



San Gabriel / Pomona  
Regional Center



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Department of Developmental Services  
**FROM:** Jesse Weller, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** 2026 Board Training Report *Process, Topics, and Schedule*  
**DATE:** December 15, 2025

This SG/PRC Board Training Report is provided by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board President for the 2026 calendar year for the required DDS training plan form. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 4622(g) and in concert with the Directive dated October 24, 2025, the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) Board of Directors is pleased to report on and inform the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) about its 2026 Board of Directors' Training plan, as well as provide a summary of the trainings completed in 2025.

### **Trainings Completed in 2025**

*The following is a summary of the trainings completed during 2025. Please see the enclosure for the required details.*

February 26, 2025 - *Themes and Trends in Developmental Services*. Speaker: Amy Westling, Executive Director of ARCA (Qualifications: Advanced degree in public administration with experience in leadership and developmental disabilities).

April 23, 2025 - *The State Budget Process and Legislative Advocacy*. Speaker: Tony Anderson Associate Director of ARCA (Qualifications: Advanced degree in public administration with experience in leadership and developmental disabilities).

July 23, 2025 – Two Part Training: *Review of Board Governance and Conflict of Interest*. Speaker: Law Offices of Enright and Ochletree, LLP - Aaron Abramowitz, Esq. (Qualifications: Juris Doctorates, CA Bar Assoc. licensure).

October 22, 2025 - *Linguistic and Cultural Competency*. Speaker: Lena Morán-Acereto, Bridging Voices. (Qualifications: Advanced degrees with an emphasis in Social Justice and Leadership).

November 12, 2025 - *Whistleblower Policies and Board Members' Role in Implementing Whistleblower Policies*. Speakers: Law Offices of Enright and Ochletree, LLP - Aaron Abramowitz, Esq. (Qualifications: Juris Doctorates, CA Bar Assoc. licensure).

### **Scheduled Trainings for Completion during 2026**

*The following is a summary of the scheduled trainings for 2026. Please see the enclosure for the required details.*

February 25, 2026 - *Understanding the Full Range of Services Available Through the Regional Center*. Speakers: Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services, SG/PRC (Qualifications: Master of Public Administration degree and broad knowledge in clinical services and regional center operations supporting individuals with developmental disabilities) and Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and Equity, SG/PRC (Qualifications: Master of Science degree and extensive experience in service access, equity initiatives, and regional center operations supporting individuals with developmental disabilities).

April 22, 2026 – *Understanding the Role of the Department of Developmental Services and the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)*. Speakers: Pete Cervinka, Director of the Department of Developmental Disabilities (Qualifications: Over 27 years of leadership, program management, and policy development experience in various roles across state agencies) and Amy Westling, Executive Director of ARCA (Qualifications: Advanced degree in public administration with experience in leadership and developmental disabilities).

July 22, 2026 – Closed Session - Three Part Training: *Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members, Whistleblower Policy, and Conflict of Interest Policy*. Speakers: Law Offices of Enright and Ochletree, LLP - Aaron Abramowitz, Esq., Julie Ocheltree, Esq. (Qualifications: Juris Doctorates, CA Bar Assoc. licensure).

October 28, 2026 - *Linguistic and Cultural Competency*. Speaker: Lena Morán-Acereto, Bridging Voices. (Qualifications: Advanced degrees with an emphasis in Social Justice and Leadership).

### **Topic Selection Processes**

The SG/PRC Board's Training Plan is updated annually based on the Board Training Needs and Topic Selection electronic survey. The survey is administered and reviewed by the Strategic Development Advisory Committee, which then presents recommended topics to the full Board for approval. Each 2026 Board training will be 60–90 minutes, depending on the content, and will take place during regularly scheduled Board meetings. Board meetings occur on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:15 PM. All training topics and the schedule will be posted on the SG/PRC website for public review and access.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Weller". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Jesse Weller  
Executive Director  
San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

Enclosure

Cc: Amy Westling, Association of Regional Center Agencies  
Regional Center Administrators  
Regional Center Directors of Client Services  
Regional Center Community Services Directors  
Association of Regional Center Agencies  
SG/PRC Board of Directors

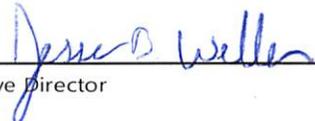
**2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRAINING REPORT**

Regional Center: San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Regional center shall annually submit to the Department by December 15<sup>th</sup>, a report about trainings provided to its board of directors in that calendar year. Complete all required information. Rows may be added to report additional training topics.

Date	Training Topic	Frequency	Length of Training	Name, Affiliation and Qualifications of Individual or Entity Providing Training
2/26/2025	Themes and Trends in Developmental Services	As determined by the Board's annual survey of information and training needs.	60 minutes	Amy Westling, Executive Director of ARCA (Qualifications: Advanced degree in public administration with experience in leadership and developmental disabilities).
4/23/2025	The State Budget Process and Legislative Advocacy	As determined by the Board's annual survey of information and training needs.	60 minutes	Tony Anderson Associate Director of ARCA (Qualifications: Advanced degree in public administration with experience in leadership and developmental disabilities).
7/23/2025	Review of Board Governance (i.e., board members' role and responsibilities) and Conflict of Interest	Annually	60 minutes	Law Offices of Enright and Ochletree, LLP - Judith Enright, Esq. and Aaron Abramowitz, Esq. (Qualifications: Juris Doctorates, CA Bar Assoc. licensure).
10/22/2025	Linguistic and Cultural Competency	Annually	60 minutes	Lena Morán-Acereto, Bridging Voices. (Qualifications: Advanced degrees with an emphasis in Social Justice and Leadership).
11/12/2025 (closed session)	Whistleblower Policies & Board members' role in implementing Whistleblower Policies	Annually	60 minutes	Law Offices of Enright and Ochletree, LLP - Judith Enright, Esq. and Aaron Abramowitz, Esq. (Qualifications: Juris Doctorates, CA Bar Assoc. licensure).

This Board of Directors Training Report was reviewed by (right click in signature box and select sign):

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Executive Director

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Board President

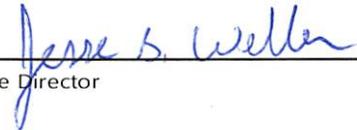
**2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRAINING PLAN**

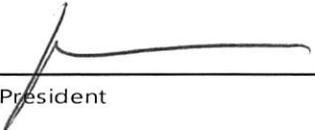
Regional Center: San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Regional center shall annually submit to the Department by December 15<sup>th</sup>, a proposed comprehensive Board of Directors' training plan for the next calendar year. Complete all required information for the required training topics as listed. Rows may be added to include additional training topics.

Date	Training Topic	Frequency	Length of each Training Topic	Name, Affiliation and Qualifications of Individual or Entity that will Provide Each Training
2/25/2026	Understanding the Full Range of Services Available Through the Regional Center	As determined by the Board's annual survey of information and training needs.	60 minutes	Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services, SG/PRC (Qualifications: Master of Public Administration degree and broad knowledge in clinical services and regional center operations) and Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and Equity, SG/PRC (Qualifications: Master of Science degree and extensive experience in service access, equity initiatives, and regional center operations).
4/22/2026	Understanding the Role of the Department of Developmental Services and the Association of Regional Center Agencies	As determined by the Board's annual survey of information and training needs.	60-90 minutes	Pete Cervinka, Director of the Department of Developmental Disabilities (Qualifications: Over 27 years of leadership, program management, and policy development experience in various roles across state agencies) and Amy Westling, Executive Director of ARCA (Qualifications: Advanced degree in public administration with experience in leadership and developmental disabilities).
7/22/2026 (closed session)	Review of Board Governance (i.e., board members' role and responsibilities), Conflict of Interest, and Whistleblower Policies (Board members' role in implementing Whistleblower Policies)	Annually	60-90 minutes	Law Offices of Enright and Ochletree, LLP - Aaron Abramowitz, Esq., Julie Ocheltree, Esq. (Qualifications: Juris Doctorates, CA Bar Assoc. licensure)
10/28/2026	Linguistic and Cultural Competency	Annually	60-90 minutes	Lena Morán-Acereto, Bridging Voices. (Qualifications: Advanced degrees with an emphasis in Social Justice and Leadership).

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Executive Director

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Board President