



WESTSIDE REGIONAL CENTER

Client Services Committee Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 • 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom – Hybrid

* Attended meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Jane Borochoff	Alex Marquez	Julien Hernandez *
Cesar Garcia	Myriam Garcia	Niashia Gonzalez *
Vanda Yung	Andy Ponce	Wakelin McNeel*
Rosalba Ortega	Candace Hein *	Liddy Amador *
Jill Hughes	Ricardo Pacheco *	
Dina Jacob	Priscilla Carranza *	

Wakelin McNeel, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

- Confirmed that everyone reviewed the minutes from the June 28, 2023, meeting.

Cesar Garcia, Director of Client Services, informed the committee that there is no quorum. As a result, the minutes cannot be approved, and no voting can take place.

Wakelin confirmed that everyone had reviewed the memo regarding Adult Supportive Day Services, and Mr. Garcia shared the document on the screen.

Cesar Garcia stated that we agreed at the last meeting to look at the daytime activity support section, inclusive of services and supports available for adults. He suggested we focus solely on the introduction of this section. Mr. Garcia informed the committee that Andy Ponce, Director of Community Services, and his team will be taking the lead on this section.

Andy Ponce explained the following:

- Programs are getting back to in-person services, which coincides with the need for compliance with the federal HCBS final rule, a federally required deadline that passed on March 17, 2023. Refer to the 3rd paragraph of Daytime Activities Support Introduction for reference.
- The preferred outcome, if possible, is supporting postsecondary education, employment outcomes, and occupational skills training. If this is not possible, the focus is moving towards increasing community integration.
- Rate module implementation – Service provider rates have improved. Rate increases were the first half of the transition process, and we are now in the policy portion.
- DDS will provide guidance on the requirements for Day Services to continue earning these increased rates.
- All services are being converted to an hourly rate.
- Our introduction is in line with HCBS final rule.

Cesar Garcia suggested updating the language in the Daytime Activities Support Introduction. The committee discussed how to improve the wording, and edits were made throughout the document. Mr. Garcia stated that, in addition to the editing already done, there will be more editing before the next meeting.

The next meeting will be a hybrid meeting held on September 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.