festivals*
** 7/26/25 Superhero Festival & 5K/10K Walk-Run-Roll*



7:00 XII. Adjournment

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Salinas Office & Via Zoom
May 19, 2025**

Presiding: Lisa Lopez Board President

Board Members Present:

Maya Bareket	Veronica Contreras
Elisabeth Einaudi	Christine Gianola
Erika Gonzalez	Pamela Kerman
Gus Maldonado	Alicia Mesa
Rajesh Patel	Nicolas Santos
Uma Venkatesh	

Board Members Absent: Cole Baumeister Paloma Barraza

Staff Present

Maria Aleman	Gabriela Alvarez
Rosalina Cone	Lauria Furuya
Christiana Gardner	Mia Garza
Lourdes Gonzalez	Lisa Hartley
John Hunt	Gina Jennings
Ivett Vazquez	Isela Solorzano
Diana Gutierrez	Sarahmarie Gutierrez
Jessica Hall	Angel Johnson
Mike Keeley	Arushie Nugapitiya
Phien Phan	Rommel Sanchez
Alexis Plascencia	Irene De La Rosa
Francisco Valenzuela	Javier Zaldivar

Community Present:

Jaclyn Balanay (DDS)	Patricia Kamlley (DDS)
Jennifer Lucas (SCDD)	Cathy Bouchard (HOPE)
Janica Hadley	Allison Yant (HOPE)
Miriam Rodriguez	Sofia Rivas
Betsy Tornero	Glendora Pitre
Susan Skotzke	Veronica Lopez

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lisa Lopez Board President called to order the regularly scheduled business meeting of San Andreas Regional Center at 6:03 p.m. Ms. Lopez also called attention to the note on the agenda stating that time is allowed for public input on any issue not included on the agenda (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4660 (c)). Self-introductions were made, and Ms. Elisabeth Einaudi read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C Moved to approve the meeting minutes. (Kerman/Bareket) No further discussions. All in favor, Motion carries.

1. Board Meeting Minutes – 3/17/25
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting Minutes – 3/17/25
3. Program Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – 5/6/25
4. Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes – 5/6/25
5. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 5/6/25
6. Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 4/10/25, 5/8/25
7. Quality Assurance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 5/13/25

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTRAL COAST

Ms. Jennifer Lucas Regional Manager discussed these issues:

- She updated the audience on the proposed budget cuts such as:
 - Stop enrolling undocumented people in Medicaid
 - Charge a monthly fee (\$100) to those undocumented already enrolled
 - In Self Determination
 - The workforce training
 - Implicit Bias trainings
 - Housing funds
- She urged families to share their stories with law makers
- She presented the Special Education and Law Enforcement trainings to SPIN

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Lisa Lopez acknowledged mother's day in May by gifting pink roses to the attending mothers at the meeting. She said that pink roses represent gratitude, and she said mothers deserve gratitude, appreciation, and thanks.

She also said discussed these famous mothers:

- Judith Love Cohen – aerospace engineer
- Margaret E. Knight – inventor of paper bag

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Javier Zaldivar presented the report and discussed these issues.

Proposed Governor Budget:

- Expected deficit of \$15 Billion, it does not include federal fluctuations
- There is uncertainty with the federal government and its impact on the program; Medicaid will stop enrolling undocumented individuals, and charge \$100/month to those already enrolled.
- 39 thousand individuals expected to come into the system next Fiscal year
- Parental fee program to be eliminated
- Impact to IHSS program is unknown
- Budget is supposed to be signed by 6/15/25

Mr. Zaldivar encouraged the audience to share their story as the best way to advocate for the system.

AB 637 Waiver

Ms. Mia Garza Community Resource Associate Director made the public announcement for the AB 637 Waiver for the Enhanced Behavioral Day Program (EBDP):

- Assembly Bill 637 allows regional centers to develop “innovative means of providing needed services”
- Waiver is necessary to ensure the EBDP service provider has the means and resources to provide the much-needed service.
- She discussed the:
 - The need for services
 - Program model
 - Provider selection
 - Organizational structure
 - Management and staff qualifications
 - Staff training
 - Rates
 - Quality Assurance
- The audience asked questions and gave valuable feedback praising the innovative program

Diversity Outreach Update

Ms. Christiana Gardner Diversity and inclusion manager gave the report.

SARC continues to host a variety of culturally focused events:

- 5/17/25 Annual Vietnamese Conference well attended

Upcoming Conferences:

- 6/21/25 African American Conference
- 8/9/25 DHOH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
- 9/6/25 Spanish Conference in San Jose
- 10/11/25 Filipino Conference

SARC continues to support the monthly, language-specific parent support groups:

- African American
- Filipino
- Hollister in Spanish
- Salinas in Spanish
- San Jose in Spanish
- San Jose Tribal in English
- Vietnamese

To improve Language Access and respect Cultural Values SARC will work on these tasks:

- Translate all key materials into Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and others
- Create culturally respectful outreach materials with trusted community groups
- Train staff on cultural values, empathy, and effective communication

Employment Update

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist discussed these topics:

- 4/29/25 Options for All Job Fair was very successful about 600 people attended and the feedback was very positive
- Transition Fairs are being wrapped up
- Coordinated Career Pathways (CCP):
 - The first vendor is working on referrals now
- Two schools are interested in doing Supportive Employee

Health and Safety Awareness Strategy

- Available for individuals that demonstrate a need for it, specially Spanish Speaking
- It ensures that providers have staff willing to collaborate with them and keep the individual safe
- Explore possibilities through the IPP needs.
- Can request rate increases to meet the needs of the individual

DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT: Mike Keeley

Self-Determination (SD) Update:

Mr. Keeley presented the SDP Report, which is an alternative way to secure services and gives more flexibility to families:

- There are a total of 288 participants in the program that's about 1% of Sarc's total individuals served.
- Breakdown of participants:
 - Most are Caucasian, then Latino
 - Most speak English
- Focus Issue - Independent Facilitators (IF) are good at their job, but they need to learn to view SARC's perspective.

NEW AND CLOSING PROGRAMS

Ms. Mia Garza Community Resource Associate Director gave the report:

7 New (April)

- Two Supporting Living Services
- Two Personal Assistants
- Two Residential Facilities
- CRDP Start-up

3 New (May)

- Coordinated Career Path (CCP)
- Two Early Start Therapy

52 Closed – SARC continues to clean its database of vendors that have not provided services within the last 24 months.

Social Recreation

- Has to be in a community setting, for social fun
- 6 hours per week
- It cannot be an educational class
- Generic resources must be accessed first, SARC is payor of last resource.
- Objective is for individuals to have meaningful lives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISCAL

Mr. Gus Maldonado Committee Chair gave the Monthly Fiscal report.

1. Purchase of Services (Non-CPP only)

The Purchase of Service expense for the month of March was \$65.3M and the year to date was \$584.5M. The current allocation is \$858.5M.

2. Individuals Served

The number of individuals served as of March was 16,116. This is a decrease of 73 since March 2024.

3. Operations (OPS)

Expenses for the month of April were \$5.8M and the year to date was \$55.4M. The Fiscal Year Projection is \$70.4M and the estimated allocation is \$70.6M. This leaves us with a surplus of approximately \$149.2K.

4. Cash Position

The cash position through the end of April was \$148.6M. This is a decrease of \$9.3M since March.

5. Donation Fund

The balance in the Donation Fund through the end of April was 379,355. This is a decrease of \$1,381. This change was due to miscellaneous contributions and/or disbursement requests received during the month

Thirteen contracts were recommended for approval.

- 1. M/S/C Moved to approve the Bay Area Housing Corporation (BAHC) (Additional funding for renovations) FY 2023-2024, contract. Totaling \$1,805,000.00 (Kerman/Einaudi) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**

- 2. M/S/C Moved to approve the Bay Area Housing Corporation (BAHC) (Additional funding for renovations) FY 2023-2024, 2024-2025 contract. Totaling \$1,076,855.00 (Contreras/Kerman) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**
- 3. M/S/C Moved to approve the Evergreen Adult Development Center (H10822)transportation contract; for FY 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$3,298,851.36 (Bareket/Santos) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**
- 4. M/S/C Moved to approve the Lights of Hope Community Integration Inc. contract; for FY 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$2,794,831.20 (Kerman/Contreras) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**
- 5. M/S/C Moved to approve the Greater Tomorrow Inc. contract; for FY 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$1,599,795.3 (Santos/Lopez) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**
- 6. M/S/C Moved to approve the Green Oak Developmental Center transportation contract; for FY 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$1,692,812.88 (Bareket/Santos) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**
- 7. M/S/C Moved to approve the Terra Bella Communities transportation contract; for FY 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$836,015.04 (Contreras/Santos) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**
- 8. M/S/C Moved to approve the Mission Bay Inc. transportation contract; for FY 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$45,530,494.56 (Santos/Kerman) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**
- 9. M/S/C Moved to approve the Social Vocational Services Inc. transportation contract; for FY 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$23,197,579.20 (Kerman/Lopez) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**
- 10. M/S/C Moved to approve the Stars Bay Area Inc. contract; for FY 2025-2026 (6 months), totaling \$1,191,741.85 (Kerman/Contreras) No further discussions. All in favor. One Abstention – Erika Gonzalez. Motion carries.**

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PROGRAM POLICY COMMITTEE

The Board adopted the *Conflict-of-Interest Policy* that must be posted on our website.

M/S/C Moved to adopt the Conflict-of-Interest Policy. (Maldonado/Bareket) No further discussions. All in favor, Motion carries

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- The minutes are in the packet.

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

- The minutes are in the packet.

SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)

- The minutes are in the packet.

PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

- Ms. Bareket shared that she enjoyed representing SARC at the Hope Concert.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Valenzuela urged the Board to reach out to their legislators and advocate for the system. He also shared that there were over 200 attendees at the Vietnamese conference it was a major event.

Upcoming events:

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- 6/17/25 African American Conference
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Ms. Lourdes Gonzalez

Submitted by,

Ms. Pamela Kerman

2. Contract Review

The committee discussed and reviewed 13 contracts to recommend to the Board.

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3. Other

None

4. Next Meeting Date

Thursday June 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Recorded by Lourdes Gonzalez

San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
Meeting Minutes (via zoom)
May 8, 2025

Members Present	Tade Akintade Desiree Luong	Erika Gonzalez (chair) Sylvia Yeh
Members absent	Wesley Moss	
Staff Present	Gina Billeci Karla Cruz Dr. Azelin Ellis John Hunt Mike Keeley Francisco Valenzuela Molly Sullivan Javier Zaldivar Gabriela Alvarez Cal Smith Vanessa Oamelda Ai-Lien Thai Irene De La Rosa Lior Aronoff	Rosalina Cone Lourdes Gonzalez Mia Garza Gina Jennings Anna Wall Kai Reade Rommel Sanchez Desiree Winkler Malissa Bernas Gina Jennings Ann Sieber Arushie Nugapitiya Julie Lussier Rae'chel Jensen
Community Present	Agustina Ortega Amanda Hunt Candice Gharakhanian Carlos Olveda Dennise Jauregui Heather Miller Itzayana Hernandez Jeff Honore Jilsmaria Tharayil Kerry Kaefer Lynda Miguel Mark Sung Michele Saleh Sarah Grignon Sarah Marie Sonja McCall Wayne Jasper Yen Nguyen	Alicia Loera Beth Prentiss Cathy Bouchard Christine Shene Diana Gonzalez Heidi Morgan Jaylene Miguel Jenica Hadley Kasshun Woldemariam Kristin Koenig Madison Whitehead Melanie Gavina Rosa Amador Sarah Macy Sarah Verity Tracey Marquat Yahna Dick

Ms. Erika Gonzalez Committee Chair led the meeting via zoom starting at 2:33 p.m.

Committee Updates

Ms. Erika Gonzalez SPAC Chair shared these upcoming events:

- May is Mental Awareness Month

Provider Input

Ms. Prentiss asked if there was any more information regarding the rate increase for bilingual staff. SARC will send Ms. Prentiss a status update.

Best Practices for Self-Advocacy and Inclusion

None

Community Resources Update

Ms. Mia Garza Community Resource Associate Director gave the report:

Rate Implementation:

- Directive issued to provide information about service code misalignments relative to service provider program designs.
 - The service provider will need to transition to another service code(s) that closely aligns with the actual service being provided.
 - Regional centers will work with service providers to find the appropriate match and service providers will verify alignment with the service code and rate on the Service Acknowledgement Form
- Service Acknowledgement Forms are completed at 85%, due date is 5/31/25 to be complaint.
- Participation in the Provider Directory is mandatory for all; be patient DDS is still working through the process. Make sure all your information is correct and updated, use your business Tax ID number instead of your personal social security number.
- Fiscal requested that both invoices (old code and new code) be submitted to get paid; in some cases, the provider must return money to SARC
- Complete stipend requests to get paid because funding will go away
- The service providers shared that they are finding a lot of issues and are willing to collaborate with SARC to streamline the process.
 - The issues are statewide, and Ms. Garza advised the vendors to loop the correct individuals in their communications to solve the problem.
 - Courtesy vendorization issues must be addressed regional center to regional center via the service coordinator.

Quality Incentive Programs:

- All DSP payments have gone out.

Director Update

Mr. Zaldivar Executive Director discussed these issues:

- Be patient with the rate reform issues as it is a challenging process
- The uncertainty with the Federal Funding can have ripples stay tuned
- SARC is subject to the Department's Direction so we must wait for their Directive.
- Keep an eye on the progression of SB 138 requiring standardization of some processes, assessments, and data collection.
- The proposed changes to SIRs (Special Incident Reports) is going to the adoption process, stay tuned as it has the potential to create a huge workload for everyone.
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- Vendors are responsible for doing their fiscal audits on time and respond to letters and timelines appropriately.
- A Directive has been issued to assist individuals in risk of homelessness; it will be easier to support the individual.
- The website will update the services section to a standardized “Guide to Services”

Announcements:

Mr. Valenzuela thanked those who participated in the Legislative Luncheon it was a success.

He shared the upcoming events that SARC is organizing and supporting:

- 5/17/25 Vietnamese Conference
- 5/17/25 Hope Concert
- 5/31/25 Crystal Gala Dance
- 6/28/25 Superhero Summer Festival in Salinas
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New and Closing Programs: Ms. Ann Sieber gave the report.

3 New

- Coordinated Career Path
- Adult Residential Facility
- Early Start Intake

0 Closed – SARC continues to clean its database of vendors that have not provided services within the last 24 months.

Gallagher has issued a “non-responsive list” of vendors that do not respond to communication, everyone needs work with Gallagher to be compliant.

- Submit certificates for all vendor numbers.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Update

- Everyone should have signed up if you are part of the required categories; attend the webinars and office hours.

Vendor Training Opportunities

- Free trainings are offered either monthly or quarterly take advantage of the opportunities
- Visit the webpage for training information: [New Vendors Training | SARC](#)

Health and Safety Waiver Awareness Strategy

- SARC continues to work on identifying individuals with unique needs that need referrals to access the program
- Reach-out if you need help

HCBS (Home & Community Based Services)

- Next 3-year contract is coming up stay tuned

Employment

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist gave the report:

- Transition Fairs are being wrapped
- 4/29/25 Options for All Job Fair was very successful
- Coordinated Career Pathways (CCP):
 - The first vendor is working on referrals now
- A Directive has been issued that states that all Job developers need the same certification
- Paid Internships Pos expire on 6/30/25

Emergency Preparedness

MS. Rae'chel Jensen Emergency Coordinator discussed these issues.

Emergency Go Kits Update:

- There was an increase in allocation, 1051 have been given out.
- Kit pickup days have been assigned:
 - Northern counties: Designated Mondays
 - Southern counties: Designated Thursdays

Durable Accommodations Project Update

- The Durable Accommodations Project aims to identify day programs that can function as backup emergency shelters in the event of a disaster. The requirements are:
 - Access to kitchens, showers, and changing areas
 - Space to temporarily separate individuals as needed
 - Willingness to collaborate with DDS and Community Care Licensing (CCL) to meet shelter standards

SCDD Central Coast

None

Next SPAC Committee Meeting:

June 12, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**San Andreas Regional Center
Board of Directors
Program Policy Committee Minutes
June 3, 2025**

Committee Members Present: Maya Bareket
Pamela Kerman
Uma Venkatesh
Christine Gianola
Lisa Lopez

Committee Members Absent: Paloma Barraza (L)

Staff Present: Jim Elliott
Lisa Hartley
Irene De La Rosa
Javier Zaldivar
Lourdes González
Mike Keeley
Emily Short

The meeting was called to order at: 4:02 p.m. by Ms. Maya Bareket committee member via Zoom. These policies were revised:

1. Behavioral Health Treatment

Revisions agreed upon...

- *Social Skills Training is peer learning in a group setting to progress in interpersonal and social interaction skills.*
- *Adaptive Skills Training improves an individual's existing functional skills required for day-to-day activities of daily living.*
- *Behavior Intervention Techniques are evidence-based methods that rely upon current knowledge about human learning and conform to requirements for effective training and increased skill development. Behavior intervention focuses on developing functionally relevant behaviors, rather than merely eliminating, or reducing undesirable ones.*
- *Non-aversive Behavior Intervention Techniques are those that do not consist of restraint or aversive conditioning such as a time out room for behavior management. Behavior intervention services should not include aversive behavior modification techniques. Use of any aversive technique must conform with Title 17 Regulations prior to approval by the planning team. Any plans approved by San Andreas that include any aversive interventions will be monitored and reported to DDS by the 15th of February of each year.*

II. **Policy:** *It is the policy of San Andreas to obtain behavioral health treatment for individuals who exhibit behaviors that impede their social, self-care, health, or vocational development, or jeopardize their current living arrangement/program. This treatment may consist of parent consultation and training, social skills training, community integration training, adaptive skills training, or behavior intervention (e.g. Applied Behavior Analysis (aka "ABA")) that occurs in the home, in a center-based environment, or in the community, or by telehealth with appropriate clinical justification. The regional center will work to ensure that the individual is receiving appropriate services and supports from any and all generic public or private entities with an obligation to assist the individual, such as health insurance or health care providers and local education agencies.*

Behavior intervention services shall not be used for the purposes of providing respite, day care, or school support. The planning team shall determine the need for behavior intervention services and will describe in the Individual Program Plan (IPP) the behaviors to be modified requiring intervention. For individuals residing in a family home setting, parent/guardian participation is required.

All behavior intervention services authorized by the regional center shall be rooted in the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis and must prioritize functional skill development, equivalent replacement behaviors, and promote generalization, not just behavior reduction. Behavior interventions shall be

provided in a culturally responsive manner, and be based on outcomes determined, in collaboration with the IPP team, through a functional behavior assessment.

Behavior intervention services will be monitored and revised as appropriate on no less than a quarterly basis. Expected outcomes and objectives shall be measurable, functional, and practical. Measures and outcomes shall be validated through data collection and clinical review. Behavior intervention plans must include generalization and maintenance of skills and functional replacement behaviors.

The regional center will not authorize any treatment, therapeutic service, device, or other behavioral health intervention that is considered experimental or that has not been clinically determined or scientifically proven to be effective or safe or for which risks and complications are unknown. This shall include medical, nutritional, or therapeutic interventions or treatments for which the proposed use is not a general physician practice.

A Behavior Analyst or a Behavior Management Consultant shall:

- ~~1. Assess the individual~~
- ~~2. Develop a non-aversive plan~~
- ~~3. Assure the protection of the individual's rights, health, and safety~~
- ~~4. Train the parent or primary care giver on general theory as well as techniques~~
- ~~5. Monitor the implementation of the plan~~
- ~~6. Consult on future problematic behavior situations~~
- ~~7. Provide post training reports~~

##. Purchase of Service Standard: Generic resources must be used or ruled out before regional center funding can be considered. Generic resources for behavior ~~modifications~~ **intervention are include, but are not limited to, the educational system, health insurance and health care providers, county or state-funded behavioral health, and judicially mandated intervention.** ~~Department of Rehabilitation, or Department of Mental Health.~~

~~Group Parent Training programs will be considered by the IPP team prior to referring to an intensive behavioral program, and will be purchased when appropriate.~~

When the regional center planning team has determined that behavioral intervention services are needed, and there are no available generic options, the planning team may agree to purchase an assessment and a behavior plan. **Hours of service must be individualized and shall be based on:**

- Severity and frequency of maladaptive behaviors.
- Communication and adaptive skill delays.
- Age and developmental functioning.
- Family availability and treatment readiness; and
- Co-occurring conditions and services.

The planning team ~~determines~~ **makes the final determination regarding** the number of hours of service **authorized** to implement a behavior plan.

2. Education Services

These revisions were made to the policy.

• Educational services mean appropriate instruction and training intended to provide ~~evaluation and~~ intervention to assist individuals in achieving adequate educational progress sufficient to meet their needs **and objectives** as specified in the individual program plan (IPP) **and delivered by a certified or licensed practitioner or business.** Such services include, but may not be limited to, ~~any class, course, or program of training, instruction, or study; occupational or speech-language therapy; and~~ subject or skill-specific tutoring **or test preparation** to meet the person's needs as non-disabled persons' needs are met. **Services may be delivered in the home or in a clinic, individually or in group.**

Educational services do not encompass supplemental or extracurricular activities or instruction that would provide additional benefit or address needs that are not educational in nature. Examples include, but are not limited to, coding classes, sports classes and leagues, music and arts, or peer-modeling. Such services

may be vocational support, social recreational, or community integration services and would be provided in keeping with those policies.

- School age means an individual between three years of age and twenty-two years of age who has not received a diploma or certificate of completion for their primary, secondary, and/or post-secondary education, **and who is eligible for special education supports and/or accommodations, such as through an Individualized Education Plan.**

- Local education agencies mean those entities with a public or private obligation to serve the educational needs of students with disabilities by providing free and appropriate services to the disabled student as adequate to those needs as those provided to nondisabled students. Examples may include, but are not limited to, school districts, special education local plan areas (SELPAs), and county offices of education (COE).

- Natural support means those caregivers, parents, legal guardians, and family who may be expected by law or customs to provide adequate assistance within their means to support the educational progress of the person.

- I. **Policy:** The regional center shall make every effort to ensure that ~~any and~~ all private or public entities with an obligation to serve the individual are doing so to the maximum extent possible. This shall include service coordinator presence, whether virtually or in person, at individual education plan (IEP) meetings upon an individual's or family's request to provide advocacy and advice. In the event a dispute arises regarding the type or amount of service to be provided in the IEP agreement, the regional center shall ~~assist~~ **advise** the individual or family in appealing the funding educational entity's decision to the maximum extent possible by law.

The regional center shall additionally refer the individual or family to private, not-for-profit advocacy centers including, but not limited to, the Office of Clients Rights Advocacy, the California Department of Education, and Legal Advocates for Children and Youth for specialized advocacy and representation. ~~In the event specialized advocates cannot or will not accept the individual's appeal, the regional center may assist to the best of its ability in the special education appeal process. This Assistance~~ The regional center shall not be provided in the form of, or in reimbursement of, payment to **fund or reimburse payment to** an attorney or advocate.

If the special education appeal is not successful or possible, or if the services ~~offered~~ **available** are **determined by the IPP team to be** insufficiently appropriate, the regional center may, if it agrees with the necessity of the service, engage a service provider(s) to supplement those services offered by the LEA.

At all times, the regional center shall consider the responsibility of the parents or guardians of minors to provide, within the family's ability to do, supplemental educational services and supports to the person served as they would to any other child.

- II. **Purchase of Service Standard:** The regional center may purchase educational services if the need is agreed upon **to meet the goals and objectives within the IPP** and only to the extent of filling the difference between the amount of need and the amount of service authorized by the generic service provider. Authorized services should be provided by a vendored entity wherever possible; in the event no vendored entity is available, the family or legally responsible person may apply to become a vendor and receive reimbursement for services up to the agreed upon amount. Any educational service funded by the regional center must be considered a **clinically** valid, safe, and effective method of instruction or treatment for the agreed-upon purpose. The obligations of local education agencies, behavioral health or medical care plan providers, and natural supports will be considered by the regional center in evaluating the **amount**, appropriateness, and necessity of the requested service. **The regional center shall fund no more than two hours per week, and shall not authorize payment for supplies such as, but not limited to, books, electronic devices, digital services or materials, or augmentative and alternative communication supports or devices, unless an exception is granted.**

3. Social Recreation

These revisions were made to the policy.

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- Age-appropriate social activities mean participation in ~~social-recreation~~ activities such as sports, hobbies, arts, leisure, educational, and/or volunteer **interactive** activities with same-age peers **without disabilities in an inclusive community setting for the purpose of community integration.**
- **Camping services are defined as a daytime or residential social recreational experience for a limited period of days per year and which includes both disabled and non-disabled same-age peers.**
- **Community integration means activities and processes which actively involve the person served and contribute to the individual being a contributing and engaged part of a group of people sharing a particular locale, interest, or characteristic whose interaction creates a sense of belonging.**
- Inclusive community setting means clubs, centers, halls, sites, and other locations where individuals with and without disabilities engage in social activities. Activities may include but are not limited to swimming, gymnastics, sports clubs, day and night camps, music classes, and other social activities.
- **Social recreation means age-appropriate social activities that ~~promote socialization and leisure~~, fostering positive interaction and community inclusion. This does not include virtual activities, private music lessons, or other individual activities or classes, nor activities, classes, or lessons that do not include non-disabled peers or a community setting.**
- Social skills are those abilities and behaviors necessary to initiate, explore, and participate in meaningful, age-appropriate social relationships and activities.
- Social skills and community integration training programs are vendored services intended to identify an individual's barriers to participating in community-based social activities and to provide appropriate interventions, replacement skills, and behavioral strategies to the person. Examples may include art, dance, music, and other non-medical therapies or activities.

- I. **Policy:** The regional center recognizes that access to social recreational programs ~~is an important aspect of inclusion into the community at large, and~~ can improve confidence, encourage independence, increase emotional connections, and improve health. ~~SARC The regional center encourages access to social recreation activities that can help an individual achieve these and other benefits~~ **integrating into their community.** To that end, the regional center may assist with access to appropriate social recreation opportunities that improve the person's integration into their community. Examples may include a sport league, a group dance or music class, or club dues. ~~The regional center may authorize social skills or community integration training programs to provide the person with basic skills to engage in social activities prior to considering requests for social recreation.~~

Any social recreational activity to be considered for reimbursement must meet all clearances, certifications, and licenses appropriate to the activity; comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the Home and Community Based Services Final Rule. Additionally, any day or residential camp requested must meet the requirements of Title 17, California Code of Regulations Section 54342(a)(15). At all times, the regional center shall consider the responsibility of the parents or guardians of minors to provide, within the family's ability, opportunities for community integration through social recreation.

- II. **Purchase of Service Standard:** The individual program plan (IPP) team shall identify age-appropriate **social activities of interest to the person served**. ~~Social recreation activities and non-medical therapies may occur up to 6 hours total per week but is based on the frequency and quantity of services assessed and determined to be needed by the IPP team.~~ **The regional center may authorize funding for a social recreation activity occurring up to three sessions per week and no more than two hours per session. Social skills and community integration training or other non-medical therapies may occur up to twice per week. Supervised multi-day activities, such as camping, and associated travel costs within the state of California, will be considered after parental obligations, natural supports, and available resources, including scholarships. One session of camp up to two weeks per year may be authorized. Authorization of funding shall be retroactive no further than the date of request to the regional center. Any claims for services prior to the date the request was received are not eligible for reimbursement. The regional center does not fund equipment, materials, or supplies for activities. Items such as uniforms, helmets and other safety equipment, and other items necessary for participation and outside the family's means to obtain may be considered for funding on an individual basis. At no time does the regional center fund electronic devices or associated paraphernalia, such as computers, gaming consoles, gaming chairs, software, subscriptions or memberships, speakers, headphones, keyboards, mice, or controllers. ...**

4. Other

The *Psychiatric Medication* and *Consumer Rights Advocacy* policies were reviewed as well but no changes were made to them.

5. Policy Tracking List

Policies to be reviewed next:

- Fiscal Contract Review
- Intake

6. Next Committee Meeting Date/Time

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

**San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Via Zoom
June 6, 2025**

Committee Members Present: Maya Bareket
Lisa Lopez (Chair)
Pamela Kerman
Christine Gianola
Gus Maldonado

Committee Members Absent: Paloma Barraza (L)
Elisabeth Einaudi
Veronica Contreras
Erika Gonzalez

Staff Present: Lourdes González
Mike Keeley
Irene De La Rosa
Francisco Valenzuela
Lisa Hartley
Monica Martinez
Emili Short
Javier Zaldivar

Ms. Lisa Lopez, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. via Zoom.

1. Risk Assessment Report

Ms. Monica Cosio-Martinez Associate Director presented the SIR report for the month of June

Total Incidents 722

139 Incidents reportable to DDS.

583 Incidents not reportable to DDS.

4 Deaths

6 Consumers reported missing with 0 not yet located

20 Suspected Abuse/Exploitation

13 Injuries Requiring Treatment Beyond First Aid

27 Medical Need/Accident

7 Victim of Crime

5 Suspected Neglect

57 Unplanned hospitalizations

2. Development of the June 16, 2025, Board Meeting Via zoom.

There will be a Board Education on June 16, 2025, the topic will be "ARCA How it works with the regional centers and the Department" Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director will present.

a. President's Report: Lisa Lopez

1. What's Exiting about June

b. Executive Director's Report: Javier Zaldivar

1. Diversity Outreach Update
2. Employment Programs Update
3. Health and Safety Awareness Strategy
4. NCI (National Core Indicator) Presentation by Jim Elliott
5. Performance Contract Presentation by Jim Elliott

c. Directors of Consumer Services: Mike Keeley

1. New and Closing Programs
2. Self-Determination Update
3. Social Recreation

d. Committee Reports:

Fiscal – There will be a report.

Program Policy – There will be a report.

Board Development - There will be a report.

Quality Assurance Advisory – There will be a report.

Service Provider Advisory – There will be a report.

People's Advisory Committee – There will be a report.

3. Director's Update

Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director updated the committee on the following topics:

- Significant Cases update:
 - Individual transferred from Golden Gate RC to a home without SARC's consent died within one day. The case is under investigation, and the home has been issued a Correction Action Plan (CAP)
 - A married couple was found dead in their home; police investigated and didn't find foul play; the female served resisted any help with her health issues.
 - On a home visit an individual was found to have been abused for a long time, all the proper agencies were notified, and the individual was placed in a safe place. Home administrator will be replaced.
 - Support the Medicaid Funding rallies

4731 Complaints and Whistleblowers submitted.

4731 is a client's rights violation, SARC must investigate and respond to the complaint within 21 days, The department gets notified as well.

Whistle Blower Complaint allows the individual to report concerns of inappropriate behavior without fear of retaliation. The department does not need to be notified.

Find the policy at:

<https://www.sanandreasregional.org/transparency/policies/whistleblower/>

- There were one 4731 complaints reported:
 1. Individual complained against SARC accusing it of setting him up for failure; He has a drug problem, has been in and out of jail, no family support and does not cooperate with SARC's offered support.
- No whistleblowers were reported:
- Mr. Zaldivar updated the committee on the outcome of the NIMBY (Not in my backyard) meeting in Watsonville.
 - It didn't go well
 - Neighborhood was belligerent and accusatory
 - They harassed staff and had a list of complaints
 - SARC is committed to addressing the issues and supporting the individual's served, more to come on this issue.

Budget Update:

- Unknown details so far
- 30% -40% of state budget could be taken
- System's Entitlement remains intact
- Growth commitment remains
- Rate Reform continues
- Program Expansion stays
- Lay-offs to many programs have begun and the impact will be felt.

4. Announcements/Events

Mr. Valenzuela shared that the Crystal Ball Dance was a smashing success and more will be organized in the future.

SARC Conferences:

- *6/21/25 African American Conference*
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5. Other

- Reviewed Business Calendar Tasks

6. Next committee/meeting date

Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**San Andreas Regional Center
Quality Assurance Advisory Committee via Zoom
June 10, 2025**

Committee Members Present:	Maya Bareket Alicia Mesa	Veronica Contreras (Chair) Rajesh Patel
Committee Members Absent:	Lisa Lopez	Uma Venkatesh
Staff Present	Lior Aranoff Lourdes Gonzalez Hazel Jordan Mike Keeley Emily Short	Mia Garza Liza Hartley Rae'chel Jensen Cal Smith

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Veronica Contreras Committee Chair at 4:03 p.m. via zoom.

LEGEND: **APS** = Adult Protective Services; **ARF**= Adult Residential Facility; **ARFPSHN** = Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs; **BCBA** = Board Certified Behavioral Analyst; **BX** = Behavior; **CAP** = Corrective Action Plan; **CCH**= Community Crisis Home; **CCL** = Community Care Licensing; **CM** = Case Management; **CPS** = Child Protective Services; **CRA** = Client's Right Advocate; **DFCS** = Department of Family Court Services; **DHOH**= Deaf and Hard Of Hearing; **DOHS** = Department of Health Care Services; **DM** = District Manager; **EC**= Emergency Coordinator; **FHA** = Family Home Agency; **ICF** = Intermediate Care Facility; **IDT** = Interdisciplinary Team; **ILS** = Independent Living Service; **LTCO** = Long Term Care Ombudsman; **M&M** = Mortality & Morbidity Meeting ; **PD** = Police Department; **RCH** = Residential Care Home; **SC** = Service Coordinator; **SP** = Service Provider; **SLS** =Supportive Living Service

I. Special Incident Reports

- 722 Total number of incidents.
- 4 Total number of deaths.
- 139 Incidents reportable to DDS.
- 583 Incidents not reportable to DDS.
- 116 Unplanned hospitalizations with 11 individuals remaining hospitalized.
- 22 Planned hospitalizations.
- 6 Consumers reported missing with 0 not yet located.

Breakdown of Incident Reports by Residence type:

RCH - 313 ICF - 17 SNF/NF - 3 ILS - 52 SLS - 104

Family Home - 208 Foster Home - 3 Family Home Agency - 11 Psych Treat/ Other - 11

Highlights: Cal Smith went over the specific details of the incidents that are true, false, unsubstantiated, and under investigation. The committee discussed what happens to perpetrators that abuse individuals. The police is in charge of investigating and following up, when staff is involved they are fired from the home.

II. Quality Assurance (QA) April

A. QA Facility Monitoring - Residential Care Homes, Level 2 - L4I – (Levels 4, 5, and 6)

28 Out of 28 scheduled FMs completed.

14 Facilities received recommendations. 16 received a follow-up visit.

3 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

B. QA Unannounced Visits based on complaint(s).

6 Out of 6 completed for six level 4I'S (L6) facilities

6 Facilities received recommendations.

3 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

QA Team assisted the SC/DM with two unannounced visits/CAPS for an (ARFPSHN and ICF)

C. Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN) Visits:

13 Out of 13 were completed in February 2025.

D. Enhanced Behavior Support Homes (EBSH) Quarterly Monitoring Visits.

There are eight EBSH'S total. (Three children's and five adult homes). Two new homes are coming soon.

4 Monitoring visits were completed for May 2025 on 5/8/25, 5/15/25, 5/16/25, and 5/19/25.

1 Unannounced visit completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist.

Community Crisis Home (CCH) Quarterly Monitoring Visit. There is only one CCH.

0 CCH monitoring visit was completed for May.

1 Unannounced visit completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist on 05/23/25.

E. Trainings:

Facility Monitoring Training for Residential Service Providers:

- No training scheduled for May:

Residential Services Orientation (RSO):

- 05/06/25 10 attendees.

Facility Monitoring Training for Service Coordinators:

- No training scheduled for May.

SARC New Hire Training:

- No training scheduled for May

F. Standing QA Meetings:

Mortality and Morbidity:

- On 5/13/25 13 deaths reviewed 8 attendees.

Let's Talk QA:

- Salinas and San Jose offices cancelled until further notice.

Quality Assurance around the Bay (QAAB) Quarterly meeting:

- No meeting in May

Mortality and Morbidity:

- 4 deaths reviewed on 06/10/25.
- 0 Infants 0 Children 2 Adults 2 Elderly.

G. Highlights:

Ms. Jordan updated the committee on the specific details of the deaths, such as gender, age, living arrangement, and cause of death.

III. Health Services: I

A. Health-Related Trainings Presented by San Andreas Health Services Unit:

Class (Max attendance - 25)	Date Completed	Total Attendees	Test 1 Pass/Fail	Test 2 Pass/Fail
Assisting with Medications				
Epilepsy				
Emergency Planning				
Falls Prevention				
Dysphagia				
Dementia in I/DD Population	May 28	13	12/1	1/0
Oral Health				
Pressure Injury Prevention & Recognition				
Recognizing Signs of Abuse	May 20	6	6/0	---
Restricted Health Conditions				
RN Training				

Signs/Symptoms of Illness/Injury	May 21	16	15/1	1/0
Special Incident Report	May 22	18	16/2	1/1
Thinking Ahead	May 27	4	4/0	---
Totals	5	57	53	3/1

B. Current projects/activities:

- SARC continuously works on updating classes for providers by conducting surveys on what needs need to be met.
- Planning a 6-hour medication class in the Watsonville office

Medical Update

- One flu outbreak in a Hollister RCH, 3 individuals hospitalized

C. Highlights:

- New class on Dementia and the aging process it's being offered now

IV. Supported Living Services (SLS):

A. SLS QA's: One SLS QA review was facilitated in May 2025.

B. SLS Roundtable: Resource Specialist Kai Reade presented the following information at the May Roundtable held virtually via Zoom.

SARC Policy/Procedure:

- Kai discussed the DDS Provider Directory with vendors, including where to find the registration guide, the RC's role in maintaining the directory, and contacts for follow up.

Community Information:

- Vendors discussed service delivery challenges and barriers; and Kai and other attending vendors provided resources.

Highlights:

The next Roundtable Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on June 11, 2025. Following that, the July meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on July 9, 2025.

Supported Living Orientation For Individuals and Families

1 Completed, 11 Total Attendees

SLS New Vendor Orientation

0 Completed (held quarterly)

V. Community Services:

Residential Service Orientation (RSO) 1 Completed, 10 Total attendees
RSO (mini for FHA) 1 Completed, 4 Total attendees

VI. Emergency Response Plan Report

Ms. Rae'chel Jordan Emergency Response Coordinator gave the report.

A. Incident Response & Emergency Coordination:

- 17 fires reported with no impact

B. Current Projects/Activities

Emergency Kit Distribution:

- 1267 distributed
- Project extended to December 31, 2025
- Kits are available for eligible individuals upon request

Preparedness Packets available in these languages:

- English
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Chinese
- Korean
- Tagalog
- Farsi

Durable Accommodations Project Update

- The Durable Accommodations Project aims to identify day programs that can function as backup emergency shelters in the event of a disaster. The requirements are:
 - Access to kitchens, showers, and changing areas
 - Space to temporarily separate individuals as needed
 - Willingness to collaborate with DDS and Community Care Licensing (CCL) to meet shelter standards
- Interested vendors
 - Ability Path
 - Evergreen ADC – scheduled meeting already
 - Hearts and Minds Activity Center

Santa Clara County Annex Inclusion:

- SARC has been added to the **Santa Clara County Emergency Annex** and the **Extreme Heat Annex**

VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) Participation:

- SARC is an active member of Santa Clara and San Benito County VOADs

- To get involved reach out to:
 - *Dennis Caliyo*
Emergency Disaster Services Director
The Salvation Army – Golden State Division
gsd.eds1@usw.salvationarmy.org
832 Folsom St, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94107

C. Training & Certification

- SARC had a fire drill on 5/27/25 to evaluate emergency readiness and test the mass notification system. While mostly successful, several areas for improvement were identified, which is the purpose of conducting such drills.

VII. Other:

- Ms. Bareket shared that she managed a situation with DoorDash very maturely and successfully even though she was scared, good for her.
- Mr. Keeley updated the committee on some significant incidents that are being investigated:
 - Individual and his father are in the hospital due to a fire in their home
 - Death of individual served in an ICF
- SARC's BCBA's will be attending trainings in dementia and sexual offenses to better support individuals in those homes.

VIII. Next QAAC meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 5 , 2025

IX. Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
Meeting Minutes (via zoom)
June 12, 2025**

Members Present	Erika Gonzalez (chair) Sylvia Yeh	Desiree Luong
Members absent	Tade Akintade	Wesley Moss
Staff Present	Rosalina Cone Lourdes Gonzalez Mia Garza Mike Keeley Francisco Valenzuela Jennifer Huntley Molly Sullivan Malysa Barnas Cal Smith Ann Sieber Irene De La Rosa Emily Short	Karla Cruz Dr. Azelin Ellis John Hunt Anna Wall Kai Reade Jilsmaria Tharayil Javier Zaldivar Maria Moreto Grecia Quintero Rae'chel Jensen
Community Present	Agustina Ortega Beth Prentiss Brie Horning Cathy Bouchard Dennise Jauregui Farah Culbertson Gabriela Sanchez Jamie Rivera Kasshun Woldemariam Kerry Kaefer Lynda Miguel Mark Sung Myles Horttor Rosa Amador Sarah Macy Sonja McCall Tracey Marquat Vickey Perkins Yen Nguyen Zita Faria	Arlene Baez Bien Castaneda Camilla Shaffer Cliff Bishop Diana Gonzalez Feng Tsao Jackie Jimenez Jenniger Johnson Kayla Wallace Kristen Hendorson Maria Elena Barrios Melanie Gavina Renee Mallamace Sarah Grignon Sarah Verity Tiana Musika Vanessa Ballesteros Wayne Jasper Yuli Padilla Zuegel

Ms. Erika Gonzalez Committee Chair led the meeting via zoom starting at 2:32 p.m.

Committee Updates

None

Provider Input

None

Best Practices for Self-Advocacy and Inclusion

None

Director Update

Mr. Zaldivar Executive Director discussed these issues:

- End of fiscal year is coming up there might be a delay with adding new POS' be patient.
- Submit all invoices
- DDS shared a directive to be implemented in the event any ICE activity impacts your individuals served and or staff. For more information review these links:
 - [D-2025-Case Management-007 Access to Client Information](#)
 - [DDS Letterhead](#)
 - SARC will continue to support individuals and staff.
- Budget update:
 - \$16 Million needed to fill the deficit
 - Rejected proposals so far IHSS overtime, and Medical for undocumented
 - The regional center's budget is intact so far
 - There is adequate funding for lower case load and target projects such as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
 - There are more threats from the federal government on budget reductions, we stay the course and wait for statutory reform.
- Master Plan meeting will be on 8/6/25, the plan will be put to work on 12/11/25

Community Resources Update

Ms. Mia Garza Community Resource Associate Director gave the report:

Rate Implementation:

- SARC met the deadline (5/31/25) of all service providers submitting their Service Acknowledgement Forms, thank you for your cooperation.
- New directive explains what happens when not in compliance:
 - Billing will be suspended on 7/1/25, and it could result in the end of vendorization.
- All providers using alternative billing process must move to the new e-billing system

Quality Incentive Programs:

- All DSP work service payments have gone out
- Early intervention payments have gone out
- First wave of Service Provider Directory completed steps one and two has gone out

New and Closing Programs: Ms. Ann Sieber gave the report.

1 Closed

- Independent Living Services/FHA

- 17: SARC continues to clean its database of vendors that have not provided services within the last 24 months.

8 New

- Two in-home respite
- Residential Care
- Residential care for the elderly
- Two speech therapy
- Two Supported Employment

Gallagher

- Will begin requesting new insurances for the fiscal year
- Non-respondents can be terminated; staff will be reaching out.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Update

- Everyone should have signed up if you are part of the required categories; attend the webinars and office hours.

Vendor Training Opportunities

- Free trainings are offered either monthly or quarterly. You can attend any training for the first time or as a refresher course:
- Training opportunities include:
 - Program Design workshops
 - Coordinated Family Support New Vendor Orientation (CFSNV)
 - Day Program Vendor Orientation (DPVO)
 - Residential Services Orientation (RSO)
 - Supported Living Services New Vendor Orientation
 - Independent Living Skills New Vendor Orientation (ILSNV)
- Visit the webpage for training information: [New Vendors Training | SARC](#)

Health and Safety Waiver Awareness Strategy

- SARC continues to work on identifying individuals with unique needs that need referrals to access the program
- Reach-out if you need help

HCBS (Home & Community Based Services)

- Contracts are being signed for the next 3 years.

Employment

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist gave the report:

- End of fiscal year is approaching soon, working on paid internships POSs that expire on 6/30/25
 - Requested vendors to send units used
 - 210 POSs will be rolled over
 - The correct starting dates must be submitted
- Incentive payments should be billed and submitted by 6/30/25

Emergency Preparedness

MS. Rae'chel Jensen Emergency Coordinator discussed these issues.

Emergency Kit Distribution:

- 1267 distributed
- Project extended to December 31, 2025
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Trainings:

- Emergency preparedness on individualized planning, Go Kit use, evacuation vs. shelter-in-place strategies, and common regional hazards.

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Announcements:

Mr. Valenzuela shared the upcoming events that SARC is organizing and supporting:

- Vendor fairs will be scheduled in all the offices more info to come
- August event with Earthquakes
- Service Above Self Awards Dinner nominations open

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SCDD Central Coast

Ms. Jennifer Lucas sent a message:

She asked that information on the proposed Medicaid cuts be shared and what families can do to support the system:

- Information about the cuts check this link [Medicaid in Jeopardy - Google Drive](#)
- Share your story link [Medicaid Funding Might Be Cut – Share Your Story! Podrían recortar los fondos de Medicaid: ¡Comparte tu historia!](#)

Next SPAC Committee Meeting:

July 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.