Client Services Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 • 5:00 p.m.
Zoom

Attendees:

Carmen Tripp	Michael Nelson	Philomena Morais
Pablo Ibañez	Michael McAllister	Luz Sandoval
Wakelin McNeel	Kenny Lorenzo	Ann Moore
Allyson Hemar	Almarietha Mathews	Dina Jacob
Ramon Trinidad	Claudia Hernandez	Gerard Dupree
Marissa Barredo	Niaisha Gonzalez	Elise Leizerovich
Rosalba Ortega	Jane Borochoff	

The meeting was called to order unofficially by Chair of the Committee, Dr. Wakelin McNeel at 5:06 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. A quorum was officially established later in the meeting upon the arrival of additional members.

The committee reviewed the following agenda items:

General Standards Review:

- The committee previously completed its group review of the General Service Standards document but could not formally pass a motion due to a lack of a quorum at that prior meeting.

- The committee agreed to place a formal vote on the General Service Standards as the first agenda item for next month's meeting.

Early Intervention Service Standards Review:

- The committee conducted a line-by-line review and workshopping of the Early Intervention Services Review standard.

- The group made several key language edits, including defining toddlers as individuals from birth up to their third birthday, changing phrasing to "minimize" secondary disabilities, updating text to state that parents are "empowered", and reframing wording to affirm children as already valued family participants.

- The document was restructured to place Early Start eligibility criteria upfront,

expanded caregiver participation language to explicitly include "resource parents" (foster parents), and spelled out acronyms such as SELPA and CCS MTU.

- The committee discussed federal regulations requiring services to be delivered in a child's natural environment. While agreeing that Regional Center-funded services should occur in natural settings whenever possible, members debated how to clearly explain the distinction when generic insurance resources require clinic-based care.

- The group decided to table the final framing on natural environments and resume workshopping the text at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on December 1 at 5:00 p.m. (Remote)