

SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTICE AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 6203 San Ignacio Ave. San Jose, CA. 95119
[Click for Zoom Link](#)



6:00 - 6:02 p.m. I. Call to Order and Introductions Maya Bareket



6:02 - 6:05 p.m. II. Vision Statement Gus Maldonado



- 6:05 - 6:09 p.m. III. Approval of Minutes
- 1. Board Meeting Minutes - 11/17/25
 - 2. Fiscal Committee Meeting - 11/17/25
 - 3. Program Policy Committee - 1/6/26
 - 4. Board Development Meeting - 1/6/26
 - 5. Executive Committee Meeting - 1/6/26
 - 6. SPAC Minutes - 12/11/25, 1/8/26
 - 7. Quality Assurance 1/13/26



6:09 - 6:20 p.m. IV. State Council on Developmental Disabilities -
Central CoastJennifer Lucas

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.



6:20- 6:30 V. Presidents Report Maya Bareket
1. New Beginnings



6:30 - 6:55 VI. Executive Director's Report Javier Zaldivar
1. Diversity Outreach Update
2. Employment Programs Update
3. Health and Safety Awareness
4. CalPERS Resolution of Intention Amendment Adoption



6:55 - 7:15 VII. Director of Consumer Services Report Mike Keeley
1. New and Closing Programs
2. Self-Determination Update
3. Social Recreation Update



7:15 - 7:40 VIII. Committee Reports
1. Fiscal Gus Maldonado
2. Program Policy Lisa Lopez
Action Item: Recommendation to adopt the "*Transparency and Public Records Policy*"
3. Board Development Pam Kerman
4. Service Provider Advisory Erika Gonzalez
Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Mr. Reginald San Pablo, & Ms. Yen-Nhi Nguyen to their first two-year term on SPAC
5. Quality Assurance Advisory Rajesh Patel
6. People's Advisory Committee Maya Bareket
7. ARCA Lisa Lopez



7:40 - 7:45 IX. Public Comment



7:45 - 7:50 X. Board Comment



7:50 - 8:00 XI. Announcements



8:00 XII. Adjournment

**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
November 17, 2025**

Presiding: Maya Bareket Board President

Board Members Present:	Viviana Barnwell	Cole Baumeister
	Christine Gianola	Erika Gonzalez
	Pamela Kerman	Lisa Lopez
	Gus Maldonado	Alicia Mesa
	Rajesh Patel	Nicolas Santos
	Uma Venkatesh	

Board Members Absent: Elisabeth Einaudi

Staff Present	Gabriela Alvarez	Ralissa Araujo
	Gina Billeci	Corina Bobeda
	Rosalina Cone	Karl Cruz
	Jim Elliott	Mahnaz Ehsan
	Christiana Gardner	Mia Garza
	Lisa Hartley	John Hunt
	Rae'chel Jensen	Angel Johnson
	Mike Keeley	Grecia Magana
	Arushie Nugapitiya	Vanessa Oamelda
	Maggie Pendl	Phien Phan
	Jennifer Price	Cal Smith
	Ai-Lien Thai	Lina Tran
	Francisco Valenzuela	Kait Wilkerson
Javier Zaldivar	Lourdes Gonzalez	

Community Present:	Jennifer Lucas (SCDD)	Janica Hadley
	Patricia Kamlley (DDS)	Glendora Pitre

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Maya Bareket Board President called to order the regularly scheduled business meeting of San Andreas Regional Center at 5:05 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 Ms. Lisa Lopez read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes – 10/20/25
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting Minutes –10/20/25
3. Program Policy Committee Meeting Minutes –
4. Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes – 11/4/25
5. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 11/4/25
6. Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –
7. Quality Assurance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes -

Independent Accountants Audit Report

Mr. Tom Huey of Windes, Inc. presented the Board a summary of the June 30, 2025, Audit report reviewed by the Fiscal committee:

- SARC received a clean/unmodified opinion
- Internal controls processes in disbursements, receipts, and accounting for revenue, were analyzed
- The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.
- The Pension Plan section is not completed since the unfunded actuarial accrued liability has not been published.

The Board approved the Fiscal Audit Report

M/S/C Moved to approve the June 30, 2025, Fiscal Audit Report (Kerman/Lopez) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (EGonzalez), Motion carries.

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTRAL COAST

Ms. Jennifer Lucas, Manager, discussed these issues:

- SCDD and SARC are recruiting members for the Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) for anyone interested
- SCDD continues to do training for:
 - Emergency Volunteers
 - Law Enforcement.
 - Transition Fairs
- Applauded SARC for providing Sexuality Classes

CalPERS Resolution of Intention Amendment Approval

To stay compliant with CalPERS regulations the Board had to approve an Intention Amendment Approval that was presented.

M/S/C Moved to approve the CalPERS Resolution of Intention Amendment (Kerman/Lopez) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (EGonzalez), Motion carries.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Bareket gave an end-of-year report on SARC's activities:

- Partnerships that brought special inclusions events such as the San Jose Sharks, Santa Cruz Warriors, the SJ Giants, and the Barracudas.
- Partnerships with local leaders like Supervisor Foley, and Senator Cortese
- Sponsored many dances,
- Sent a robust team of advocates to Grassroots
- Sold out Legislative Luncheon and Service Above Self Awards Dinner
- Hosted many inclusive conferences
- Summer Festivals were a hit

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Diversity Outreach Update

Ms. Christiana Gardner Diversity and Inclusion (DI) manager gave the report:

SARC continues to host a variety of culturally focused events.

Completed:

- Halloween event for staff only
- Day of the Dead event – 48 individuals served and staff participated
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing plus (DHOH+) conference went well
- Gonzalez and Soledad Conferences

Upcoming Conferences/Events:

- 12/5/25 Parent Support Groups Dinner

SARC continues to support the monthly, language-specific parent support groups as they continue to grow:

- Newly formed groups in Watsonville and Monterey County in Spanish
- African American
- Filipino
- Hollister in Spanish
- Salinas in Spanish
- San Jose in Spanish
- Vietnamese

Employment Update

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist discussed these topics:

- Employer Recognition Reception Event in Santa Cruz was a success
- Employment opportunities have been presented at various transition fairs in our catchment area
- Options For All will provide employment opportunities in the South Counties now

Quality Incentive Program (QIP)

- New Directive issued for providers to earn 10% of their benchmark rate by completing these quality measures:
 - Employment measure - report on staff training and CIE placements
 - Provider Capacity measure - report on provider characteristics and workforce capacity

Rate Reform:

- Since the standardization service payments are made through the Department and codes are being updated
- Stay tuned for the standardization of the vendorizing process coming soon

Health and Safety Awareness Strategy

- Available for individuals that demonstrate a need for it, especially 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

Mr. Javier Zaldivar discussed these issues.

- Message on Federal Grants Suspension
- Regional centers can advocate for services but can't get involved in politics
- SARC will support families in need of food

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:

- The program continues to grow steadily.
- Latest Directive states that the Department will begin randomly reviewing cases where the budget has increased by \$20,000.

Social Recreation

- SARC Continues to support individuals to live meaningful lives in the community.
- Request must be safe for the individual.
- Per DDS the policy is being revised to better tailor it to individual's needs.

NEW AND CLOSING PROGRAMS

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

12 New

- Self Determination Support Service
- EARLY START THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
- RESIDENTIAL FACILITY
- PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
- SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES
- 7 services from Courtesy Vendorization

250 Closed

- 5 services requested closure.
- 245 due to inactivity in the last 24 months

Mission Moment

Mr. Keeley shared that an individual from the Special Olympics was chosen to represent the 49rs, he is proud.

Performance Contract Year-End Report FY 2024-2025

Mr. Jim Elliot Appeals and Special Projects Manager presented the report he discussed these topics:

- Demographics of who uses services:
 - Age of Consumers
 - Ethnicity
 - Where consumers live
 - Diagnosis
- Performance Goals - doing better than the state overall.
- Compliance standards met
- Employment Highlights - doing the same or better than the state average
- Reducing Disparities and Improving Equity

To see the complete report, go to: sanandreasregional.org/reports-policies/#performance-contract

The Board approved the report.

M/S/C Moved to approve the Performance Contract Year-End Report FY 2024-2025 (Baurmeister/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISCAL

Mr. Gus Maldonado Board Treasurer gave the Monthly Fiscal report.

1. Purchase of Services (Non-CPP only)

The Purchase of Service expense for the month of September was \$70.5M and the year to date was \$229.7M. The current allocation is \$1.03B.

2. Individuals Served

The number of individuals served as of September 2025 was 21,241. This is an increase of 982 individuals since September 2024.

3. Operations (OPS)

Expenses for the month of October were \$5.7M and the year to date was \$23.5M. The Fiscal Year Projection is \$72.8M and the estimated allocation is \$73M. This leaves us with a surplus of approximately \$196.2K.

4. Cash Position

The cash position through the end of October was \$135.1M. This is a decrease of \$7.6M since September.

5. Donation Fund

The balance in the Donation Fund through the end of October was \$486,101. This is an increase of \$498. This change was due to interest income and miscellaneous donations received throughout the month

Three contracts were approved:

- 1. M/S/C Moved to approve the Outbound Transportation contract; for FY 2025- 2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$11,130,186.00 (Santos/Lopez) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (EGonzalez), Motion carries.**
- 2. M/S/C Moved to approve the R&D Transportation Services, Inc. contract; for FY 2024- 2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 totaling \$10,629,924.62.00 (Kerman/Lopez) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (EGonzalez), Motion carries.**
- 3. M/S/C Moved to approve the Stars Bay Area, Inc. contract; for FY 2025 -26, totaling \$3,873,714.08 (Bauermeister/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (EGonzalez), Motion carries.**

PROGRAM POLICY COMMITTEE

None

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Action items.

M/S/C Moved to re-elect Ms. Uma Venkatesh to her second term to the Board. (Lopez/Baurmeister) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries

M/S/C Moved to elect Ms. Viviana Barnwell to her first term to the Board. (Santos/Baurmeister) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

- None

SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)

Ms. Gonzalez shared that the San Jose vendor fair was a huge success, with a record number of providers participating. The staff learned about many services and met the providers face to face.

PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

- Ms. Bareket shared that the Holiday Craft Fair went very well

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

- Ms. Lopez shared that several board members attended the ARCA Academy in Sacramento. It was an informative discussion on Board governance.
- Ms. Barnwell introduced herself and shared that she is fluent in Spanish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Valenzuela thanked all the staff for their support in making all the events successful.

- Awards Dinner was a success
- 12/10/25 Christmas Trees at the Capitol
- 12/14/25 Christmas in the park event
- 12/20/25 Breakfast with Santa in Hollister
- Upcoming Spanish Conference in Soledad

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Ms. Lourdes Gonzalez

Submitted by,

Ms. Lisa Lopez

**San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
Fiscal Committee - Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
November 17, 2025**

Committee Members Present: Gus Maldonado (chair) Pam Kerman
Alicia Mesa Uma Venkatesh

Committee Member Absent: Elisabeth Einaudi Rajesh Patel

Staff Present: Gabriela Alvares Meng Chen
Karla Cruz Mia Garza
Lourdes Gonzalez Lisa Hartley
John Hunt Mike Keeley
Phien Phan Javier Zaldivar

Community Present: AJ Harmon Cirenia Huerta
Tom Huey Mayra Montejano

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm. by Mr. Gus Maldonado Committee Chair.

1. Contract Review

The committee discussed and reviewed 3 contracts to recommend to the Board.

1. M/S/C Moved to recommend to the full Board approval of the Outbound Transportation contract; for FY 2025- 2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 totaling \$11,130,186.00 (Kerman/Mesa) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries

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3. M/S/C Moved to recommend to the full Board approval of the Stars Bay Area, Inc. contract; for FY 2026, 2026-2027 totaling \$3,873714.08 (Kerman/Venkatesh) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries

2. Fiscal Packet Review

Ms. Karla Cruz Controller reported the Monthly Fiscal Summary.

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3. Fiscal Audit Presentation

Mr. Tom Huey of Windes, Inc. presented the results of the June 30, 2025, Audit to the fiscal committee.

Audit topics reviewed were:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Activities
- Statement of Functional Expenses
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Report on Internal Controls
- Compliance for Major Federal Programs
 - Schedule of Expenditures
- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Summary Schedule of Prior Questioned Costs

Mr. Huey summarized that SARC:

- Received an unmodified opinion
- Internal Controls processes in disbursements, receipts, and accounting for revenue, were analyzed
- The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.
- The Pension Plan section is not completed since the unfunded actuarial accrued liability has not been published.
- No significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing the audit were encountered.
- No significant corrected and uncorrected misstatements were detected
- No disagreements with management arose

M/S/C Moved to recommend to the full Board approval of the fiscal audit report (Mesa/Kerman) No further discussions. All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Next Meeting Date

January 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Recorded by Lourdes Gonzalez

**San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
Meeting Minutes (via zoom)
December 11, 2025**

Members Present	Rosa Amador Desiree Luong	Erika Gonzalez (chair)
Members absent		
Staff Present	Anna Wall Hazel Jordan Rosalina Cone Mike Keeley Cal Smith Gina Jennings Gina Billeci Gabriela Alvarez Javier Zaldivar	Arushie Nugapitiya Irene de la Rosa Malyssa Barnas Karla Cruz Maria Aleman Maggie Pendl Mia Garza Rae'chel Jensen
Community Present	Abraham Batong Angela Lucero-Perry Bienvenido Castaneda Camilla Shaffer Cathy Bouchard Daya Sanchez Destinee Reyes Doug Pascover Esther de la Rosa Ginger Neven Gabriela Santos Jackie Jimenez Jennifer Aruiza Jerri Jensen Kerry Kaefer Kirsten Henderson Leticia Trujillo Lori Menzies Marco Chavarin Mark Sung Melina Gavina Miguel David Mitachew Abebe Natalia Acosta Renee Mallamace Sean McCormack Shreya Krishnan Tracey Marquart TriCounties Vickey Perkins Yen Nguyen Yuli Padilla	Alexndra Roldan Beth Prentiss Brie Hornig Candice Gharakhanian Cliff Bishop Denise Escano Diana Gonzalez Dylan Alto Farah Culbertson Feng Tsao Heidi Morgan Jenica Hadley Jeffrey Honore Jovita Barron Kimi Villalobos Kristin Koenig Lorer Jordan Lynda Miguel Mari Leyoshi Michelle Villarreal Mike Relayo Natalia Zuberbuhler Pamela Lindsay Sarah Macy Shaan Smith Tade Akintade Tricia Lara Vanessa Ballesteros Wayne Jasper Yohannes Bente Zoila L

Ms. Erika Gonzalez Committee Chair began the meeting via zoom starting at 2:32 p.m. She shared that Ms. Rosa Amador would help her lead the meeting because she was leaving early.

Committee Updates

- Ms. Gonzalez thanked all the members that participated in a very successful vendor fair in San Jose
- SPAC is recruiting new members reach out if interested

Provider Input

None

Best Practices for Self-Advocacy and Inclusion

None

Director Update

Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director discussed the following topics.

- Budget:
 - Many departments are tightening their belt
 - Will know more information in January be prepared
- All providers must be in the vendor portal by March 2026
- HR1 bill will impact Medicaid and public coverage:
 - Copayments/cost sharing
 - Work Requirements
 - Recertification timelines
 - Redetermination Requirements
 - The detailed process has not been released, still waiting to see how it will impact our population, stay tuned.
 - SARC will work on ways not to disrupt services for individuals served.

Community Services Update

Ms. Mia Garza Associate Director gave the report.

Rate Implementation:

- Hold Harmless Rates end February 28, 2026. All providers transition to posted rate model rates on March 1, 2026.
- Level 7 Rate Workbooks pending DDS release for questions contact- Jquendangan@sarc.org
- Excessive Mileage Policy effective Nov 1, 2025, for several service codes; worksheets available on SARC website. Contact: em@sarc.org

Quality Incentive Programs (QIP):

- Up to 10% incentive rate based on FY 2024–25 data
- Compliance due Feb 27, 2026.
- Requirements:
 - EVV registration or exemption; training in early March.
 - HCBS Final Rule ongoing compliance needed.

- Independent audits/reviews required, reports must be submitted within 9 months.
 - Two-year exemption form available.
- Survey links sent to Provider Directory emails; deadline Jan 31, 2025

Standardized Vendorization (2025–2026).

Statewide online vendorization system begins Jan 1, 2026:

- Key dates:
 - Dec 3, 2025: SARC may begin using Directory.
 - Jan 5, 2026: Required for Early Start, certain residential services, codes 008 & 028.
 - Mar 1, 2026: Required for all new vendorizations.
 - Jul 1, 2026: Service Code 024 must use Directory
 - Eligible applicants include new providers, expanding providers, and some family providers. Contact: vendorization@sarc.org

Providers are encouraged to reach out for support as DDS guidance evolves. Significant changes noted across rates, QIP, and vendorization processes

Community Resources Update

New and Closing Programs:

Ms. Gabriela Alvarez gave the report.

New programs: 9 total new program vendored in the month of November.

- 2 personal Assistance
- Behavior Analyst
- Early Start Therapeutic Services
- 3 Self Determination Services
- FMS Co-Employer
- Independent Living

Closed program: 7 total closed vendors in November.

- 3 providers closed due to lack of use in over 24 months
- 4_ providers closed for tax ID issues

Health and Safety Waiver Awareness Strategy (H&S)

- Supporting vendors with additional funding to address an individual's unmet needs that would jeopardize their health and safety; based on the individual served.
- Services that apply for the H&S Waiver:
 - SLS Transportation
 - Behavior Intervention
 - Community integration training programs
 - Community activity Support services
 - Mobile day programs
 - Creative art programs
 - Supplemental day service program supports

- Adaptive skills trainers
- ILS

HCBS (Home & Community Based Services)

Ms. Maggie Pendl manager gave the report.

***HCBS Final Rule:** The rule emphasizes person-centered planning, and it requires that services be delivered in settings that are fully integrated into the community. Individuals must have choices in how they live, access to privacy and visitors, and receive high quality services in the most inclusive and least restrictive settings.*

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:
 - Service Delivery Opportunities such as “Sexuality Training”
 - 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)
 - Dementia and Health related trainings
- Visit the webpage for training information and dates: [New Vendors Training | SARC](#)

Employment

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist gave the report:

- Requirements
 - Participate in survey
 - Participate in QIP measures of data submission:
 - Staff Training
 - Employment number of achievements
- DDS will be doing annual reporting for Competitive Integrated Employment, and Internships
- Had an ARCA/DDS Employment Meeting

Emergency Preparedness

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

VOADs

VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), and COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) Participation:

- Consider participating in the VOADs

Backup Battery Program

- Program continues to provide portable power solutions for individuals who rely on electrical medical or mobility equipment, ensuring continued operation during outages or Public Safety Power Shutoff events.
 - 117 remaining

Emergency Kit Distribution:

- Done -1617 distributed
- Project ends on December 31, 2025

SCDD Central Coast

Mr. Zaldivar gave the report on Ms. Jennifer Lucas' behalf.

- The SARC Self-Determination Advisory Committee is looking for new members, especially individuals receiving services. Half the members are appointed by SARC, and the other half are appointed by SCDD. If you are serving someone receiving services through SDP who might be interested in being a member on this committee, please reach out
- In 2026, increased advocacy will be needed. With the state potentially losing up to 30 billion in year in federal funding, there will be a lot of important services on the line.
- SCDD has been working closely with our partners on creating a Regional Center Services website, which will also include service codes, and hopes to launch it early next year. The purpose is to help folks navigate and better understand how various services can help. Currently it's in the beta testing phase so stay tuned
- Responses to the 2025-2026 Provider Self-Advocacy and Inclusion Promising Practices Survey have been low, please participate and share the link.
<https://forms.gle/AFBxDNBcfSV8N69W7>
 - Survey feedback:
 - Printing out material written and picture form for accessibility
 - Yearly surveys to get programming,
 - Have individuals serve as co-teachers to develop leadership skills
 - Help with mentoring new students
 - Start an initiative to train students to facilitate the mediation of interpersonal conflicts.

Announcements:

Upcoming events that SARC is organizing and supporting:

- 12/14/25 Christmas in the park event
- 12/20/25 Breakfast with Santa in Hollister
- In 2026, Residential Roundtables coming back.

Next SPAC Committee Meeting:

January 8, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present: Maya Bareket Christine Gianola
Pamela Kerman (chair)

Committee Members Absent: Cole Baurmeister Nicolas Santos

Staff Present: Lourdes González Lisa Hartley
John Hunt Mike Keeley
Arushie Nugapitiya Irene De la Rosa
Javier Zaldivar

The Board Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m., by Ms. Pam Kerman, committee chair via zoom.

1. Confirm Board Education

There will be a Board Education on January 21, 2026, at the Board meeting in person at the San Jose office. The training will be on “*Strategy for Board to Interact with Legislators*”. Mr. Francisco Valenzuela Public Relations Specialist will do the training.

2. Applicants Update

- An interested person from San Benito County might apply for the Board
- Last applicant interviewed will not come on board due to time conflicts.
- The committee will continue to recruit for our vacant categories.

3. Vacancies

Four Vacancies

- 1 San Benito County
- 2 At-Large
- 1 Monterey County

4. Member Terms

None

5. Next Committee Meeting Date/Time

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

6. 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
January 6, 2026**

Committee Members Present:	Maya Bareket (Chair) Pamela Kerman Gus Maldonado	Erika Gonzalez Lisa Lopez Rajesh Patel
Committee Members Absent:		
Staff Present:	Mia Garza Lisa Hartley Mike Keeley Irene de la Rosa	Lourdes Gonzalez John Hunt Arushie Nugapitiya Javier Zaldivar

Ms. Maya Bareket, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. via Zoom.

Mr. John Hunt shared with the committee that he will be retiring at the end of April, we wish him well.

1. Risk Assessment Report

Ms. Irene de la Rosa Associate Director presented the SIR report for the month of January.

Total Incidents 813

176 Incidents reportable to DDS.

637 Incidents not reportable to DDS.

12 Deaths

5 Consumers reported missing with 0 not yet located

17 Suspected Abuse/Exploitation

14 Injuries Requiring Treatment Beyond First Aid

34 Medical Need/Accident/Other

1 Victim of Crime

10 Suspected Neglect

84 Unplanned hospitalizations

2. Development of the Board Meeting on January 21, 2026, hybrid at the San Jose office at 6:00 pm.

a. President's Report: Maya Bareket

1. New Beginnings

b. Executive Director's Report: Javier Zaldivar

1. Diversity Outreach Update

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3. Health and Safety Awareness Strategy

4. CalPERS Resolution of Intention Amendment Approval
Resolution Approval

c. Directors of Consumer Services: Mike Keeley

1. New and Closing Programs
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3. Social Recreation
4. Performance Contract Year-End Report

d. Committee Reports:

Fiscal – There will be a report.

Program Policy – Action Item: Recommendation to adopt the Transparency and Public Records Policy

Board Development -

Quality Assurance Advisory – There will be a report.

Service Provider Advisory – Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Mr. Reginald San Pablo, & Ms. Yen-Nhi Nguyen to their first two-year term on SPAC.

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

ARCA – There will be a report.

3. Director's Update

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

CPRA – California Public Records Act

- The portal went live on the website at midnight
- The Department asked that regional centers track PRA expenses
- SARC is evaluating adding a position for PRA monitoring
- Attorneys from BBK are guiding the regional centers through the process
- SARC has not had much activity yet.

Updates

- An apartment complex for individuals served is ready to open
- DDS has decided to go on a different direction in regard to the Memory Home
- Many homes managed by BAHC will be paid off soon, SARC is working with DDS and Housing for a smooth transition.

Significant Incidents Under investigation

- Individual served found dead have not received much information yet
- Individual served cared by family died, he was emaciated, there are a lot of unanswered questions. When it comes to families it is more difficult to do welfare checks than with vendors.
- Individual served in a Skilled Nursing facility fell off the bed causing several injuries; an investigation is in process.

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/app/uploads/2025/11/Whistleblower-Protection-Policy-October-2025-signed.pdf>

- There was one 4731 complaints reported:
 1. Behavior program co-owner accused partner of Bookkeeping discrepancies, it is under investigation.
- One whistleblower was reported:
 1. An individual working for a Library says he is owed money, Mr. Keeley working on a resolution.

4. Announcements/Events

- 1/14/26 ARCA & DVU will have a Press Briefing at the Capitol

5. Other

Business Calendar Tasks Completed

- Board attendance reviewed

6. Next committee/meeting date

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

7. Adjournment

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

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

Members Present	Rosa Amador Desiree Luong	Erika Gonzalez (chair)
Members absent		
Staff Present	Anna Wall Gabriela Alvarez Irene de la Rosa Kai Reade Kim Pearce Malyssa Barnas Maggie Pendl Mike Keeley Rocio King Javier Zaldivar	Arushie Nugapitiya Gina Billeci Julie Lussier Karla Cruz Laura Furuya Maria Aleman Mia Garza Rae'chel Jensen Rosalina Cone
Community Present	Adrian Salas Brie Hornig Candice Gharakhanian Daya Sanchez Destinee Reyes Esther de la Rosa Gabriela Santos Jackie Jimenez Jessica Ortiz Jose Echevarria J. Williams Kristin Koenig Lisa Zuegel Lynda Miguel Marco Chavarin Mark Sung Sarah Macy Shaan Smith Sia Kaota Suzette Tracey Marquart TriCounties Yen Nguyen	Alexndra Roldan Camilla Shaffer Cathy Bouchard Denise Escano Doug Pascover Farah Culbertson Heidi Morgan Jenica Hadley Jerri Jensen Jovita Barron Kirsten Henderson Leticia Trujillo Lori Menzies M. Reyes Mari Leyoshi Natalia Acosta Sara Verity Sharmean Heffernan Summer Zhrung Tiana Masika Tricia Lara Wayne Jasper Zyrel Dimalanta

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

Committee Updates

- Ms. Gonzalez shared that two new members will join the committee.
- SPAC is recruiting new members reach out if interested

Provider Input

None

Best Practices for Self-Advocacy and Inclusion

None

Director Update

Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director discussed the following topics.

- Budget:
 - \$18 million in the hole
 - Stay tuned for updates on 1/9/26
 - All departments have to tighten their belt
 - The department continues to support, service coordination, and rate studies but it does not mean it will be funded.
- All providers are subject to the PRA (Public Records Act)
 - SARC will release vendor records when requested, and it will inform the vendor of request.
 - Information will be protected and redacted according to the vendor's proprietary information.
 - Notify SARC of proprietary information.
- HR1 bill coming soon it will impact:
 - Recertification timelines
 - Redetermination Requirements
 - Services with cutbacks
 - SARC will work on ways not to disrupt services for individuals served.

Community Services Update

Ms. Mia Garza Associate Director gave the report.

Rate Implementation:

- Minimum wage increases went into effect.
- Those with rate adjustments have the wage incorporated into it already
- Tailored Day Services rates went up
- Excessive Mileage added more services
 - Calculator has been updated
- Rate files and report for 2026 can be downloaded now
- Hold Harmless Rates coming up February 28, 2026.
- Surveys are due 1/9/26

Quality Incentive Programs (QIP):

- To receive the 10% incentive rate, you must comply with:
 - EVV registration
 - Independent audits and reviews
 - HCBS Final Rule

Standardized Vendorization (2025–2026).

- Fully participating with services
- Revise tax ids for accuracy

Community Resources Update

New and Closing Programs:

Ms. Gabriela Alvarez gave the report.

New programs: 5 total new programs vendored in the month of December

- Supported Employment
- Interpreter
- 3 Courtesy vendorizations

Closed program: 5 total closed vendors in December

- 3 businesses closed
- 2 revendorized
- 28 vendors closed due to lack of use in over 24 months

Health and Safety Waiver Awareness Strategy (H&S)

- Supporting vendors with additional funding to address an individual's unmet needs that would jeopardize their health and safety; based on the individual served.
- Services that apply for the H&S Waiver:
 - SLS Transportation
 - Behavior Intervention
 - Community integration training programs
 - Community activity Support services
 - Mobile day programs
 - Creative art programs
 - Supplemental day service program supports
 - Adaptive skills trainers
 - ILS

HCBS (Home & Community Based Services)

Ms. Maggie Pendl manager gave the report.

HCBS Final Rule: *The rule emphasizes person-centered planning, and it requires that services be delivered in settings that are fully integrated into the community. Individuals must have choices in how they live, access to privacy and visitors, and receive high quality services in the most inclusive and least restrictive settings.*

- Monitoring continues
- Reviews will be done two times per year
- Programs will be reviewed periodically and if not in compliance a CAP (Correction Action Plan) may be issued

Vendor Training Opportunities/Office Hours

- **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:
 - Service Delivery Opportunities such as "Sexuality Training"
 - 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)
 - Dementia and Health related trainings
- Visit the webpage for training information, office hours and current dates: [New Vendors Training | SARC](#)

Employment

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist gave the report:

- Employment Quality Measure for Supported Employment Providers – submit accurate reporting related to staff training and job placements by 1/31/26
- Participate in QIP measures of data submission:
 - Staff Training
 - Employment number of achievements
- Check list:
 - 1/1/26 minimum wage increase \$16.15 - \$16.90
 - Some cities increased it more
 - IPP must be revised for employed individuals

Emergency Preparedness

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

Backup Battery Program

- Program continues to provide portable power solutions for individuals who rely on electrical medical or mobility equipment, ensuring continued operation during outages or Public Safety Power Shutoff events.
- Equipment:
 - Oxygen concentrators
 - Power Wheelchairs
 - CPAP machines
 - Other essential medical devices

Trainings

- SARC continues collaboration with PG&E and regional partners to offer emergency preparedness training opportunities:
 - Most Commonly Used Tools and Tips for Disaster Support -1/28/26 @11:00
<https://bit.ly/4ofEmXg>
 - Financial Assistance Programs for AFN Communities -2/25 @11:00
<https://bit.ly/4701EZY>

VOADs/CADRE

VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), and COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) Participation:

- Participation in leadership ensures the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities are represented in county planning and disaster response operations. Strong engagement improves coordination, resource allocation, communication, and access to critical support during emergencies.
- Vendor and provider involvement helps ensure:
 - Disability inclusive disaster planning
 - Clear roles and expectations during emergencies
 - Faster, more effective support for individuals served by SARC

Severe Weather Safety Tip – Tornado Awareness

- Know where the safest room is in your home or program (interior room, lowest level, away from windows)
- Keep emergency supplies accessible, including flashlights, radios, and medications
- Sign up for local emergency alerts and heed warnings immediately
- If outdoors or in a vehicle, seek shelter right away—do not try to outrun a tornado

SCDD Central Coast

Ms. Gonzalez gave the report on Ms. Jennifer Lucas' behalf.

Self-Advocacy and Inclusion survey results:

Survey Topic	Key Takeaways
Strategies used to promote self-advocacy and decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of decision-making worksheets and preference assessments.• Step-by-step supports to reinforce choice, consent, and self-determination.
Examples of adapting services to support independence and decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjusted communication to work directly with individuals.• Respect for routines and preferences.• Emphasis on independence before offering assistance.
Effective supports for daily activities, employment, or community participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individualized schedules aligned with preferences.• Gradual skill-building and life-skills instruction.• Consistent communication with individuals and families.
Strategies to foster social connection and relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planned social activities and community outings.• Clubs, group activities, and resident councils.• Intentional opportunities for relationship-building.
Examples of leadership or advocacy roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in resident councils and boards.• Engagement in advocacy events and rallies.• Informal peer leadership roles.
Ways feedback is gathered from individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain-language and family surveys.• One-on-one conversations and informal check-ins.• Feedback through resident councils.
Biggest challenges or barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing shortages and capacity constraints.• Limited inclusive community opportunities.• Barriers for non-verbal individuals.• Overly restrictive or unnecessary conservatorships.
Resources, tools, or partnerships that would strengthen practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional training for DSPs and managers.• Guidance on empowering individuals who are conserved.• Expanded community partnerships.
Additional comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some practices not yet implemented.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing and training limitations affect sustainability.
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- Opportunity for self-advocates can participate as panelists for one or more CCL trainings between Feb-May. Panelists will be paid \$200 for a 90-minute virtual panel. Panelists must have current and/or previous experience living in a CCL licensed facility or attending a CCL licensed day program and also must have familiarity and access to zoom. If interested should contact:
Jennifer.Lucas@scdd.ca.gov

Announcements:

- 1/14/26 ARCA & DVU will have a Press Briefing at the Capitol
- 1/27/26 Extended School Year (ESY) Regulations public hearing:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84587001075> Meeting ID: 845 8700 1075
Passcode: 672070

Next SPAC Committee Meeting:

February 10, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present:	Maya Bareket Rajesh Patel	Alicia Mesa
Committee Members Absent:	Lisa Lopez	Uma Venkatesh
Staff Present:	Lior Aronoff Gina Billeci Liza Hartley Mike Keeley Arushie Nugapitiya	Gabriela Alvarez Lourdes Gonzalez Rae'chel Jensen Monica Martinez Cal Smith
Community Present:	Mike Nichols	

The meeting was called to order by Ms.. Maya Bareket Committee Chair at 4:05 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: Dec.

861 Total number of incidents processed.
8 Total number of deaths.
178 Incidents reportable to DDS.
683 Incidents not reportable to DDS.
124 Unplanned hospitalizations with 34 individuals remaining hospitalized.
44 Planned hospitalizations.
2 Consumers reported missing with 0 not yet located.

Breakdown of Incident Reports by Residence type:

RCH - 350 ICF - 24 SNF/NF - 3 ILS - 55 SLS - 146
 Family Home - 266 Foster Home - 1 Family Home Agency – 9 Psych Treat/ Other - 7

I. Special Incident Reports: Jan.

813 Total number of incidents processed.
12 Total number of deaths.
176 Incidents reportable to DDS.
637 Incidents not reportable to DDS.
128 Unplanned hospitalizations with 10 individuals remaining hospitalized.
30 Planned hospitalizations.
5 Consumers reported missing with 0 not yet located.

Breakdown of Incident Reports by Residence type:

RCH – 322 ICF - 29 SNF/NF - 1 ILS - 49 SLS - 111 Family Home – 272
Foster Home - 1 Family Home Agency – 12 Psych Treat/ Other – 16

Highlights: Mr. Smith went over the specific details of the incidents that are true, false, unsubstantiated, and under investigation. The committee discussed how SARC substantiates complaints.

SARC uses these methods:

- Unannounced visits
- Interviews individuals and staff
- Ask witnesses
- Medical records
- Observe individuals' demeanor and nonverbal cues
- Finding new placements
- Issues CAPs

II. Quality Assurance (QA): Nov.

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

33 Out of 35 scheduled FMs completed.
21 Facilities received recommendations and a follow-up visit.
5 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

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

0 Out of 0 completed on facilities.
0 Facilities received recommendations.
0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

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

13 Out of 13 FM visits were completed for the ARFPSHN 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).

0 Monitoring visits were completed for October 2025
0 Unannounced visits completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist.

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

1 CCH monitoring visit for October 2025. 10/24/25

0 Unannounced visit completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist on 10/10/2025

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

3 Out of 3 scheduled evaluations completed.

3 Day programs received recommendations, and 2 received a follow-up visit.

0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

G. Trainings:

Facility Monitoring Training for Residential Service Providers. None

Residential Services Orientation (RSO). None

Facility Monitoring Training for Service Coordinators. None

SARC New Hire Training on 10/14/25. Eight (8) attendees

QA Evaluation Training for Day Program Directors. None

Behavior Skill Training for Residential Service Providers None

H. Standing QA Meetings:

Mortality and Morbidity committee meeting was on 10/14/25. 17 deaths reviewed, 13 attendees.

Let's Talk QA: Salinas office and San Jose office cancelled until further notice.

Quality Assurance around the Bay (**QAAB**) Quarterly meeting on 10/24/25. 20 attendees

Mortality and Morbidity: 6 deaths reviewed.

0 Infants 1 Children 1 Adults 4 Elderly.

II. Quality Assurance (QA) Dec.

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

24 Out of 25 scheduled FMs completed.

14 Facilities received recommendations, and 12 follow-up visits.

4 Facilities received a corrective action plan, and One received a 2nd CAP

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

0 Out of 0 completed on facilities.

0 Facilities received recommendations.

0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

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

13 Out of 13 FM visits were completed for the ARFPSHN 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).

4 Monitoring visits were completed on 11/13/25, 11/14/25, 11/17/25, and 11/25/25

0 Unannounced visits completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist.

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

0 CCH monitoring visit for November 2025

1 Unannounced visit completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist on 11/07/2025

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

3 Out of 3 scheduled evaluations completed on 11/04/25, 11/18/25, and 11/21/25.

3 Day programs received recommendations, and 3 follow-up visits scheduled for 12/8, 12/16/, and one pending..

0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

G. Trainings:

Facility Monitoring Training for Residential Service Providers. Rescheduled for 12/11/25.

Residential Services Orientation (RSO). None

Facility Monitoring Training for Service Coordinators. None

SARC New Hire Training. None

QA Evaluation Training for Day Program Volunteer Team Members for 11/20/25. 19 attendees

Behavior Skill Training for Residential Service Providers - None

H. Standing QA Meetings:

Mortality and Morbidity committee meeting was on 11/17/25 6 deaths reviewed, 12 attendees.

Let's Talk QA: None

Quality Assurance around the Bay (QAAB) Quarterly meeting. None

Mortality and Morbidity: 7 deaths reviewed on 12/09/25

0 Infants 2 Children 2 Adults 3 Elderly.

II. Quality Assurance (QA): Jan.

Mr. Mike Keeley gave the report:

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

1 Out of 1 scheduled FMs completed.

1 Facilities received recommendations, and 00 follow-up visits.

1 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

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

0 Out of 0 completed on facilities.
0 Facilities received recommendations.
0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

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

13 Out of 13 FM visits were completed for the ARFPSHN 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).

4 Monitoring visits were completed on 12/04/25, 12/12/25, 12/2/25, and 12/09/25
0 Unannounced visits completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist.

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

2 CCH monitoring visit for December 2025
0 Unannounced visit completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist 0

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

0 Out of 0 scheduled evaluations completed in December 2025.
0 Day programs received recommendations, and 0 follow-up visits scheduled
0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

G. Trainings:

Facility Monitoring Training for Residential Service Providers on 12/11/25. 40 attendees
Residential Services Orientation (RSO). None
Facility Monitoring Training for Service Coordinators. None
SARC New Hire Training. None
QA Evaluation Training for Day Program Volunteer Team Members. None
Behavior Skill Training for Residential Service Providers. None

H. Standing QA Meetings:

Mortality and Morbidity committee meeting on 12/09/25, 7 deaths reviewed,
12 attendees.
Let's Talk QA: Salinas office and San Jose office cancelled until further notice.
Quality Assurance around the Bay (**QAAB**) Quarterly meeting. None

Mortality and Morbidity: 12_deaths will be reviewed on 01/13/26.

0 Infants 2 Children 4 Adults 6 Elderly.

III. Health Services: Dec.

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	Nov 4	16	13/3	3/0
Cerebral Palsy				
Dementia in I/DD Population	Nov 6	11	9/2	1/1
Diabetes				
Dysphagia	Nov 7	9	9/0	---
Emergency Planning				
Epilepsy				
Falls Prevention				
Fatal 5				
Hospital Cycle				
Oral Health				
Pressure Injury Prevention & Recognition				
Recognizing Signs of Abuse				
Restricted Health Conditions				
RN Consultant Training				
Signs/Symptoms of Illness/Injury				
Special Incident Report	Nov 20	17	16/1	1/0
Thinking Ahead				
Totals	4	53	47/6	5/1

B. Current projects/activities:

- Preparing for the Holiday season and the potential difficult flu season ahead.
- There is an increase of "Winter Vomiting disease" Aka Norovirus specifically Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.

C. Highlights:

There has been an improvement in people passing their tests.

III. Health Services: Jan.

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	Dec 2	16	16/0	---
Cerebral Palsy				
Dementia in I/DD Population				
Diabetes				
Dysphagia				
Emergency Planning				

Epilepsy	Dec 4	20	18/2	1/1
Falls Prevention				
Fatal 5				
Hospital Cycle				
Oral Health				
Pressure Injury Prevention & Recognition				
Recognizing Signs of Abuse				
Restricted Health Conditions				
RN Consultant Training				
Signs/Symptoms of Illness/Injury	Dec11	Canceled		
Special Incident Report	Dec 5	15	15/0	---
Thinking Ahead	Dec 9	Canceled		
Totals	5	51	49/2	1/1

B. Current projects/activities:

- In December there were many notifications from care homes of Norovirus affecting staff and residents; no hospitalization was needed.
- The flu (influenza A and B) was in the rise with a few individuals requiring hospitalizations and skilled nursing afterwards with the goal of weaning them off oxygen before returning to their care home.
- One individual was hospitalized for respiratory difficulty and later found to have had Covid Virus acquired at the skilled nursing facility he was residing in.

C. Highlights:

- A new class will be offered to providers starting January, titled Hospital Cycle.
- Have seen an increase of respiratory issues

IV. Supported Living Services (SLS):

A. SLS QA's: No SLS QA reviews were facilitated in the month of December 2025.

B. SLS Roundtable: Resource Specialist (RS) Kai Reade presented the following information at the December Roundtable held virtually via Zoom.

SARC Policy/Procedure:

- In the December roundtable meeting RS outlined a summary of topics and resources covered in 2025, answered vendor questions about independent reviews/fiscal audits, the DDS Provider Capacity Measure survey, and QIP eligibility for FY 26/27.

Community Information: None

Highlights:

The committee discussed SLS availability, addition of EBHS homes, and transitional housing.

Next Roundtable Meetings: 1/14/26 and 2/11/26

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

0 Completed, 0 Total Attendees

D. SLS New Vendor Orientation (SLSNV)

0 Completed, 0 Total Attendees

V. Community Services:**A. Residential Service Orientation (RSO)**

0 Completed, 0 Total Attendees

B. RSO (mini for FHA)

0 Completed, 0 Total Attendees

VI. Emergency Response Plan Report

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

A. Incident Response & Weather Overview:

- Monitored events didn't impact individuals served
- Weather Preparedness & Safety Reminders:
 - Flooding:
 - Never walk or drive through flooded areas
 - Move to higher ground immediately if flooding is possible
 - Avoid creeks, rivers, and low-lying roads during heavy rain
 - High Winds:
 - Secure loose outdoor items that could become airborne
 - Stay indoors and away from windows when strong winds are present
 - Have flashlights and batteries ready in case of power outages
 - Thunderstorms:
 - Stay inside and avoid using electrical appliances during storms
 - Do not shelter under trees or near metal structures when outdoors
 - Tornado Awareness:
 - Know the safest interior room or lowest level of your home or program
 - Stay away from windows and exterior walls
 - If a warning is issued, seek shelter immediately

B. Current Projects & Initiatives

Emergency Go-Kit Distribution:

- 1,617 distributed. 347.0% of original allocation (466), project completed.

Backup Battery Program

- Program continues to provide portable power solutions for individuals who rely on electrical medical or mobility equipment, ensuring continued operation during outages or Public Safety Power Shutoff events.
- Equipment:
 - Oxygen concentrators
 - Power Wheelchairs
 - CPAP machines
 - Ventilators
 - Feeding Pumps
 - Suction machines
 - Hospital beds and patient lifts
- Eligible identified 10

Trainings, Planning, and Coordination

- Ms. Jensen has been nominated and elected to serve as Co-Chair of the ARCA Emergency Coordinators Group for the 2026–2027 term. This role supports statewide coordination, policy alignment, and best practice development to strengthen emergency preparedness for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- SARC continues collaboration with PG&E and regional partners to offer emergency preparedness training opportunities:
 - Most Commonly Used Tools and Tips for Disaster Support -1/28/26 @11:00 <https://bit.ly/4ofEmXg>
 - Financial Assistance Programs for AFN Communities -2/25 @11:00 <https://bit.ly/4701EZY>

Certification:

- Planning is underway to expand CPR training opportunities.

VII. Other:

None

VIII. Next QAAC meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

IX. Adjournment:

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