

SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTICE AGENDA

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2026, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Via Zoom Only

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



6:02 - 6:05 p.m. II. Vision Statement Alicia Mesa



6:05 - 6:07 p.m. III. Approval of Minutes

1. Board Meeting Minutes - 1/21/26
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting - 1/21/26
3. Program Policy Committee -
4. Board Development Meeting -
5. Executive Committee Meeting -
6. SPAC Minutes - 2/12/26, 3/12/26
7. Quality Assurance 3/10/26



6:07 - 6:12 p.m. IV. Audit Report Presentation Windes



6:12 - 6:20 p.m. V. State Council on Developmental Disabilities -
Central Coast Jennifer 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 VI. Presidents Report Maya Bareket
1. Social Workers Month



6:30 - 6:55 VII. Executive Director's Report Javier Zaldivar
1. Diversity Outreach Update
2. Employment Programs Update



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



7:15 - 7:40 IX. Committee Reports
1. Fiscal Gus Maldonado
2. Program Policy Lisa Lopez
3. Board Development Pam Ker man
Action Item: Recommendation to approve Ms. Lisa Lopez to her 3rd term, Ms. Maya Bareket to her 3rd term, and Ms. Pamela Kerman to her 2nd term in the Board of directors.
4. Service Provider Advisory Erika Gonzalez
Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Ms. Jen Aruiza to her 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 X. Public Comment



7:45 - 7:50 XI. Board Comment



7:50 - 8:00 XII. Announcements



- *4/24/26 Legislative Luncheon
- *3/26,27/26 People Planning Together

8:00 XIII. Adjournment



**SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
San Jose Office/ Zoom
January 21, 2026**

Presiding: Maya Bareket Board President

Board Members Present: Cole Baumeister Christine Gianola
Erika Gonzalez Pamela Kerman
Gus Maldonado Alicia Mesa
Nicolas Santos Uma Venkatesh

Board Members Absent: Viviana Barnwell Lisa Lopez
Rajesh Patel

Staff Present Lior Aronoff Rosalina Cone
Karla Cruz Lauria Furuya
Mahnaz Ehsan Christiana Gardner
Mia Garza Lourdes Gonzalez
Diana Gutierrez Lisa Hartley
John Hunt Hazel Jordan
Angel Johnson Mike Keeley
Maria Moreto Jamie Nguyen
Arushie Nugapitiya Phien Phan
Jennifer Price Irene de la Rosa
Isela Solorzano Francisco Valenzuela
Laura Washington Kait Wilkerson
Rocio King Rommel Sanchez
Julie Lussier Javier Zaldivar

Community Present: Jenica Hadley Christine KB
Patricia Kamlley (DDS) Tracey

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 Mr. Gus Maldonado read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes – 11/17/25
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting Minutes –11/17/25
3. Program Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – 1/6/26
4. Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes – 1/6/26
5. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – 1/6/26
6. Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 12/11/26, 1/8/26
7. Quality Assurance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 1/13/26

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTRAL COAST

Mr. Zaldivar gave the report on Ms. Jennifer Lucas' behalf. These topics were discussed:

- An affordable, inclusive housing development in Cupertino—Mary Avenue Villas—has recently come under threat. This collaborative project between Charities Housing, Housing Choices, and the Cupertino Rotary is nearing final city approval but has encountered increasing opposition from a vocal NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) group. SCDD joined the allies to show support and solidarity of inclusive housing.
- SCDD will provide trainings for Community Care Licensing Program Analysts on Systems Navigation and Advocacy through the UC Davis contract
- Continue collaboration with SARC and START on Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trainings for law enforcement.
- Will present at the Pacific ADA Center Virtual Conference in March on Sensory Implications When Working with People with IDD in Crisis.
- Summary of the Governor's proposed state budget FY 2026-2027
- For meeting information go to: <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Bareket shared what she expects to do as the new year begins:

- Looks forward to the coming growth
- Will continue to advocate for services
- Support families
- Represent SARC in the Legislative Luncheon and Awards Dinner
- Continue educating legislators on the Lanterman Act.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

CalPERS Resolution of Intention Amendment Adoption

On the second presentation of the CalPERS Resolution of Intention Amendment the Board of Directors adopted the Amendment.

M/S/C Moved to adopt the CalPERS Resolution of Intention Amendment. (Maldonado/Santos) No further discussions. All in favor, Motion carries.

	Name	CalPERS Amendment Vote
1	Maya Bareket - President	Aye
2	Viviana Barnwell	
3	Cole Baurmeister	Aye
4	Christine Gianola	Aye
5	Erika Gonzalez -spac	Aye
6	Pamela Kerman - V. Pres	Aye
7	Lisa Lopez - Sec.	
8	Gus Maldonado - Treasurer	Aye
9	Alicia Mesa	Aye
10	Rajesh Patel	
11	Nicolas Santos	Aye
12	Uma Venkatesh	

Budget Update FY 2026-27

Mr. Zaldivar discussed these issues:

- The State is \$3M in the hole
- No significant reduction for the Fiscal Year
- Anticipated increase of 37,600 individuals for next year
- Estimate supporting nearly 527,000 individuals next year
- For detailed information go to: [Department of Finance's website](#).
- Slight allocation for PRA (Public Records Act) that went into effect on 1/1/26
- SARC is preparing to educate the new wave of legislators that are coming in
- AB 2423 (Burns & Associates) report requires vendor rates be posted, but the Department is not required to fund it, the model must be funded in order to sustain the system
- HRI impact will be felt in 2027 such as in Medical and IHSS
- Stay tuned for advocacy opportunities and support.
- SARC and vendors are working with the Department to accomplish several measurements:
 - Quality Incentive Programs in:
 - Early Start
 - Employment
 - Intake information

Diversity Outreach Update

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

- They are preparing for the upcoming POS Data meetings, more information to come soon

SARC continues to host a variety of culturally focused events.

Planning:

- Lunar Year Celebration for parent support groups
- African American month celebration

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

- Watsonville group is growing rapidly and thriving
- African American
- Filipino
- Hollister in Spanish
- Salinas in Spanish
- San Jose in Spanish
- Vietnamese

Employment Update

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist discussed these topics:

- Budget allocated an increase for access to employment
- DDS and DOR (Department of Rehabilitation) are working on a program design that will allow individuals to keep their jobs
- Quality Incentive Program (QIP)
 - Measures to complete
 - Employment measure - report on staff training and CIE
 - Placements Provider Capacity measure - report on provider characteristics and workforce capacity
- SARC FY 2024-25 Numbers
 - 157 placed individuals
 - 32 direct hires(20% above state average of 12)
 - 54 direct incentive payments
 - SARC individuals earn more than the minimum wage
- Ms. Cone is coordinating the transition fairs, reach out to her for more information.

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

DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT: Mike Keeley **NEW AND CLOSING PROGRAMS**

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

November

4 New

- Behavioral Service
- EARLY START THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
- TWO PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
- SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES

3 Closed

- 3 closed

December

2 New

- Supplemental Employment
- Interpreter Service

30 Closed

- due to inactivity in the last 24 months

Social Recreation

- SARC Continues to support individuals to live meaningful lives in the community.
- Per DDS the policy is being revised to better tailor it to individual's needs.
- The team is incorporating revisions

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 367 total
- Language - English is the highest number
- SARC will launch a Self Determination Forum for families to address questions and discuss topics

Mission Moment

Mr. Keeley shared that an individual served has a YouTube channel and is doing very good. He shares what his life is like.

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 November was \$66.9M and the year to date was \$393M. The current allocation is \$1.03B.

2. Individuals Served

The number of individuals served as of November 2025 was 21,460. This is an increase of 978 individuals since November 2024.

3. Operations (OPS)

Expenses for the month of December were \$6M and the year to date was \$35.8M. The Fiscal Year Projection is \$72.8M and the estimated allocation is \$73M. This leaves us with a surplus of approximately \$190.3K.

4. Cash Position

The cash position through the end of December was \$187.4M. This is an increase of \$4.2M since November.

5. Donation Fund

The balance in the Donation Fund through the end of December was \$ 490,556. This is an increase of \$3,333. This change was due to interest income and miscellaneous donations received throughout the month.

PROGRAM POLICY COMMITTEE

Action Item – Adoption of the *Transparency and Public Records Policy*.

M/S/C Moved to adopt the Transparency and Public Records Policy (Maldonado/Baurmeister) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Minutes are in the packet.

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

- Minutes are in the packet.

SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)

Ms. Gonzalez recommended two people to be voted into SPAC.

M/S/C Moved to elect Mr. Reginald San Pablo to his first two-year term in SPAC. (Kerman/Christine) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

M/S/C Moved to elect Ms. Yen-Nhi Nguyen to her first two-year term in SPAC. (Baurmeister/Maldonado) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

- Ms. Bareket shared that she is looking forward to the upcoming events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

BOARD COMMENT

- Ms. Bareket shared how proud she is of her friend Jane who gave a public presentation at DeAnza College.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Valenzuela shared the upcoming events:

- 3/3/26 Grass Roots Day
- 4/24/26 Legislative Luncheon
- Planning Forum to host legislators

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Ms. Lourdes Gonzalez

Submitted by,

Ms. Lisa Lopez

**San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
Fiscal Committee - Meeting Minutes
San Jose office /Via Zoom
January 21, 2026**

Committee Members Present: Gus Maldonado (chair) Pam Kerman
Alicia Mesa
Committee Member Absent: Uma Venkatesh
Staff Present: Karla Cruz Lourdes Gonzalez
Javier Zaldivar

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm. by Mr. Gus Maldonado Committee Chair.

1. Fiscal Packet Review

Ms. Karla Cruz Controller reported the Monthly Fiscal Summary.

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2. Other

Mr. Zaldivar informed the committee that the Bonds are up on the BAHC homes. SARC, BAHC, and the Department are working together for a smooth transition. SARC will be re-issuing contracts to the providers. Mr. Maldonado asked for a brief history of the homes that were developed since the State Hospital was closed.

4. Next Meeting Date

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

5. Adjournment

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

Recorded by Lourdes Gonzalez

**San Andreas Regional Center
Quality Assurance Advisory Committee via Zoom
March 10, 2026**

Committee Members Present:	Maya Bareket Alicia Mesa Uma Venkatesh	Lisa Lopez Rajesh Patel
Committee Members Absent:		
Staff Present:	Gina Billeci Monica Cosio-Martinez Liza Hartley Irene De La Rosa Javier Zaldivar	Mia Garza Lourdes Gonzalez Arushie Nugapitiya Cal Smith
Community Present:	Mike Nichols	

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; **SC** = Service Coordinator; **SP** = Service Provider; **SLS** =Supportive Living Service

I. Special Incident Reports: February

871 Total number of incidents processed.
11 Total number of deaths.
165 Incidents reportable to DDS.
706 Incidents not reportable to DDS.
132 Unplanned hospitalizations with 35 individuals remaining hospitalized.
26 Planned hospitalizations.
1 Consumers reported missing with 0 not yet located.

Breakdown of Incident Reports by Residence type:

RCH - 362 ICF - 25 SNF/NF - 5 ILS - 48 SLS – 112 Family Home - 294
 Foster Home - 1 Family Home Agency - 79 Psych Treat/ Other – 13

I. Special Incident Reports: March

1004	Total number of incidents.
164	Incidents reportable to DDS
840	Incidents not reportable to DDS
10	Total number of deaths.
2	Consumers reported missing with <u>0</u> not yet located
17	Suspected Abuse/Exploitation
31	Injuries Requiring Treatment Beyond First Aid
24	Medical Need/Accident/Other
10	Victim of Crime
7	Suspected Neglect
61	Unplanned hospitalizations with <u>12</u> consumers remaining hospitalized.

B. Breakdown of Incident Reports by Residence type:

RCH -370	ICF -23	SNF/NF -4
ILS -75	SLS -124	Family Home -323
Foster Home -2	Family Home Agency- 7	Psych Treat/Other - 4

C. Highlights: Mr. Smith went over the specific details of the incidents that are true, false, unsubstantiated, and under investigation. The committee discussed several incidents and the Board members asked what they can do to prevent and reduce incidents. They requested a separate meeting where they can brainstorm some ideas.

II. Quality Assurance (QA): Feb.

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

- 21 Out of 24 scheduled FMs completed.
- 13 Facilities received recommendations
- 6 Facilities received follow-up visits.
- 4 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:

4 Out of 13 FM visits were completed in January 2026.

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 in January 2026

0 Unannounced visits completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist.

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

1 CCH monitoring visit for January 2026

0 Unannounced visit completed by the Quality Assurance Specialist

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

3 Out of 3 scheduled evaluations completed in January 2026.

3 Day programs received recommendations, and 3 follow-up visits scheduled

0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

H. 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 - none
- QA Evaluation Training for Day Program Volunteer Team Members- none
- Behavior Skill Training for Residential Service Providers – none

I. Standing QA Meetings:

- Mortality and Morbidity committee meeting on 1/12/27
- Let's Talk QA: none
- Quality Assurance around the Bay (**QAAB**) Quarterly meeting. none

Mortality and Morbidity:

12 deaths reviewed

1 Infants 0 Children 8 Adults 6 Elderly.

II. Quality Assurance (QA): March

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

22 Out of 22 scheduled FMs completed.

8 Facilities received recommendations

2 Facilities received corrective action plans

B. QA Unannounced Visits based on complaint(s)

0 Out of 0 scheduled QA's completed.

0 Facilities received recommendations

0 Facilities received corrective action plans

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

13 Out of 13 completed February 2026

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

3 Out of 0 complete.

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

0 CCH monitoring visit in

1 Unannounced visit completed

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

1 Out of 1 scheduled evaluation completed.

1 Day programs received recommendations and received a follow-up visit.

0 Facilities received a corrective action plan.

G. Trainings:

Facility Monitoring Training for Residential Service Providers on 2/5/26, 27 attendees.

Residential Services Orientation (RSO) on 2/2/26, 17 attendees.

SARC New Hire Training on 2/4/26, 24 attendees

H. Standing QA Meetings:

Mortality and Morbidity: 10 Number of deaths

0 Infants 1 Children 5 Adults 4 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	Jan 22	15	15/0	---
Cerebral Palsy				

Dementia in I/DD Population	Jan 6	8	8/0	---
Diabetes				
Dysphagia				
Emergency Planning				
Epilepsy				
Falls Prevention	Jan 30	13	12/1	1/0
Fatal 5				
Hospital Cycle	Jan 27	10	10/0	---
Oral Health	Jan 21	10	10/0	---
Pressure Injury Prevention & Recognition				
Recognizing Signs of Abuse				
Restricted Health Conditions	Jan 9	13	13/0	---
RN Consultant Training				
Signs/Symptoms of Illness/Injury				
Special Incident Report	Jan 29	25	22/3	1/2
Thinking Ahead	Jan 13	17	17/0	---
Totals	8	111	107/4	2/2

B. Current projects/activities:

- Health services is working on new classes that could support providers to offer quality care to our population.

C. Highlights:

- There seems to be an increase in pressure injuries in the higher-level care homes (ARFPSHN), the root cause has not been determined yet.

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	Feb 12	8	8/0	---
*Cerebral Palsy				
Dementia in I/DD Population				
Diabetes				
Dysphagia (difficulty swallowing)	Feb 3	6	6/0	---

Emergency Planning				
Epilepsy	Feb 10	9	9/0	---
Falls Prevention				
Fatal 5				
*Hospital Cycle				
Oral Health	Feb 18	11	11/1	---
Pressure Injury Prevention & Recognition	Feb 20	16	15/1	1/0
Recognizing Signs of Abuse	Feb 25	8	8/0	---
Restricted Health Conditions				
RN Consultant Training				
Signs/Symptoms of Illness/Injury	Feb 5	10	9/1	0/1
Special Incident Report – San Jose	Feb 26	23	23/0	---
Special Incident Report – Watsonville	Feb 3	10	10/0	---
Thinking Ahead				
Totals	9	101	99/3	1/1

B. Current projects/activities:

- Sarc RN followed multiple hospitalizations due to pneumonia and aspiration:
 - Pneumonia showed up in all types of residences.
 - Common issue was related to secretion, or food going into the lungs while eating or with regurgitation or vomiting
- Some cases were of influenza A and/or B needing oxygen for a brief period.

C. Highlights:

- The Health Services Coordinator (Julie Lussier) has officially given her retirement notice as of June 15th, 2026. Active recruitment has started.

IV. Supported Living Services (SLS):

A. SLS QA's: No SLS QA reviews were facilitated in February 2026. SLS QAs are on hold during the transition to the DDS standardized vendorization process per supervisor guidance.

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

- SARC Policy/Procedure: RS shared that roundtables facilitated by Community Resources (SLS/ILS, Day Program, Residential) are on pause while we transition to the DDS standardized vendorization portal.

- Community Information:
 - Vendors shared barriers and challenges in the field and asked questions about QIP eligibility, EVV compliance, standardized vendorization, and new rates effective 01/01/26.

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

1 Completed, 14 total Attendees

D. SLS New Vendor Orientation (SLSNV)

1 Completed, 15 total Attendees

E. Highlights:

- Attendees of the SLSNV noted the orientation was very beneficial to preparing their program design and planning for business operations to complete SLS vendorization.

V. Community Services:

Residential Service Orientation (RSO)

1 Completed, 19 Total Attendees

RSO (mini for FHA)

0 Completed, 0 Total Attendees (cancelled due to low attendance)

VI. Emergency Response Plan Report

Ms. Mia Garza gave the report.

A. Incident Response & Weather Overview:

- Monitored events didn't impact individuals served the ERC maintained information and communication with staff on monitored conditions for potential escalation.

B. Current Projects & Initiatives

Emergency Go-Kit Distribution:

- Statewide initiative has ended but ERC has independently secured **750 emergency preparedness kits** through partnerships with **SF CARD** and **LISTOS California**.

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

Status:

- 10 batteries delivered (3000x model units)
- 11 additional batteries pending delivery

C. Trainings, Planning, and Coordination

- PROACT De-escalation ERC continues to collaborate with the Training Manager to ensure staff have access to PROACT, a structured de-escalation model that:
 - Helps prevent behavioral crises
 - Supports safe intervention strategies
 - Reduces risk to consumers and staff
 - Emphasizes trauma informed approaches
- A structured series of trainings to enhance safety awareness and emergency readiness are being developed.

D. Highlights

- Ms. Jense is a current BOARD Member of CADRE (Santa Clara County VOAD) & current Co-Chair of EC Statewide Coordinators Group

VII. Other:

An exploratory meeting will be held to discuss what information the Board wants out of the Quality Assurance Advisory Committee (QAAC).

VIII. Next QAAC meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

IX. Adjournment:

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

**San Andreas Regional Center Board of Directors
SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
Meeting Minutes (via zoom)
February 12, 2026**

Members Present	Rosa Amador Desiree Luong	Erika Gonzalez (chair) Reggie San Pablo
Members absent		
Staff Present	Anna Wall Gabriela Alvarez Malyssa Barnas Maggie Pendl Mike Keeley Javier Zaldivar Cal Smith Gina Billeci Julie Lussier Laura Furuya Vanessa Oamelda	Gina Jennings Lisa Hartley Maria Moreto Monica Martinez Francisco Valenzuela Maria Aleman Mia Garza Rae'chel Jensen Rosalina Cone Rommel Sanchez
Community Present	Abigail Lorimer Brie Hornig Christine Shene Daya Sanchez Destinee Reyes Davelyn Miguel Moffit Gabriela Santos Diana Gonzalez Jacky Ting Jamie Rivera-Vallesteros Jen A. Jessica Chaparro Lisa Zuegel Jessica Greco Melanie New Horizons ILS Shaan Smith Tracey Marquart Vanessa Vallesteros	Alexndra Roldan Denise Escano Doug Pascover Heidi Morgan Jenica Hadley Jovita Barron Kirsten Henderson Leticia Trujillo Lori Menzies Natalia Acosta Sharmean Heffernan Tiana Masika Tricia Lara Wayne Jasper Zyrel Dimalanta Sarah Macy Quality Respite-Kerry TriCounties

Ms. Erika Gonzalez Committee Chair began the meeting via zoom starting at 2:30 p.m.

Committee Updates

- 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:
 - POS department adjusting duplicate payments from transfer of codes
 - No significant cuts to programming for the next fiscal year.
 - Major budget gap of \$30 billion between the Governor's and Legislative Analyst's Office projections
 - Key budget date: May 10, 2026
- All providers are subject to the PRA (Public Records Act)
 - Legal will answer specific questions for next SPAC meeting. This will be the only time for free questions.
 - Legal will explain in detail (What to do when we get a PRA, what needs to be produced, copies of what is submitted to billing, if information is in violation of HIPPA, etc.)
 - 10 Days to respond to PRA request.
 - 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.
- Federal Compliance & Complaint/Grievance Process:
 - Revamping of the complaint process (4731, whistleblower, citizen complaints all merged).
 - Complaints filed before July 1, 2026, use the old process; those after to follow new protocol, which includes these steps:
 - Grievances filed with DDS, referred to regional centers within 5 days
 - Resolution plan within 60 days
 - DDS has 21 days for review
 - Grievant can request DDS to review within 7 days, if dissatisfied

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
- Rates set to revert back to benchmark at the end of February

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).

- Vendors don't have to be physically located in the regional area.
- 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: 25 total closed vendors

- 2 Tax reporting change
- 23 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.
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 - Creative art programs
 - Supplemental day service program supports
 - Adaptive skills trainers
 - ILS

For HCBS questions, please reach out to Maggie Pendl or Gabriela Alvarez.

Employment

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist gave the report:

- Paid Internship Program (PIP) Hour Reminder:
 - PIP Hours 1040 over 12 months or whichever comes first
 - "Shall not exceed" 1040 statutory limit.
- 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 ends at the end of the current fiscal year
 - Approximately 30 batteries remain for distribution
 - Priority for those who rely on power for medical/mobility equipment
 - Service providers and coordinators encouraged to request batteries for eligible individuals
- 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:
 - Financial Assistance Programs for AFN Communities -2/21 @11:00
<https://bit.ly/4701EZY>
- Tsunami Preparedness Week:
 - March 22-28, 2026, Opportunity for participation in drills and review of emergency procedures

Announcements:

- 29th Annual Legislative Luncheon: April 24, 2026
 - Registration filling quickly
 - Agenda will be shared after legislative participants are confirmed
 - Focus on "Get put and Vote" initiatives-organization is a National Voter Registration Act Participant.
- Summer Festivals:
 - 10th Anniversary of the San Jose, Santa Cruz, and Salinas Summer festivals
 - 5th year of the Run Walk Roll event
 - Information for organizational and individual participation to be shared soon
- Art and Crafts Fair:
 - Scheduled for November 2026
 - Open for micro-enterprise involvement from clients. Details to be released closer to event date.
- Night to Shine
 - February 13, 2026, at Compass Church, Salinas (also in Los Altos-Sold out)
- Mariposa Group Conference
 - March in Greenfield or Soledad (Pending confirmation)
 - 20 organizations already registered: more vendor participation welcome
- People Planning Together Conference
 - March 26-27, 2026, 9:00am – 5:00pm
 - Person-Centered Practices focus. Registrations accepted until full.

- Self-Determination Voices of Experience Conference
 - March 21, 2026 (English) and April 18, 2026 (Spanish), 10:00am – 4:00pm, at Christ Lutheran Church in Aptos
- FCSN Talent Show
 - April 11, 2026, from 4:00pm – 6:30pm at the Santa Clara Convention Center
- ARCA (Association of Regional Center Agencies) Gubernatorial Forums
 - Ongoing live-streamed interviews with California gubernatorial candidate
 - Information to be distributed to membership as available
- Volunteer Programs- Lau
 - Ongoing volunteer recruitment for school, care home, and day program settings.
 - Interested sites and individuals encouraged to contact Lauria Furuya (contact email: lfuruya@sarc.org)

Other

- Incident Reporting Updates- Cal Smith
 - Title 17 update introduces new incident types
 - New Special Incident Reporting Form to be published on the regional center's website by the end of the week of February 26, 2026
 - Spring 2026: Release of instructional videos for incident reporting.

Next SPAC Committee Meeting:

March 12, 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
SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
Meeting Minutes (via zoom)
March 12, 2026**

Members Present	Rosa Amador Desiree Luong	Erika Gonzalez (chair) Reggie San Pablo
Members absent	Yen-Nhi Nguyen	
Staff Present	Anna Wall Cal Smith Francisco Valenzuela Gabriela Alvarez Irene De La Rosa Kai Reade Kim Pierce Lourdes Gonzalez Monica Martinez Rosalina Cone Vanessa Oamelda	Arushie Nugapitiya Denise Zuniga Gina Belleci Grecia Magana Jennifer Huntley Karla Cruz Malysa Barnas Maria Aleman Mia Garza Shiyu Liu Javier Zaldivar
Community Present	Kailin (Alo) Alexndra Roldan Angie Nunez Brie Hornig Candice Gharakhanian Daya Sanchez Doug Pascover Destinee Reyes Esther De La Rosa Gabriela Santos Jefrey Honore Jacky Ting Kaitlin Binnewies Kristin Koening Leticia Trujillo Mark Sung Natalia Acosta Nikko Villareal Patrice Clay Rose Va Scott Stanley Summer Suzzette Reboton Taylor Buttrey Twelveacres Yesenia Zavala Zuegel	Jacqueline (Alo) Angela Lucero Perry Beth Prentiss Camilla Shaffer Cathy Buchard Denise Escano Heidi Morgan Jenica Hadley Farah Culbertson Jen Aruiza Diana Gonzalez Jessica Greco Kevin Burman Lauren Gallagher Lori Menzies Michell Villareal Natasha Nilo Ambagan Ria Febie Sarah Macy Siauro Katoa Sonja Arconti Tiana Kaiser TriCounties Vickey/Hope Yuli Padilla Zyrel Dimalanta

Ms. Erika Gonzalez Committee Chair began the meeting via zoom starting at 2:30 p.m.

Committee Updates

- SPAC is recruiting new members reach out if interested
- Ms. Gonzalez discussed potential agency presenters for the committee

HCBS Training

- Ms. Kaitlin Olson of Alo presented the upcoming in-person training at SARC on 4/29/2026. "HCBS and Your Rights" event for individuals receiving services older than 18 years.
- Registration link: [Here is the direct link to the registration form](#)

Provider Input

None

Best Practices for Self-Advocacy and Inclusion

None

Director Update

Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director discussed the following topics.

- SARC had BBK Attorneys at Law present a free training on PRA (Public Records Act) for Vendors, two takeaways were:
 - Vendors must work with their legal counsel to decide what in their program design is a trade secret; and notify SARC of it.
 - SARC will release the vendor information if requested.
- The Vendor Portal is live now and all new applications must go through there; new requirements have been implemented.
- SARC's website is having technical issues, but we are working on resolving them, the vendor billing is working.
- The Department is taking over the complaint process by 12/31/2027.
- The Burns and Associates Rate study should be reviewed every two years, but that does not mean that it will be funded.
- There is a huge push for the expansion of employment for individuals served.
- Cuts to the Budget will be felt in 2027
- Stay engaged in your community and attend the budgetary hearings which are via zoom now.

Community Services Update

Ms. Mia Garza Associate Director gave the report.

Rate Reform Implementation:

- Authorizations reflect new service codes and subcodes reach out if help is needed.
- Shared vendors may need to complete a SARC Rate Acknowledgement Form
- Directives should be reviewed because now they might include code provisions required to be met

- The held harmless rates reverted at the end of February to benchmark, or potentially lower depending on current QIP status.
- Effective 3/1/26 code 875 has been split into vehicle rate and mileage rate.
 - Mileage-related subcodes have been established as well
- DDS issued updated guidance regarding clinical requirements for Behavior Day Programs/BCBA.
 - Requirement is effective 2/28/26 but DDS will not audit until 3/1/27 to allow providers time to comply with requirements.
 - Clinical services can be direct or indirect (remote services)
- Errors were found in the Residential Rates Workbooks – Level 7 and ARFPSHN, SARC is providing updated workbooks, respond quickly to the requests or it might affect your rate corrections.
- Fiscal continues cleanup of POS records, and adjustments of duplicate payments,
 - Deadline to submit invoices for FY 7/2023-24 has passed

Quality Incentive Programs (QIP) FY 2026-27:

- Providers with submitted support tickets before 2/28/26 will receive assistance and have until 3/31/26 to complete their survey; providers with neither will be ineligible for QIP rates.
 - DDS expects to finalize compliance by mid-March.

Standardized Vendorization (2025–2026).

- The Provider Directory is the centralized portal for vendor record maintenance and standardized vendorization workflows.
 - Providers were encouraged to identify their organization’s administrator and point of contact. Reach out to SARC if help is needed.

Community Resources Update

New and Closing Programs:

Ms. Gabriela Alvarez gave the report.

New programs: 10 total new programs vendored in the month of February

- 2 In-home Respite service
- Housing Access
- 3 Early Start Therapeutic services
- Behavioral Analyst
- Infant Development
- Interpreter
- Art Instructor

Closed program: 18 total closed vendors

- 7 courtesy vendors
- 13 vendors closed due to lack of use in over 24 months

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- DDS update for Level -7 homes – they can submit a H&S Waiver temporarily from 5/29/26 to 6/30/26

HCBS (Home & Community Based Services)

Ms. Garza gave the report.

- Monitoring activities have begun and will be scheduled in advance
- Trainings available:
 - 3/17/26 Program Design workshop & Meaningful Objectives
 - 4/29/26 HCBS training by Alo

Employment

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist gave the report:

- Monitoring group employment
- Job development for short-term service (2-3 months) is available up to 120 hours.
- DDS Paid Internship Data for SARC:
 - 2023 – 74
 - 2024 – 94
 - 2025 -148
 - 2026 – 135 (still have 3 months left)
 - SARC remains above state level average
- Paid Internship Program still available for vendors
- You still can bill for job coaching travel time

Special Incident Report (SIR Guidelines and Training)

- Mr. Cal Smith shared that he is transferring from the SIR department to Community Resources, he introduced Ms. Denise Zavala as the new SIR supervisor.
- SIR link for new guidelines: [Risk Management & Mitigation : CA Department of Developmental Services](#)

Emergency Preparedness

Ms. Garza gave the report.

Incident Response & Weather Overview:

- Monitored events didn't impact individuals served the Emergence Coordinator (ERC) maintained information and communication with staff on monitored conditions for potential escalation.

Emergency Go-Kit Distribution:

- Statewide initiative has ended but ERC has independently secured 750 emergency preparedness kits through partnerships with SF CARD and LISTOS California.
- 1600 were delivered

Backup Battery Program

- Program is wrapping up reach out if you need help

Status:

- 10 batteries delivered (3000x model units)
- 11 additional batteries pending delivery

Trainings, Planning, and Coordination

- PROACT De-escalation ERC continues to collaborate with the Training Manager to ensure staff have access to PROACT, a structured de-escalation model that:
 - Helps prevent behavioral crises
 - Supports safe intervention strategies
 - Reduces risk to consumers and staff
 - Emphasizes trauma informed approaches
- A structured series of trainings to enhance safety awareness and emergency readiness are being developed.

Ms. Jensen is a current BOARD Member of CADRE (Santa Clara County VOAD) & current Co-Chair of EC Statewide Coordinators Group

Announcements:

Mr. Francisco Valenzuela thanked those that attended Grass Roots Day and supported SARC.

- March – Social Workers Month
- 3/14/2026 Greenfield Conference
- 3/17/2026 Topic Talks
- 3/30/2026 POS Data Community Meetings
- 4/3/2026 Disability Awareness Fair San Jose Barracuda
- 4/24/26 29th Annual Legislative Luncheon
- Summer Festivals coming soon

Next SPAC Committee Meeting:

April 9, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Adjournment

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