POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nilo Choudry
Terry Magady
Almarietha Mathews
Yeray Taína

ABSENT: Jennifer E. Cohen

GUESTS/STAFF: Jane Borochoff (Staff), Pablo Ibanez (Staff)

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Terry Magady, at 5:02 p.m. and quorum was established.

There was no public comment.

The Committee reviewed standards developed by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA), including Remote and In-person Planning Team Meetings, Notice of Action (NOA) procedures, Legislative Activities, Regional Center Leadership competencies, and Regional Center Strategic Thinking. Members discussed incorporating these standards into WRC policies and practices, noting that many are already being implemented.

Remote and In-Person Planning Team Meetings

The Committee reviewed requirements for in-person contact with individuals served, including annual contact for those receiving Individual Program Plan (IPP) services. Pablo confirmed that WRC already follows these requirements and uses the Sandis system to track compliance. The Committee agreed to refer the standard to the Client Services Committee for further review.

Notice of Action and Good Faith Belief Letters

WRC already follows established procedures for issuing Notice of Action and Good Faith Belief letters related to service decisions. The Committee agreed that the Client Services Committee should review these standards and consider incorporating relevant provisions into existing policies.

Legislative Positions

The Committee discussed ARCA's legislative positions standard, which encourages regional centers to align their official advocacy activities with ARCA's adopted positions. Members expressed support for the standard and agreed to seek guidance from ARCA regarding implementation. Jane will also inquire about the availability of a Spanish translation.

Leadership Competencies and Strategic Thinking

The Committee reviewed ARCA's leadership and strategic thinking standards, emphasizing effective governance, Board development, and long-term organizational planning. These standards will be referred to the Board Development Committee for additional discussion and consideration.

The main agenda item for the next meeting will be a comprehensive review of the Legislative Activity Standard.

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair, Terry Magady, at 6:16 p.m.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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