

**San Diego / Imperial Area Institutional Committee (SDIAC)**  
**San Diego H & I**  
**Machinists' Hall 5150 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, 92111**  
**Policy Council Minutes**  
**February 15, 2026**

**Meeting called to order** by Barry. Present were: Barry, Diana, Blaine, Madison, Sergio, Felix, Gerardo, Davis, Ken, Stevan, Shelley, Lauren, Cynthia, Del, Chris, Brian.

A moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Birthdays** – There were 2 birthdays acknowledged: Barry, 4 years; Stevan, 10 years. Congratulations!!!

**Minutes** – Minutes from the January meeting were approved as submitted..

**Reports:**

**1. Orientation (Del/Diana)** - Del reported that all was well with orientation. Online orientation is this coming Thursday. Diana needs a replacement tech person for the on line orientation because she needs to be at the ACM. (Shelley?)

**2. Librarian (Chris R.)** – Chris reported all is well. He needs to purchase/replace some pamphlets and Spanish literature.

**3. Registrar (Open)** – No report..

**4. Corrections Chair (Lauren)** – Lauren reported that Westcare is now open for us. It has an easier clearance application than most state facilities. There has been no change in the County facilities. Donovan will be hosting a Resource Fair, Lauren checked with the PI committee to see if we will participate. Calipatria has had a change of responsibility for AA meetings, which has made it harder for us to go in. Centinela has no one going in at this time. They are possibly open to having outside participation.

**5. Contact on Release (Shelley)** – We had one contact this month. We have new “white cards” to take into the institutions to advise that our services are available.

**6. Treasurer (Cynthia)** – Our income for January was \$3,201.37. Our expenses for January were \$7,352.43, leaving us with a bank balance of \$20,282.83 . The month’s net loss was expected because of a literature purchase. Kudos to the Pass it On BB who are sending green can contributions weekly.

**7. Treatment Chair (Stevan)** – We have a new treatment panel at Restore Recovery in Poway. There has been a lot of turnover in coordinators and panel coordinators; Stevan is working to keep the spreadsheet updated. County Mental Health is a hard panel to coordinate because the institution people don’t show up to the meeting.

**8. Clearance (Blaine)** – Blaine reports he has all forms, and will distribute them when/if asked. County clearance available through the coordinator.

**9. Policy and Guidelines (Brian)** – Brian had nothing to report.

**10. Alternate Chair (Barry)** – Barry is filling in for Lani this month. Blaine noted that there was no topic of interest brought up at Coordinating Council.

**11. Chair (Lani)** – not present. The ACM this month is still upcoming this Thursday.

**12. North County Liaison (Diana)** – Diana reported that this month’s meeting is next Saturday, so nothing new to report. We would like participate in the SDIAC Spring Event, and hope to be a part of the H&I information table at both the Area Assemblies and at the SDSRU.

**13. So Cal H&I Intergroup Liaison (Diana)**– We had our January elections. There is planning in place for a one day “conference” event to possibly be held at the location in Long Beach where their H&I annual chili cook-off is held. The February meeting will be on the 22nd in Tehachapi. Lunch at 11, meeting at noon All are invited.

**14. Area 8 Liaison (Rodrigo)** – Not present. We will start the GS Conference agenda items discussion next month.

**15. Spanish Corrections Liaison (Felix)** – Felix reported that they are still going into work-furlough and Donovan. They are waiting for the county facilities to re-open to H&I meetings. Felix is in contact with Rebecca.

**16. Spanish Treatment Liaison (Gerardo)** – Welcome, Gerardo!! He reported that they go into the Salvation Army twice a week. The South Bay Pioneers takes one of these meetings in. They have been in contact with Kaiser, but they are not open to having meetings. They would like literature. We emphasized that we only bring literature where we are also bringing meetings. They would like the “meeting cards” in Spanish to take into institutions. Blaine will arrange.

**17. GSDYPAA Liaison (Madison)** – They will have elections in March, so Madison will be with us for the next month.

**18. Imperial County Liaison (Open)** – No report

**19 Website (Shelley)** – Shelley will update the website with current information received at the meeting.

### **Old Business**

- The new SD H&I pamphlets were brought to the meeting and given to Barry.
- SDSRU – will be April 2-5. All positions on the panel and at the information booth are filled. Thank you..
- Pre-conference agenda items discussion planning – Since our April meeting will be after the timeline for the conference, we will have one meeting with the GSR’s in March and allot sufficient time. On March 15 the Agenda Items discussion will be at 10 am, the policy council at 11:30 am, and orientation at noon, business meeting to follow.
- Spring event – We need a flyer! The event will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30. Lunch at 11:30, Orientation at noon, business meeting to follow. No policy council. The 26<sup>th</sup> will be our monthly meeting because the hall isn’t available on the 19<sup>th</sup> for us. We need a program for the event...

### **New Business**

None presented.

Next meeting will be March 15, 2026. Remember that we will meet at 10 am to review the conference agenda items.

Meeting adjourned with the Declaration of Responsibility.