Client Services Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 2026 • 5:00 p.m.
Zoom

Attendees:

Andy Ponce	Michael Nelson	Philomena Morais
Pablo Ibañez	Maria Carranza	Sarah Kruger
Wakelin McNeel	Kenny Lorenzo	Ann Moore
Candace Hein	Almarietha Mathews	Dina Jacob
Allyson Hemar	Claudia Hernandez	Julien Hernandez
Ramon Trinidad	Elaine Wright-Forris	Gerard Dupree
Marissa Barredo	Jane Borochoff	Elise Leizerovich
Rosalba Ortega	Brigitte Jameson	

The meeting was called to order unofficially by Chair of the Committee, Dr. Wakelin McNeel at 5:05 p.m.

It was noted that a quorum was not established; therefore, the committee held off on the formal call to order and the approval of previous meeting minutes.

The committee reviewed the following agenda items:

General Standards Review:

- The committee continued review of the draft General Service Standards from the previous meeting, including updates to terminology and format for consistency.
- Discussed replacing "consumer" with "person served" throughout the document and using "WRC" consistently instead of varying references to Westside Regional Center or "the Center."
- The committee reviewed language concerning least-costly providers, generic funding resources, long-term medical therapies, and experimental/evidence-based services. Members supported clarifying when therapies may be funded and adding a statutory reference to the applicable Lanterman Act language.
- Revisited language regarding self-determination, choice, and the use of "least restrictive" and "most inclusive" services. The group supported retaining both concepts. Because there was no quorum, the revised General Standards were not formally approved and will return to the Committee for approval.

Early Intervention Service Standards Review:

- Began review of the Early Intervention Service Standards using the version previously reviewed by Early Intervention staff.

- Members identified the need to clearly define the age range for Early Intervention/Early Start services.

- The group supported adding language clarifying that services apply to children ages 0 to 3 and end on the child's third birthday.

The committee will complete the Early Intervention Service Standards review and begin the Family Support Services at next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on October 6 at 5:00 p.m. (Remote)