



San Bernardino Regional Office

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes

February 17, 2026

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Members Present

Eric Aguilar, **Vice-Chair**

Kelli Guillory

Stephen Donohue

April Sayre

Chiriece McCorley Smith

Ilona McFerrin

Jocelyn Doucette

Michael "Mike" Wilson

Casey Mitchel

Sandra Diaz

Ryan Nelson

Fanny Cisneros

Lisa Williams

Members Absent

Dustlyne Beavers, **Chair** (Leave of Absence)

Shannen Mitchell

SCDD – SBRO Staff

Patricia Herrera, Manager I
Jose Valle, Office Technician

Guest Speaker(s)

Daniel Schenkel
David Delgado

Public Attendees

Arrissia Turner
Brandi Halstead
Christina Rockwell (pending appointment on RAC)
Empowered LLC
Eric Stone
Kim Sandoval
Lana Anders
Leslie Koffi
Marilynn Ayala
Preseleh Seymore
Sophia Conde
Toddi Hunt

English/Spanish Language Interpreter(s)

N/A

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM

Welcome from Eric Aguilar (Co-Chair).

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Nelson motioned to approve the minutes of the 12/09/2025 meeting. Motioned seconded by Jocelyn Doucette and Fanny Cisneros. Unanimously minutes were approved.

Agenda/Minutes

4:05 PM – 4:15 PM: The meeting began with introductions from committee members, SCDD staff, and guests. Patricia, the Regional Manager, provided updates on committee membership, noting two vacancies in Inyo County and the potential for Eric Aguilar to continue as Chair for the foreseeable future. Following the introductions and training announcement, Office Technician Jose Valle confirmed a quorum was present. Patricia Herrera then gave a brief summary and introduction of the guest speaker, Daniel Schenkel.

4:15 PM – 5:19 PM: Daniel Schenkel thanked Patricia for welcoming him to the meeting and for allowing him time to present. Daniel presented on the Lanterman Housing Alliance's efforts to address the housing crisis for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He discussed their data collection, funding initiatives, and new housing access services. Daniel highlighted upcoming developments in affordable housing projects and the launch of a roommate matching website. He also touched on legislative priorities, including concerns about HUD's proposed changes to fair housing regulations and the state budget's impact on services for people with disabilities.

Housing Support for Developmental Disabilities

Daniel presented legislative priorities, focusing on housing support for people with developmental disabilities. He explained that regional centers can now pay for housing if individuals receive supported living services and are at risk of homelessness, thanks to recent legislation. Daniel and his organization are following the implementation of Medi-Cal's temporary housing assistance program and are working to ensure that information about available services is effectively communicated. The group discussed the need for continued advocacy and information sharing on housing and other legislative issues, with Ilona emphasizing the growing housing crisis in the Corona and Riverside areas.

Housing Support Challenges for Disabilities

The group discussed challenges in housing support for individuals with developmental disabilities, particularly regarding regional center services and the CalAIM program. Kim shared a concerning case of a client sleeping in his car who faced barriers in accessing appropriate housing support, highlighting systemic issues in understanding and meeting the needs of this population. Patricia noted variations in regional center support across the state and expressed interest in working with Kim to address these issues. The discussion emphasized the need for better coordination between regional centers, CalAIM, and housing providers, as well as the importance of including self-advocate and family advocate voices in advisory committees.

Affordable Housing for Developmental Disabilities

Patricia and Daniel discussed the progress and challenges in providing affordable housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. They highlighted the need for collaboration between self-advocates, family advocates, and housing agencies to address misinformation and improve access to housing. Kim shared her experience fighting for correct policies and regulations in tax credit properties. The group agreed to work more closely with the Lanterman Housing Alliance and discussed potential strategies to increase housing availability, including targeting existing low-income housing and negotiating with developers.

Patricia Herrera then opened the floor for David Delgado of the State Plan Team for SCDD to introduce himself.

5:19 PM – 5:36 PM:

2027-2031 State Plan Update

David Delgado, Branch Chief of Headquarters Operations and State Plan at SCDD, presented an update on the newly adopted state plan for 2027-2031. He explained that the plan was developed with input from the community, focusing on areas such as housing, employment, and health and safety. David addressed feedback received during the public comment period, including

concerns about non-specific language and the removal of a disparity objective. He emphasized that while the state plan uses broad language to maintain flexibility, SCDD continues to prioritize outreach to underserved communities. David also discussed ongoing efforts to improve statewide consistency in services and information accessibility, including a new website with standardized service codes.

Report from Regional Manager Patricia Herrera - 5:37 PM:

SCDD Strategic Priorities 2026-2031

Patricia's report focused on the strategic work of SCDD over the next five years, highlighting policy priorities such as protecting civil rights, ensuring federal policies advance inclusion, and guaranteeing access to education and employment. Patricia also emphasized the importance of self-determination and the need to prepare for the renewal of the SDP Medicaid waiver by 2026.

Public Comments on matters not on the Agenda - 5:47 PM

- The group discussed housing developments
- Crisis intervention services
- The implementation of the new Individual Program Plan (IPP) which includes 12 life areas
- Participants also addressed the need to educate individuals with developmental disabilities and their families about their rights, with Ilona and Kim sharing strategies for advocating for better services.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:00 PM

Eric requested for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ryan Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by April Sayre.