SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, October 19, 2026, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
San Jose Office: 6203 San Ignacio Ave., San Jose, CA 95119
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I. (3 min) Call to Order and Introductions . . . . . Maya Bareket

ll. (2 min) Vision Statement . . . . . Viviana Barnwell

lll. (2 min) Approval of Minutes

1. Board Meeting Minutes - 8/17/26
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting - 8/17/26
3. Program Policy Committee - 10/6/26
4. Board Development Meeting - 10/6/26
5. Executive Committee Meeting - 10/6/26
6. Quality Assurance - 10/13/26
7. SPAC Minutes - 9/10/26, 10/8/26

lV. (8 min) State Council on Developmental Disabilities - Central Coast . . . . . Jennifer Lucas

V. (10 min) Presidents Report . . . . . Maya Bareket

1. Thank you for the Opportunity

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.

SARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Vl. (30 min) Executive Director's Report . . . . . Javier Zaldivar

1. Diversity Outreach Update
2. Employment Programs Update
3. *CalPERS Compliance I: Adoption and approval of CalPERS Retirement Membership and Contributions Policy*
   CalPERS Compliance II: Adoption and approval of revised & newly negotiated Salary Schedules

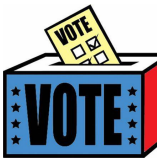
Vll. (15 min) Director of Consumer Services Report . . . . . .Mike Keeley

1. New and Closing Programs
2. Social Recreation Update
3. Mission Moment

Vlll. (30 min) Committee Reports

1. Fiscal . . . . . .Gus Maldonado
   Action Item: Recommendation to approve the R&D Transportation contract.
2. Program Policy . . . . . Lisa Lopez
   Action Item: Recommendation to adopt the *Fiscal Contract Review Process.*
   Action Item: Recommendation to adopt the *RFP* policy.
3. Board Development . . . . . .Pam Kerman
   Action Item: Recommendation to approve the re-election of Ms. Alcia Mesa to her third two-year term in the Board.
   Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Ms. Dipannita Sarcar to her first two-year term in the Board.
   Action Item: Recommendation to adopt the 2027 Meeting Schedule.
4. Service Provider Advisory . . . . . Erika Gonzalez
   Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Mr. Semaj White to his first two-year term on SPAC.
5. Quality Assurance Advisory . . . . . Rajesh Patel
6. People's Advisory Committee . . . . . Maya Bareket
7. ARCA . . . . . .Lisa Lopez

SARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA



lX. (5 min) Vote for 2027 Slate of Officers

President - Pamela Kerman
Vice-President - Lisa Lopez
Treasurer - Gus Maldonado
Secretary - Uma Venkatesh

X. (5 min) Public Comment

Xl. (5 min) Board Comment

Xll. (5 min) Announcements

** 10/24/26 Service Above Self Awards Dinner*

Xlll. Adjournment

SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
In Person at the Watsonville Office & Via Zoom
August 17, 2026

Presiding:	Maya Bareket Board President	
Board Members Present:	Viviana Barnwell	Sherrean Carr
	Christine Kiebert-Boss	Christine Gianola
	Erika Gonzalez	Pamela Kerman
	Lisa Lopez	Gus Maldonado
	Rajesh Patel	Nicolas Santos
	Uma Venkatesh	
Board Members Absent:	Alicia Mesa	
Staff Present	Maria Aleman	Rosalina Cone
	Karla Cruz	Adriana Diaz
	Lauren Gallagher	Mia Garza
	Lourdes Gonzalez	Lisa Hartley
	Gina Jennings	Angel Johnson
	Hazel Jordan	Mike Keeley
	Monica Martinez	Maria Moreto
	Arushie Nugapitiya	Holly Pahn
	Phien Phan	Irene de la Rosa
	Sandra Sottomano	Francisco Valenzuela
	Ivett Vazquez	Kait Wilkerson
	Desiree Winkler	Javier Zaldivar
	Evelyn Contreras	
Community Present:	Jaclyn Balanay (DDS)	Jenica Hadley
	Jennifer Lucas(SCDD)	Dipannita Sarcar

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Maya Bareket Board President called to order the regularly scheduled business meeting of San Andreas Regional Center at 6:02 p.m. Ms. Bareket 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 then she read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes – 6/15/26
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting Minutes –6/15/26
3. Program Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – None
4. Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes – 8/4/26
5. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 8/4/26
6. Quality Assurance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 6/9/26, 8/11/26
7. Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 6/11/26, 7/9/26, 8/13/26

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTRAL COAST

Ms. Jennifer Lucas, General Manager, discussed these topics:

- 8/21/26 Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting features a presentation on budget, legislative and policy updates from our Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Chris Arroyo. https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2026/07/8.21.26-CCRO-RAC-Meeting-Agenda.pdf
- SCDD's 27-31 Policy Platform was adopted by our Council and can be reviewed here: https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2026/07/Policy-Platform.2027-2031.pdf
- SCDD is continuing to host statewide online Back-to-School Month workshops for the community this month all will be in Spanish. https://scdd.ca.gov/back-to-school-month/
- SCDD is recruiting additional QA interviewers for the SARC catchment as part of the National Core Indicators (NCI) project. The NCI is important because it is one of the primary ways California measures whether the developmental services system is actually producing good outcomes for people with I/DD. DDS describes NCI as assessing outcomes in areas such as employment, rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, and health and safety. This is a paid role, and folks also will be paid for the training they will receive, if selected.
- SCDD will also be hosting statewide online Emergency Preparedness trainings in September in both English and Spanish for self-advocates and family advocates.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Bareket shared that July is Disability Pride Month since the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed in 1990. It is an opportunity to:

- Celebrate diversity and culture
- Promote visibility
- Honor their achievements and contributions
- Create an inclusive and understanding society
- Give support to the ongoing work to make civil rights real in daily life

EXECUTIVE DIRECTO'S REPORT:

Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director discussed these topics:

- The chipping away of disability rights continues, the 1999 Law has not changed but, the recent opinion given by the President to not support community settings, special education, or enforce the law will impact individuals served
- DDS Trailer Bill Directive includes:
    - Contract approval amount changed from $250K to $350K
    - Monitor Remote Services implementation
    - Self Determination budget reduction to $1M
- The system in general is in good shape and has no substantial cuts this year
- Half of million people expected to come in will see what the system morphs into.
- The complaint process will be centralized with DDS
- The Respite process will change and be standardized
- SARC continues to provide services to those in need

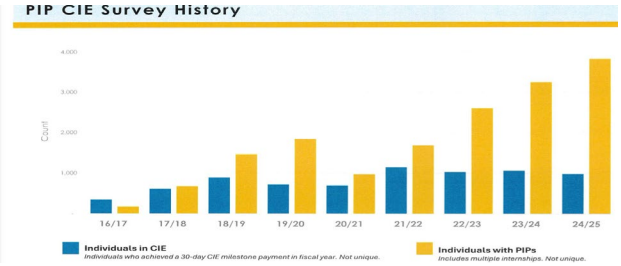
Diversity Outreach Update
Ms. Adriana Diaz was introduced as the current Diversity and Inclusion Manager.

SARC continues to host a variety of culturally focused events.

Planning:
- Spanish Speaking Conference in San Jose

Active Parent Support Groups:
- African American
- Vietnamese
- San Jose in Spanish
- Filipino group
- Watsonville group
- Salinas in Spanish
- Hollister in Spanish

Employment Update
Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist discussed these topics:
- Performance measures have been submitted, targeting underserved populations
- DDS will not do Tittle 17 monitoring with the providers, instead will work on strengthening the relationship between them.
- Implementation of order selection by DOR (Department of Rehabilitation) still pending approval
    - It will consist of 3 priority lists depending on disability
- There is a large focus on the Paid internships Program (PIPs) service standards that will eventually be updated
    - A chart was shared where the direct hires have remained about the same (blue) versus the PIPs (yellow) have significantly increased, the goal is to increase those direct hires.



- The focus should be on the goal of the individual, not so much on the exit plan
- SB163 Employment Access alinement
    - DDS/DOR should work together on a dual provider policy and eliminating barriers.
    - DDS will no longer need CARF Accreditation, but DOR will
    - A new standard is being developed by the current employment workgroup.

Adoption of the Performance Contract
The FY 2026-2027 performance contract is now posted on the website, and no feedback has been received. The Board voted to adopt it.

M/S/C Moved to adopt the FY 2026-2027 Performance Contract (Kerman/Maldonado) No further discussions. All in favor, Motion carries.

DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT:
Mr. Keeley gave the following updates:
Self-Determination (SD) Update:

- The program continues to grow steadily = 500
- SARC has a Self-Determination unit that is very successful
    - Average age is 20
    - Most common ethnicities are Caucasian and Chinese
    - Most common language is English, with mandarin coming next.
- The committee continues to recruit people to serve.

Social Recreation

- SARC Continues to fund activities for individuals to be integrated in the community and have fun.
- With school back in session, social recreation requests drop.

NEW AND CLOSING PROGRAMS
Ms. Mia Garza Community Resource Associate Director gave the report:
New programs: 21 total new programs vendored in the month of June

- 2 ADAPTIVE SKILLS TRAINING
- INFANT DEV PROGRAM
- 3 EARLY START SPEC THERAPEUTIC SRVCS

- 2 SPORTS CLUB
- 4 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
- 2 SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES
- PECIAL THERAPEUTIC SRVCS
- SD SUPPORT SERVICES
- OTHER MEDICAL SERV
- RESIDENTIAL FACILITY
- BEHAVIOR. DAY PROGRAM
- INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES
- TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC TRANSIT

Courtesy Vendorizations: 10

Closed Programs: 37 total closed vendors
- 20 vendors
- 17 vendors closed due to lack of use in over 24 months

New programs: 11 total new programs vendored in the month of July
- 2 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
- 2 SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES
- IN-HOME RESPITE SERVICES
- 3 EARLY START SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
- 2 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES ADULTS
- INDEPENDENT LIVING

Courtesy Vendorizations: 5

Closed programs: 34 total closed vendors
- 3 closed
- 31 closed due to inactivity for over 24 months

Mission Moment
Mr. Keeley shared a video made by individuals served of Vision Media, on the Superhero 5k/10k Walk-Run-Roll & 10th Annual Summer Festival. Click **here to view: https://youtu.be/905cOpq6toU**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISCAL
Mr. Gus Maldonado, Board Treasurer, gave the report:

1. Purchase of Services (Non-CPP only)
Purchase of Service expenses for June were $77.7M , bringing the year to date expenses to $1B. The current allocation is $1.04B with total expenses projected at $1.03B. This results in an estimated surplus of approximately $11.5M.

2. Individuals Served
The number of individuals served as of June 2026 was 22,288, an increase of 1,284 from June 2025

3. Operations (OPS)
Operating expenses for the month of June were $6.7M, bringing year-to-date expenses to $71.5M. The fiscal year allocation is $71.9M, with total expenses projected at $71.8M. This results in an estimated surplus of approximately $103K.

4. Cash Position
The cash position through the end of July was $182.6M, an increase of $73.2M from June.

5. Donation Fund
The balance in the Donation Fund at the end of July was $488,464, a decrease of $242 from June. The change is due to interest in income, donations, and any disbursements during the month.

PROGRAM POLICY COMMITTEE

- Ms. Lopez proposed adopting an approved policy.

M/S/C Moved to adopt the *Standardized Social Recreation, Camping, and Non-Medical Therapies* policy (Kerman/Maldonado) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Ms. Kerman motioned to approve the re-election of Ms. Christine Gianola

M/S/C Moved to re-elect Ms. Christine Gianola to her second two-year term in the Board of Directors (Bareket/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)

- Ms. Erika Gonzalez committee chair, shared that the Superhero festival in San Jose was very successful with over 200 providers participating
- She motioned to elect Mr. Mike Gonzalez to the committee.

M/S/C Moved to elect Mr. Mike Gonzalez to his first two-year term in SPAC (Bareket/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes in the packet reflect more visibility in the reports

PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

- Ms. Bareket shared that the summer festivals have concluded with great success

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Francisco Valenzuela shared these events:

- 8/22/26 Back to School Event
- 9/19/26 Spanish Conference
- 10/1/26 Disability Awareness Day
- 10/24/26 Service Above Self Awards Dinner
- 11/12/26 SPAC Vendor Fair
- 11/14/26 Holiday Craft Fair

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Ms. Lourdes Gonzalez

Submitted by,

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Ms. Lisa Lopez

San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
Fiscal Committee - Meeting Minutes
Watsonville Office/Via Zoom
August 17, 2026

Committee Members Present:	Pam Kerman	Lisa Lopez
	Gus Maldonado (chair)	Uma Venkatesh
Committee Member Absent:	Alicia Mesa	
Staff Present:	Gabriela Alvarez	Karla Cruz
	Mia Garza	Lourdes Gonzalez
	Gina Jennings	Javier Zaldivar
Community Members:		

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm. by Mr. Gus Maldonado Committee chair.

1. Fiscal Packet Review

Ms. Karla Cruz Chief Financial Officer reported the Monthly Fiscal Summary.

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2. Other

Mr. Zaldivar updated the committee on these issues:

- DDS will be working on updating the funding methodology
- San Jose has signed the lease for the expansion on the first floor
- Mt. Diablo remodel has been completed
- Watsonville and Salinas buildings are in good shape
- Union negotiations have finalized

3. Next Meeting Date

October 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

4. Adjournment

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Recorded by Lourdes Gonzalez

San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
Meeting Minutes (via zoom)
September 10, 2026

Members Present	Rosa Amador	Jen Aruiza
	Erika Gonzalez (chair)	Mike Gonzalez
	Yen-Nhi Nguyen	Allyson Yant
Members absent	Mike Nichols	Reggie San Pablo
Staff Present	Grabriela Alvarez	Malyssa Bernas
	Gina Billeci	Laurelyn Bracamontes
	Rosalina Cone	Karla Cruz
	Mahnaz Ehsan	Lauria Furuya
	Lauren Gallagher	Mia Garza
	Gina Jennings	Rae'chel Jensen
	Mike Keeley	Shiyu-Liu
	Arushie Nugapitiya	Maggie Pendl
	Irene De La Rosa	Liz Schile
	Naina Sharma	Rommel Sanchez
	Cal Smith	Francisco Valenzuela
	Anna Wall	Javier Zaldivar
	Denise Zuniga-Ruiz	
Community Present	Abigail Lorimer	Beth Prentiss
	Candy Gharakhanian	Cathy Bouchard
	Christine Shene	Denise Escano
	Desiree Luong	Doug Pascover
	Diana Gonzalez	Dylan Wales
	Heidi Morgan	Erin Saldivar
	Esther de la Rosa	Farah Culbertson
	Gary Seideman	Jacky Ting
	Jennifer Lucas	Jessica Greco
	Joe Shimpfky	Jovita Barron
	Kathleen Reboton	Kevin Burman
	Lisa Zuegel	Lynda Miguel
	Maria Valenzuela	Mark Sung
	Melanie	Michelle Villarreal
	Mireya Sanchez	New Horizons ILS
	Quality Respite	Remy Bose
	Rose VA	Sean Stone
	Sharmena Hefferman	Suzette Roboton
	Sylvia Yeh	Tricey Marquart
	Tricia Lara	Vanessa
	Vicky	Yuli Padilla
	Zuegel	Zyrel Dimalanta

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

Committee Updates

Ms. Gonzalez gave these updates:

- Mr. Mike Gonzalez is the newest member of SPAC
- September is Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH) awareness month

Provider Input

- None

Community Services Update

Ms. Mia Garza Associate Director of community services gave the report.

Quality Incentive Programs (QIP) FY 2026-27

- For Rate reduction issues check the DDS website under “check my status” and follow instructions, DDS makes all the adjustments.

Directives

Two directives have been issued:

1. DSPU (Direct Support Professional University) is the program
    a. Offers free certification
    b. It does not replace the required DSP 1 and DSP 2 training.
    c. It will include three tiers of training:
        i. Fundamentalization
        ii. Outcomes
        iii. Deep specialization
    d. Eligibility:
        i. Must work as DSP at least 50%
        ii. Must be with community base individuals
        iii. It is for non-certified staff
2. EDGE (Employee Development, Growth, and Education) is the platform that will manage the path for training. It will track participation, progress, records, and completion of training.

Generative AI (GenAI)

- SARC’s policy will set minimal requirements
- Providers must submit a GenAI attestation form only if using AI.
- Issues arising:
    - Intended use too broad, it needs to be narrowed down and specify the what, who, where, when, why.
    - Will need to verify information

Director Update

Mr. Javier Zakdivar Executive Director discussed these issues.

- Thanked providers that met with DDS visitors by showcasing their sites and services.

- Several complaints have been received from individuals that have been denied access to a program. There needs to be better communication with SARC to make sure the appropriate candidate is referred to the program. Send feedback.
- Have a mechanism to document, assign, follow-up and track In Home staffing to protect yourselves and the regional center.
- Submit complete SIRs as soon as possible.
- Complaint volume of staffing has risen
- The Department is getting involved in receiving feedback please complete the intake and NCI (National Core Indicator) surveys.

Community Resources Update
Mr. Cal Smith, District Manager gave the report.

New and Closing Programs:
New programs: 7 total new programs vendored in the month of August
- 2 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
- SOCIAL RECREATION
- 2 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES ADULTS
- IN-HOME RESPITE SERVICES
- INTERPRETER

New Courtesy Vendored: 8

Closed program: 3 total closed vendors
- 2 closed
- 1 closed due to inactivity for over 24 months

*When applying for vendorization provide specific details on the program design.

Vendor Orientation Updates
- *Check the website for current dates: New Vendors Training - San Andreas Regional Center*
- 10/19/26 CFSNV
- 10/14/26 SLS Roundtable
- 10/19/26 Day Program

HCBS (Home & Community Based Services)
Ms. Maggie Pendl District Manager gave the report.
HCBS Final Rule – federal regulations that ensure services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities in living full integrated lives in their communities. Focus on protecting individuals' rights, promoting choice, and ensuring people have opportunities to participate in community life

Compliance and Monitoring
- Annual monitoring must be completed by the end of December
- 466 sites to monitor, SARC has completed 50% of them
- 14 sites need to be remediated

Vendor Training Opportunities

- *For current trainings check the website. Beyond Compliance | assistance with HCBS waiver compliance | USA*
- For HCBS trainings info or registrations please reach out to Michelle at mlivoni@sarc.org
- 10/6/26 Beyond Compliance Training

Employment

Ms. Rosalina Cone, Employment Specialist gave the report:

- DOR (Department of Rehabilitation) has gone into the order of selection process.
  - Applicants will be wait listed for eligibility
  - SARC individuals will be referred to DOR and providers simultaneously
  - Individuals with signed plans will not be affected
- CARF accreditation and DOR certification is not required by providers for now, DDS is working on standardized guidelines.
- Half of the employment groups have been monitored so far.

Emergency Preparedness

Ms. Rae'chel Jensen, Emergency Resource Coordinator (ERC) gave the report.

Incident Response

- No impact to individuals served on the monitored incidents

Hazards Tracked:

- No impact to individuals served due to:
  - Wildfires
  - Hazmat incidents
  - Structure fires
  - Earthquakes
  - Weather

Current Projects

- Continue working on SARC 's Safety Coalition composed of service coordinators, providers, and families to identify gaps in community preparedness and response.
- Continue work with *If I Need Help*, it provides safety for individuals via a wearable ID
- Ms. Jensen presented at the Ventura Disability Summit on September 1, 2026, it was well received.
- Next Emergency & Preparedness tabling will be done with SPIN (family resource center)

Announcements:

Mr. Francisco Valenzuela shared the events:
Upcoming Events:

- 9/26/26 Spanish Conference in Gonzales

- 10/1/26 Disability Awareness Day
- 10/1/26 Employment Recognition Event
- 10/10/26 Senator Cortese's Picnic
- 10/10/26 Pumpkins in the Park
- 10/15/26 Vendor Fair – Watsonville
- 10/17/26 Filipino Conference
- 10/24/26 Service Above Self Awards Dinner
- 10/28/26 Vendor Fair – Salinas
- 11/12/26 Vendor Fair – San Jose
- 11/14/26 Holiday Craft Fair

SCDD

Ms. Jennifer Lucas Manager gave these updates:

- The 2026 There Should Be a Law Contest Report: https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2026/09/2026.6th.Annual.There_.Should.Be_.A.Law_.Report.Final_.Access.pdf
- The next SCDD Council Meeting will be on September 29th for most of the day. Details will be posted here as we get closer: https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/
- SCDD's New Policy on Inclusive Communications: https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2026/07/Policy-on-Inclusive-Communications-2026-07-24.pdf
- QA Interviewers Needed for NCI surveys: https://scdd.ca.gov/qap/
- SCDD Emergency Preparedness Month events: https://scdd.ca.gov/emergency-preparedness-month/
- Public Charge Final Rule: What Advocates Need to Know - https://justiceinaging.org/public-charge-final-rule-what-advocates-need-to-know/
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Other

All's Well Update

Ms. Cera reviewed the overview of the program:

- State Partnership
- Paid Internship
- Mentorship and Training
- Program Objectives
  - DSP Launchpad
  - Career Growth Opportunity
  - Simplified Hiring
- Key points for providers
  - No cost to providers
  - Onboarding and clearance
  - Retention incentives
- DSP Internship agency available for your use
- Website: https://dspinternship.allswell.com/

Mr. Zaldivar reminded the committee that the “Public Charge” law will go into effect on 1/1/2027. The regional center is not under the “Public Charge” law.

Next SPAC Committee Meeting:
October 8, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

San Andreas Regional Center
Board of Directors
Program Policy Committee Minutes
October 6, 2026

Committee Members Present:	Maya Bareket	Pamela Kerman
	Christine Kiebert-Boss	Lisa Lopez (Chair)
Committee Members Absent:	Viviana Barnwell	
Staff Present:	Karla Cruz	Jim Elliott
	Lourdes González	Mike Keele
	Monica Martinez	Irene De La Rosa
	Javier Zaldivar	

The meeting was called to order at: 4:03 p.m. by Ms. Lisa Lopez committee chair via Zoom. These policies were revised:

1. DURABLE AND NON-DURABLE MEDICAL, ASSISTIVE, AND ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTATIONS TO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY
The policy will be approved by the Board and then sent to the Department for approval.

2. Competitive and Integrated Employment-First
The policy will be approved by the Board and then sent to the Department for approval.
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3. Fiscal Contract Review and Approval Process
This process was updated to reflect new trailer bill language, where it increases the threshold amount that Board members need to approve contracts. The minimum amount is $350,000.00. This policy does not go to the Department for approval; the Board approves it and adopts it.

4. Policy Tracking List
Policies to be reviewed next:

- Living Arrangements
- Early Intervention
- Respite Care

5. Next Committee Meeting Date/Time
Tuesday, November 3. 2026

6. Adjournment
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

San Andreas Regional Center
Board of Directors
BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 6, 2026

Committee Members Present:	Maya Bareket Lisa Lopez	Pamela Kerman (chair)
Committee Members Absent:	Christine Gianola	Nicolas Santos
Staff Present:	Lourdes González Javier Zaldivar	Mike Keeley

The Board Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m., by Ms. Pam Kerman, committee chair via zoom.

1. Confirm Board Education
There will be a Board Education on October 19, 2026, in person at the San Jose office. The training will be on *Linguistics and Cultural Competency;* Ms. Adriana Diaz Diversity and Inclusion Manager will do the training.

2. Applicants Update
- Ms. Dipannita Sarcar will be recommended to join the Board of Directors at the October 19, 2026 meeting.
- An individual served is in the pipeline to be recommended to the Board.
- There is a potential Board member that will be interviewed soon.
- The committee continues to reach-out to those people that have submitted Board applications.

3. Vacancies
Three Vacancies
- 1 San Benito County
- 1 At-Large
- 1 Monterey County

4. Member Terms
- Ms. Alicia Mesa will be re-elected to her third term.

5. Other

6. Next Committee Meeting Date/Time
Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

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

San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Via Zoom
August 4, 2026

Committee Members Present:	Maya Bareket (Chair)	Erika Gonzalez
	Pamela Kerman	Christine Kierbert-Boss
	Lisa Lopez	Gus Maldonado
	Rajesh Patel	
Committee Members Absent:		
Staff Present:	Karla Cruz	Mia Garza
	Lourdes Gonzalez	Mike Keeley
	Arushie Nugapitiya	Monica Martinez
	Francisco Valenzuela	Irene de la Rosa

Ms. Maya Bareket, 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 October.

Total Incidents 1213
203 Incidents reportable to DDS.
1090 Incidents not reportable to DDS.
6 Deaths
5 Consumers reported missing with 0 not yet located
39 Suspected Abuse/Exploitation
50 Serious Injuries
26 Medical Need/Accident/Other
12 Victim of Crime
14 Suspected Neglect
51 Unplanned hospitalizations

2. Development of the October 19, 2026, Board Meeting in person at the San Jose office. The training will be on *Linguistics and Cultural Competency;* Ms. Adriana Diaz Diversity and Inclusion Manager will do the training.

a. President's Report: Maya Bareket
1. Thank you for the Opportunity

b. Executive Director's Report: Javier Zaldivar
1. Diversity Outreach Update
2. Employment Programs Update
3. Approve CalPERS Compliance

c. Directors of Consumer Services: Mike Keeley

1. New and Closing Programs
2. Social Recreation
3. Mission Moment

d. Committee Reports:

Fiscal - Action Item: Recommendation to approve the R&D Transportation contract.

Program Policy - Action Item: Recommendation to adopt the Fiscal Contract Review Process.

Board Development - Action Item: Recommendation to approve the re-election of Ms. to her third two-year term in the Board.

Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Ms. Dipannita Sarcar to her first two-year term in the Board.

Action Item: Recommendation to adopt the 2027 Meeting Schedule.

Service Provider Advisory - Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Mr. Semaj White to his first two-year term on SPAC.

Quality Assurance Advisory – There will be a report

People Advisory Committee - There will be a report

ARCA - There will be a report

Slate of officers will be voted in:

President - Pamela Kerman
Vice-President - Lisa Lopez
Treasurer - Gus Maldonado
Secretary - Uma Venkatesh

3. Director's Update

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

- Incident under investigation to find out what happened to an individual that died once he was out of the hospital
- SARC Continues to support difficult to serve individuals at the EBSHs (Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes)
- Several EBSHs have been returned to SARC due to provider being unable to make it work, and SARC is unable to pay for empty beds.
- An RFP (Request for Proposal) has been issued for a Memory Care Home

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:
Your Rights: Appeals, Complaints, & Whistleblower - San Andreas Regional Center

- One 4731 complaint received:
    1. Parent complained because she wants to re-do an Early Start Assessment test for her child that has been completed already. SARC has responded that Protocols must be followed.
- Zero whistleblowers reported:

Public Records Act (PRA) Requests:

1. 27 requests have been received so far:
    a. Most are related to vendor records, requesting contracts and rate structure
    b. Audit letters
    c. Social recreation – how implemented
    d. 3 remain open - audit letters and program design
2. Vendors are notified if a PRA concerns them, so they can follow protocol on proprietary information

4. Announcements/Events

Mr. Valenzuela shared these events:

- 10/10/26 Senator Cortese's Picnic
- 10/10/26 Pumpkins in the Park
- 10/15/26 Vendor Fair – Watsonville
- 10/17/26 Filipino Conference
- 10/22/ 26 SVCN Event
- 10/23/ 26 GGRC 60th Anniversary Event
- 10/24/26 Service Above Self Awards Dinner
- 10/28/26 Vendor Fair – Salinas
- 11/12/26 Vendor Fair – San Jose
- 11/14/26 Holiday Craft Fair

5. Next committee/meeting date

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
Meeting Minutes (via zoom)
October 8, 2026

Members Present	Rosa Amador	Jen Aruiza
	Erika Gonzalez (chair)	Mike Gonzalez
	Yen-Nhi Nguyen	Mike Nichols
Members absent	Allyson Yant	Reggie San Pablo
Staff Present	Maria Aleman	Grabriela Alvarez
	Malyssa Bernas	Gina Billeci
	Laurelyn Bracamontes	Rosalina Cone
	Karla Cruz	Adriana Diaz
	Mahnaz Ehsan	Lauria Furuya
	Lauren Gallagher	Mia Garza
	Diana Gutierrez	Gina Jennings
	Rae'chel Jensen	Mike Keeley
	Rocio King	Shiyu-Liu
	Monica Martinez	Vanessa Oamelda
	Naina Sharma	Cal Smith
	Ai-Lien Thai	Francisco Valenzuela
	Javier Zaldivar	
Community Present	Adullah Kaykha	Alexandra Roldan
	Colveda	Desiree Luong
	Doug Pascover	Diana Gonzalez
	Dylan Wales	Heidi Morgan
	Erin Saldivar	Esther de la Rosa
	Farah Culbertson	Franchesca Lacanlale
	Jacky Ting	Jenica Hadley
	Jessica Greco	Kevin Burman
	Kristen H	Leticia Trujillo
	Lori Menzies	Mark Sung
	Melanie G.	Michelle Villarreal
	Mitachew Abebe	Monarch
	New Horizons ILS	Quality Respite
	Ritika Kumar	Sarah Samson
	Semaj White	Shirley
	Sia	Sonja
	Stephani Anderson	Stephanie Valera
	Tania Keiser	Tracey Marquart
	Tricia Lara	TriCounties Speech
	Vanessa	Vickey Perkins
	Yuli Padilla	Zyrel Dimalanta

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

Committee Updates

Ms. Gonzalez gave these updates:

- Vendor Fairs are coming up sign-up for participation

Provider Input

- None

Community Services Update

Ms. Mia Garza Associate Director of community services gave the report.

Quality Incentive Programs (QIP) FY 2026-27

- Providers were reminded to check their QIP compliance status directly on the DDS website rather than contacting SARC's POS or Community Services departments.
- Clarified that the QIP component is already included in the full rate established under rate reform and is not an additional 10% payment.
    - Providers receiving 100% of their established rate are already receiving the QIP component.
    - Providers receiving a reduced rate may have the withheld component restored once DDS verifies compliance with applicable requirements.

DSPU (Direct Support Professional University)

- DDS's free, voluntary, three-tier training and certification program supports direct support professional development.
- DSPU does not replace existing DSP 1 and DSP 2 training requirements.
- Providers were encouraged to share training opportunities with their staff.

EDGE (Employee Development, Growth, and Education)

- EDGE is DDS's online learning platform providing access to training and professional development opportunities.
- DSPU is available through EDGE, with additional training resources expected in the future.

DDS Directive Updates

- IRS Mileage Rate Increase
    - IRS mileage reimbursement rate increased from $0.725 to $0.76 per mile, effective July 1, 2026
    - Applicable rates include certain residential, day program, employment, transportation, Early Start, and community-based services.
    - SARC Fiscal has updated applicable rates, and payment adjustments will be processed in the next check run.
- Early Start Services Delivered Remotely Effective 11/1/26
    - Occasional remote services requested due to unforeseen family circumstances may be reimbursed at the existing applicable rate, provided they do not exceed 25% of quarterly scheduled visits.

    - Regular remote or hybrid services must use the clinic-based rate and subcode.
    - Program design amendments are not required solely for remote service delivery.
    - Services must remain consistent with the child's IFSP, and remote services must be reported through eBilling.
    - SARC Resource and Early Start teams are coordinating to identify affected providers and update rate tables.
- ARFPSHN (Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs) Vacancy Funding Effective 11/1/26:
    - Establishes a statewide process to maintain reimbursement during vacancies in ARFPSHN homes required to provide 24-hour licensed nursing coverage.
    - Full facility reimbursement may continue for up to 90 calendar days when staffing requirements are maintained and active placement efforts are underway.
    - Extended funding beyond 90 days or when occupancy falls below 50% requires prior DDS approval.
    - Funding is provided through adjusted resident rates rather than vacant-bed payments.
    - Monthly vacancy tracking and reporting are required.
    - SARC is working on necessary contract and authorization changes.

Director Update

Mr. Javier Zakdivar Executive Director discussed these issues.

- Be aware of the PRA (Public Records Act), take the initiative-taking in protecting your proprietary information by completing the legal process.
    - Use appropriate business emails so your personal emails are not released with PRA requests.
- Protect information and devices; in case of a cyber-attack notify SARC immediately of any HIPAA violation to avoid penalties
- Behavioral Health has updated their site for easier access and information check the website. https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/behavioral-health-transformation/behavioral-health-services-act/behavioral-health-public-county-profile/
- Information on the Public Charge Law will be coming soon; attend the information sessions so you are aware of the impact to individuals. For any issues contact SARC to support those individuals that need it.
- There has been an uptick on whistle blowers mostly on staff complaints; please work and communicate with your employees.

Community Resources Update
Mr. Cal Smith, District Manager gave the report.

New and Closing Programs:
New programs: 8 total new programs vendored in the month of September.
- PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
- 2 SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
- RESIDENTIAL FACILITY ADULTS
- ADULT DAY PROGRAM
- DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
- EARLY START SPEC THERAPEUTIC SRVCS
- INDEPENDENT LIVING

New Courtesy Vendored: 7

Closed program: 2 total closed vendors
- 2 closed
- 0 closed due to inactivity for over 24 months

Vendor Orientation Updates
- *Check the website for current dates: New Vendors Training - San Andreas Regional Center*
- 10/19/26 CFSNV
- 10/14/26 SLS Roundtable
- 10/19/26 Day Program

HCBS (Home & Community Based Services)
Ms. Mia Garza Associate Director of community services gave the report.
HCBS Final Rule – federal regulations that ensure services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities in living full integrated lives in their communities. Focus on protecting individuals' rights, promoting choice, and ensuring people have opportunities to participate in community life

Compliance and Monitoring
- Emphasized the importance of incorporating HCBS requirements into daily service delivery, including individual rights, choice, dignity, independence, and community inclusion.
- Total of 479 sites to monitor, still have 243 sites remaining to visit by the end of the year.
- SARC hosted Supporting HCBS Rights workshops with Alo Consultation for direct support staff and administrators the feedback was positive

Vendor Training Opportunities in person and virtual
- *For current trainings check the website. Beyond Compliance | assistance with HCBS waiver compliance | USA*
- For HCBS trainings info or registrations please reach out to Michelle at mlivoni@sarc.org
- October 19: Healthy Relationships 101 – Safety, relationships, dating, and sexuality.

- October 20: Healthy Relationships Intermediate – Identity, dating, recognizing, and reporting abuse, and family planning.
- October 21: Healthy Relationships: Intentional Support & Empowered Care – Respectful boundaries, communication, dignity, and personal choice
- October 21, 10:00–11:30 a.m.: House Agreements – Promoting individual rights, participation, and independence in residential settings.
- November 4, 10:00–11:30 a.m.: Dignity and Respect – Supporting choice, self-determination, and independence.

RFP (Request For Proposal)

- New RFP for SARC's second Memory Care Home issued Request for Proposal - San Andreas Regional Center

Employment

Ms. Rosalina Cone, Employment Specialist gave the report:

- October is Disability Awareness Month
- 10/20/26 Ms. Cone will host Topic Talks on Employment
- Directive issued for individuals affected by DOR (Department of Rehabilitation) order of selection process mandates:
    - Regional center shall authorize appropriate services for individual as needed until services can be provided by the vocational rehabilitation program.
    - Individuals with signed plans will not be affected
    - Services be provided:
        - Job Development
        - Job Coaching
    - Fees paid to Vendors
        - Intake fee
        - Placement fee
        - 90-Day Retention Fee
- CARF accreditation and DOR certification is not required by providers for now, DDS is working on standardized guidelines.

Emergency Preparedness

Ms. Rae'chel Jensen, Emergency Resource Coordinator (ERC) shared a power point on Preparedness.

Get Ready for a Big Winter:

- El Niño is an ocean pattern that brings extreme weather changes with big impact
- Our 4 catchment areas can be affected
- Be ready by preparing with two kits:
    - Go kit
    - Stay kit
- State of Emergency has been declared:
    - Help moves in early
    - Roads and power get checked
    - Repairs happen faster
    - Extra crews on standby

- Sign up for alerts and know who to call

Current Projects

- 10/17/ Tabling at “Raise the Flame” in Santa Cruz
- 10/19/26 Great Shakeout participation

SCDD

Ms. Jennifer Lucas Manager sent these updates:

- SCDD NDEAM Events highlights inclusive employment, employment rights, and resources for people with developmental disabilities:
    - October 22 at noon: Employer perspectives on inclusive employment.
    - October 29 at noon: Benefits planning and employment.
    - SCDD released its new 2026–2027 Employment Resource Guide in English and Spanish.
    - Resources, registration, and guides: https://scdd.ca.gov/ndeam/
- Integration Mandate update - Bipartisan House resolution, 586 was introduced in response to growing concerns about federal community integration protections. It reaffirms the Olmstead decision and the intent of federal disability laws to protect people from unnecessary institutionalization. The resolution also calls for expanded community-based services and integrated employment opportunities. While it would not change existing law, it is an important congressional statement supporting the rights of people with disabilities to live and participate in their communities. https://ncil.org/news/announcements/house-resolution-introduced/
- Changes to Social Security Benefits Planning Certification: The Trump Administration and Social Security Administration have terminated funding for the Virginia Commonwealth University certification program for Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWICs). This was the sole SSA-contracted certification program for staff at Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) agencies, which provide free, individualized benefits counseling to help people with disabilities understand how employment affects their benefits. This raises concerns about the future capacity to train and certify benefits counselors, although WIPA services have not been terminated.
- Proposed CDC Changes to Disability Data Collection: significant changes to its 2028 National Health Interview Survey, reducing disability-related questions from 49 to 15:
    - It can lead to an undercount of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)
    - This could impact federal funding, disability-related research, and efforts to identify health disparities.
    - The proposal also shifts primarily to online and paper surveys, raising accessibility concerns.
    - For Public comment; https://www.regulations.gov/document/CDC-2026-1387-0001

- Free virtual events to explore how artificial intelligence (AI) can support individuals with IDD:
    - 11/4/26 12:00 (AI) lunch-and-learn feature
    - 11/17/20 interactive sessions on AI tools; https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HHqAoZL0VfqLVdWzJDDQX5YFb-NUPXyD?usp=sharing

Announcements:
Mr. Francisco Valenzuela shared the events:
Upcoming Events:

- 10/10/26 Senator Cortese's Picnic
- 10/10/26 Pumpkins in the Park
- 10/15/26 Vendor Fair – Watsonville
- 10/17/26 Filipino Conference
- 10/24/26 Service Above Self Awards Dinner
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- 11/12/26 Vendor Fair – San Jose
- 11/14/26 Holiday Craft Fair

Other
Mr. Taylor Buttrey Art Director of AbilityPath presented their program "More Than Art."

Next SPAC Committee Meeting:
November 12, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

San Andreas Regional Center
Quality Assurance Advisory Committee via Zoom
October 13, 2026

Committee Members Present:	Maya Bareket	Sherrean Carr
	Christine Kiebert- Boss	Lisa Lopez
	Alicia Mesa	Rajesh Patel
Committee Members Absent:	Pamela Kerman	Uma Venkatesh
Staff Present:	Gina Billeci	Mia Garza
	Laurelyn Bracamontes	Lisa Hartley
	Hazel Jordan	Rae'chel Jensen
	Mike Keeley	Monica Martinez
	Irene De La Rosa	Liz Schile
	Cal Smith	Denise Zuniga-Ruiz

Community Present:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rajesh Patel 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; **RACC** = Risk Assessment Compliance Coordinator; **SC** = Service Coordinator; **SP** = Service Provider; **SLS** =Supportive Living Service

I. Special Incident Reports:

RASCC Denise Zuniga-Ruiz gave the report.

A.

1293	Total number of incidents.
203	Incidents reportable to DDS
1090	Incidents not reportable to DDS
6	Total number of deaths.
5	Consumers reported missing with **0** not yet located
39	Suspected Abuse/Exploitation
50	Serious Injury

26	Medical Need/Accident/Other
12	Victim of Crime
14	Suspected Neglect
51	Unplanned hospitalizations with **3** consumers remaining hospitalized.

B. **Breakdown of Incident Reports by Residence type**:

RCH-79	ICF-7	SNF/NF-2
ILS-15	SLS -39	Family Home - 46
Foster Home- 0	Family Home Agency- 4	Psych Treat/Other-1
Own No ILS/SLS- 0	EBSH- 8	CCH-1
Homeless- 1		

Report:
Ms. Zuniga-Ruiz updated the committee on these topics with graphs and pie charts for the following:

- Monthly Incident Rate vs State Average of past and current year
- Monthly Incidents by type of past and current year
- Monthly Incident subtypes of Suspected Abuse of past and current year
- Monthly Incident subtypes of Suspected Neglect of past and current year
- Samples of specific incidents that are true, false, unsubstantiated, and under investigation.
    - One True incident was discussed by the committee

II. **Quality Assurance (QA): Sep.**

A. QA Facility Monitoring - Residential Care Homes, Level 2 - Level 7

30 Out of 30 scheduled FMs completed.
24 Facilities received recommendations. Twenty-two (22) follow-up visits
05 Facilities received corrective action plans.

- Two facilities did not complete the first CAP that was issued: No outings for a blind individual, and no DSP training/challenge test
- Three L4 facilities short on consultation hours**.**

B. QA Unannounced Visits based on complaint(s)

0 Out of 0 scheduled QAs completed.
__ Facilities received recommendations
__ Facilities received corrective action plans

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

13 Out of 13 completed. All visits were completed in February 2026

- Currently there are only 12 homes.

D. Enhanced Behavior Support Homes (EBSH) Quarterly Monitoring Visits. (8 EBSHs)

4 Out of 4 complete. 8/3/26, 8/25/26,8/26/26, and 8/28/26.

E. Community Crisis Home (CCH) Quarterly Monitoring Visit.

0 CCH monitoring visit on 07/31/26.

0 Unannounced visit completed

F. QA Evaluation – Day Programs and In-Home-Support Programs

2 Out of 3 scheduled evaluations completed on 8/04/26, and 8/26/26

1 day programs received recommendation, and 1 received follow-up visit due to consumer records and facility observation

0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

G. Trainings:

Residential Services Orientation (RSO) 8/3/26, 25 attendees (vendors)
Service Providers Facility Monitoring Training 8/6/26, 24 attendees
New Hire 8/7/26, 7 attendees

H. Standing QA Meetings:

Quality Assurance around the Bay **(QAAB)** Quarterly Meeting. No meeting
SARC & CCL Quarterly Rap Session with vendors. No meeting in August 2026

Mortality and Morbidity Meeting: 09/08/26, 14 Deaths Reviewed

0 Infants 2 Children 6 Adults 6 Elderly

I. Highlights: Interviewing for a QA Specialist. Yay!

II. Quality Assurance (QA): **Oct**.

A. QA Facility Monitoring - Residential Care Homes, Level 2 - Level 7

26 Out of 26 scheduled FMs completed.
14 Facilities received recommendations. Nine (9) follow-up visits
03 Facilities received corrective action plans.

B. QA Unannounced Visits based on complaint(s)

_0_ Out of __0__ scheduled QAs completed.

__ Facilities received recommendations

__ Facilities received corrective action plans

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

13 Out of 13 completed. All visits were completed in February 2026

- Currently there are only 12 homes.

D. Enhanced Behavior Support Homes (EBSH) Quarterly Monitoring Visits. (8 EBSHs)

4 Out of _4_ complete. 9/3/26, 9/11/26, 9/17/26, and 9/17/26.

E. Community Crisis Home (CCH) Quarterly Monitoring Visit. (1 CCH)

_0_ CCH monitoring visit on 07/31/26.

_0_ Unannounced visit completed

F. QA Evaluation – Day Programs and In-Home-Support Programs

3 Out of 5 scheduled evaluations completed on 9/01/26, 9/17/26, and 9/22/26

1- Day Program received recommendations, and 0 received a follow-up visit. (Consumer records and facility observation)

0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

G. Trainings:

No trainings scheduled for September 2026

H. Standing QA Meetings:

Mortality and Morbidity: 10/13/26, Number of deaths 6

__0__ Infants __0__ Children __2__ Adults __6__ Elderly

I. Highlights: A new QA Specialist will join the team on 11/2/26. Yay!

III. Health Services:
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	Sept 10	16	16/0	---
Cerebral Palsy				
Chronic to Hospice				
Dementia in I/DD Population				
Diabetes				
Epilepsy				
Falls Prevention	Sept 1	11	11/0	---
Fatal 5				
Hospital Cycle				
Oral Health	Sept 16	7	7/0	---
Pressure Injury Prevention & Recognition				
Recognizing Signs of Abuse				
Restricted Health Conditions	Sept 24	16	13/3	1/2
RN Consultant Training				
Signs/Symptoms of Illness/Injury				
Special Incident Report – San Jose	Sept 22	21	16/5	3/2
Special Incident Report -				
Thinking Ahead				
Totals	5	71	63/8	4/4

B. Current projects/activities:
HSU is assessing knowledge gaps among providers to identify additional training topics that would be beneficial.

HSU has noted a few COVID-19 cases, most involving mild symptoms and brief hospitalizations.

C. Highlights:
Based on feedback, HSU will combine two vendor training classes, *Hospital Cycle* and *Signs and Symptoms*, to provide a more comprehensive overview of symptoms to monitor in clients and when ER/urgent care/hospitalization may be necessary.

The committee discussed ways to help staff pass their tests, such as verbal explanations or materials in their native language.

IV. Supported Living Services (SLS): Sep.

A. SLS QA's: 0

B. SLS Roundtable: SLS Roundtable to resume this fall.

C. Supported Living Orientation for Individuals and Families (SLO)

_1_ Completed, _1_ Total Attendees

D. SLS New Vendor Orientation (SLSNV)

_1_ Completed, _29_ Total Attendees

Highlights:
The group was active in discussions and eager to obtain their certificates. Some were just beginning their application process and others were finishing.

V. Community Services:

Residential Service Orientation (RSO)
_1_ Completed, _23_ Total Attendees

RSO (mini for FHA)
_0_ Completed, _0_ Total Attendees

IV. Supported Living Services (SLS): Oct.

A. SLS QA's: 0

B. SLS Roundtable: SLS Roundtable to resume October 14th.

C. Supported Living Orientation for Individuals and Families (SLO)

_1_ Completed, _0_ Total Attendees

D. SLS New Vendor Orientation (SLSNV)

_0_ Completed, _0_ Total Attendees

Next SLSNV is November 5th.

Highlights:
New Resource Specialist, Kate Nguyen, joined SARC October 1st and is already reviewing SLS program designs.

V. Community Services:
Residential Service Orientation (RSO)
_0_ Completed, _0_ Total Attendees

Next RSO is November 4th.

RSO (mini for FHA)
_0_ Completed, _0_ Total Attendee

VI. Emergency Response Plan Report
Ms. Rae'chel Jense, Emergency Resource Coordinator (ERC) gave the report.

A. Incident Response

- Wildfire and vegetation fire incidents tracked.
- Extended monitoring and coordinated updates were provided for the Timber and Plaskett Fires.
- One family impacted by the Timber Fire evacuated safely and received essential safety supplies from the ERC through the Salinas office.
- A fire at Eleanor's residential care home required residents to relocate temporarily. No injuries were reported, medications were retrieved, and the ERC coordinated follow-up resources with the Service Coordinator, management, and community partners.

B. Current Projects & Initiatives

- Continue development of the SARC Safety Coalition for a planned January 2027 launch
- Supporting October preparedness outreach, including Race the Flame on October 17th, 2026 and the Great ShakeOut on October 19th, 2026.
- GGRC and SARC ERCs will jointly host an online Fall Safety Webinar on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 1:00–1:30 p.m. Topics will include El Niño preparedness, earthquakes and the Great ShakeOut, and Halloween safety.

C. Trainings, Planning, and Coordination

- Participated in utility, county, and statewide coordination activities; presented at the Ventura Disability Summit; and conducted community preparedness outreach.
- The ERC successfully facilitated SARC's organization-wide active assailant drill and recruited six additional managers to provide reenactments that tested staff safety procedures and response actions.
- Advanced preparedness resources and access by obtaining wearable ID kits
- Distributed 110 Spanish-language preparedness packets
- Provided four emergency kits to Harbor SLS
- Maintaining emergency notification data and beginning language-access notification planning.

VII. Other:
None

VIII. Next QAAC meeting is scheduled for:
Tuesday, November 10, 2026

IX. Adjournment:
There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.