

RECREATION POLICY

I. INTENT

San Andreas Regional Center recognizes the importance of recreation for the people it serves and promotes access to community recreational activities.

II. DEFINITION

Consumers, Individuals served by the regional center and Persons we serve are terms that are used interchangeably throughout the San Andreas Purchase of Service policies to refer to those individuals who receive services from the regional center. These same terms are used throughout the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

Recreation means a full range of naturally occurring leisure events or activities in the community.

III. POLICY

San Andreas Regional Center shall work in cooperation with families and agencies in the development of community and private recreational activities designed to meet the specific needs of the people it serves, and shall advocate with community agencies to enroll people with disabilities in their existing recreational programs.

The regional center may provide training for a community agency that wishes to promote access to and participation in its recreation activities.

The regional center shall assist the people it serves, and their families, in exploring existing community recreation activities and may provide support for accessing the activities.

IV. PURCHASE OF SERVICE (POS) STANDARD

The type and amount of recreation support services that San Andreas may purchase will be determined by the planning team based on consumer needs and, where appropriate, family needs.

V. EXCEPTION TO THE POLICY

The executive director has full discretion to authorize service purchases which are exceptions to the board-adopted purchase of service policies. The executive director has designated different members within the organization who may authorize a director's exception. They are called director's designees.

The first formal discussion of a request for service takes place at the planning team meeting. If the request falls within the service policy, the request is granted.

If the request for service is not consistent with the policy, the service coordinator starts the exception review process by exploring the basis for the request. A time line for the director's exception review is set by agreement between the consumer/family and the service coordinators but the time line may not exceed fifteen (15) days. Within that time, another planning team meeting will be convened. In the meantime the coordinator presents the

information to the manager to determine whether a director's exception may be warranted.

At the scheduled planning team meeting the decision will be made. The director's designee will attend the planning team meeting if necessary.

If the exception is granted, the service coordinator amends the person-centered individual program plan, notifies the consumer/family, and gives a copy of the amended plan to the consumer/family.

If the exception is not granted, the service coordinator promptly informs the consumer/family that it has not been granted, informs the consumer family of their appeal rights, and sends a notice of action and a fair hearing form.

VI. NOTICE OF ACTION

If a decision is made to deny, reduce, or cancel the service without the agreement of the consumer or the consumer's representative, a Notice of Action will be sent.

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