



Board of Trustees
Public Charge
Non-Medical Therapies

INLAND REGIONAL CENTER

Why should I care?



- Board Decision impact you and your family!
- Who knows what you need better?
- Regional Center accountability
- Travel and time compensation/stipend

Board of Trustees

Inland Regional Center's Board of Trustees make important decisions relating to IRC's day-to-day operations. Board members are appointed volunteers from various walks of life, including Clients, family members, community leaders and professionals. The board works closely with IRC's Executive team to create agency policies and ensure that IRC is being a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

Board meetings are held on the second Monday of every other month at 6:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. Minutes are recorded and posted to this page after each meeting. To contact the board, email btrustees@inlandrc.org.

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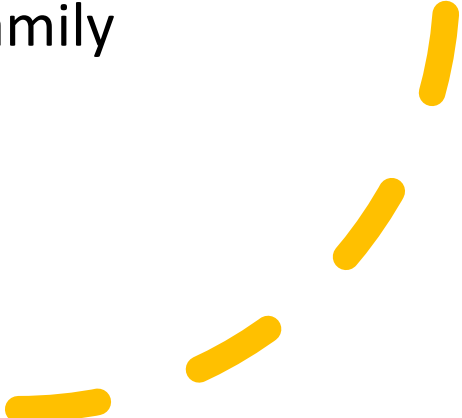
Board Make Up



- 17 Members: shall include people that meet the following criteria
 1. People that demonstrate interest in, or knowledge of Developmental Disability
 2. People with legal, management/board governance experience, financial, DD program expertise
 3. Representatives of the disabilities served by the Regional Center
 4. Representatives of the geographic and ethnic characteristics of the areas we serve
 5. 50% of members shall be people with a DD (or parents, legal guardians, conservators, etc.) but NO LESS than 25% of Board members shall be people with Developmental Disabilities
 6. 1 Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) member



Board Members

- Can Not...
 - Be paid employees of the Regional Center or State of CA employees
 - Be Employees of DDS
 - Be Employees/Representatives of SCDD
 - Be persons with a financial interest in Regional Center operations (excluding Consumers)
 - Be made up of *more* than 49% 'interested persons' - (service providers and family members of interested persons)
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Types of Board Meetings



OPEN

- Discussion of regular Corporate Affairs
- Bi-monthly
- 7-day notice announcing meeting
- Recording and written communication required posting
- Public input

CLOSED

- Real estate negotiations
- Employee
 - Appointment
 - Promotion
 - Dismissal
- Labor contract negotiations
- Pending litigation

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Current Members and Schedule



INLAND COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 2022

Vacant, Chair
Maureen O'Connell, Vice Chair
Alicia Lara, Secretary
Kiana Buffington, Member at Large
Jay Connor
Carmela Garnica
Rene Rojo
Theodore Leonard
Eric Naranjo
Gizelle Siojo
Teri Smith
Joshua Souder
April Stewart, VAC Representative

- Second Monday of the month, every other month
 - Next Meeting 09/12/2022 5pm
- 5:00pm
- Microsoft Teams
 - Link is on the IRC Calendar
- Public Comment

Public
Comment
submission
form:

Request to Submit Public Comment at Inland Counties Regional Center, Inc.'s Board of Trustee Meeting

Comments for Board Meeting

Full Name

First Name *

Last Name *

How can we reach you? Address, Phone, Email (Optional)

Please select one *

Choose One





Public Charge and IRC

Definition of Public Charge

The final rule defines public charge as an alien who receives one or more public benefits (as defined in the final rule) for more than 12 months, in total, within any 36-month period (such that, for instance, receipt of two benefits in one month counts as two months).

Under the final rule, “likely at any time to become a public charge” means more likely than not at any time in the future to become a public charge (in other words, more likely than not at any time in the future to receive one or more of the public benefits (as defined in the final rule) for more than 12 months, in total, within any 36-month period, such that, for instance, receipt of two benefits in one month counts as two months).

We determine inadmissibility based on the public charge ground by looking at the factors outlined in 8 CFR 212.22. Our adjudicating officers review the totality of an alien’s circumstances when deciding whether an applicant is likely at any time to become a public charge. This means that the adjudicating officer must weigh both the positive and negative factors. As required by section 212(a)(4) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(4), and by this final rule, when making a public charge inadmissibility determination, a USCIS officer must consider the applicant’s:

Benefits Not Considered

DHS will not consider:

- Emergency medical assistance;
- Disaster relief;
- National school lunch programs;
- The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children;
- The Children’s Health Insurance Program;
- Subsidies for foster care and adoption;
- Government-subsidized student and mortgage loans;
- Energy assistance;
- Food pantries and homeless shelters; and
- Head Start.

Certain Medicaid benefits. DHS will not consider the Medicaid benefits received:

- For the treatment of an “emergency medical condition;”
- As services or benefits provided in connection with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
- As school-based services or benefits provided to individuals who are at or below the oldest age eligible for secondary education as determined under state or local law;
- By aliens under the age of 21; and
- By pregnant women and by women within the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy.

Non-Medical Therapies



- IRC Purchase of Service Policy states:
 - The regional center may purchase specialized recreational therapies and training for clients and their families to support the Individual Program Plan (IPP).
- All services **must** be designed to improve a client's interpersonal and/or social skills
 - Providers must be licensed/credentialed to practice in the field of service offered
 - Service must be provided in an integrated community setting, to the extent possible
- Examples include:
 - Art, Dance, Music, Equestrian, among others that allow for interpersonal and social skill building

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Contact Information



- IRC Website: www.inlandrc.org
- Department of Developmental Services Website: www.dds.ca.gov
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- Public Comment Form: [\[Inland Regional Center\] Board of Trustees Public Comment \(seamlessdocs.com\)](#)
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