

**Friday, June 10, 2016**

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Re: Proposal to Implement Provisions of AB 637 1543/1106**

**San Andreas Regional Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, June 20, 2016  
6:00pm – 8:00pm  
1110 Main Street, Suite 8  
Watsonville, CA 95076**

**Proposal to implement provisions of AB 637 1543/1106**

In accordance with AB 637/1543/1106, San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) shall request a waiver of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 17, Section 56082 (b) in order to create a new tier of service contract for a Family Home Agency (FHA) which exceed rates in the Alternative Residential Model (ARM) licensed, residential facilities but beneath the cost of serving the same individual through Supported Living or other person-centered living arrangements. Currently, SARC provides FHA services in Santa Cruz County through Imagine Supported Living Services who would be providing this new tier if the request is approved by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

The client envisioned for this new tier has behavioral, safety and or medical needs which require intensive all-day attention. Such a client may not be appropriate for a congregate setting, very expensive to serve in an individualized model and/or may best be served through the stability and intimacy of a family home. In such cases, a high level reliable staff and professional support may be necessary to stabilize the family setting. This tier is designed to meet those needs.

The Family Home Agency (FHA) program envisioned will involve enough respite and professional care that the reliability and commitment of agency staff working with the FHA will substantially influence the outcomes experienced by the individual served. In this way, we propose to reduce the cost of compliance with the new Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) rules while creating functional families and offering individuals served with a broader choice of settings and arrangements.

This proposal will:

- Increase the quality, quantity and variety of living arrangements available to high-need individuals with developmental disabilities in Santa Cruz County,
- Reduce or be neutral compared to the cost of other HCBS-presumed-compliant models available in our area, and
- Meet the specific needs of difficult-to-serve individuals sustainably with a view towards life-long availability in a specific household

Approval of this proposal by DDS will allow SARC to meet the requirements of new waiver rules and serve individuals with challenging needs with long-term, person-centered living arrangements at reduced cost.

Public comments on this proposal may be made in writing at any time prior to the close of this public meeting, or in oral testimony at the public meeting. Please send written comments to Jeffery Darling at [jdarling@sarc.org](mailto:jdarling@sarc.org).