###### SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

**VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

###### April 6, 2017

The following committee members were in attendance at said meeting:

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**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

None

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Cindy Sendor called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. A quorum was established. Introductions were made of everyone in the room.

The minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**M/S/C (Stransky & Kappe) The committee approved minutes.**

1. **FUTURE TRAINING TOPICS**

The committee would like to receive training on how to reach out to legislators by Daniel Savino from ARCA.

1. **RECRUITMENT**

Two members will term off in June. The following categories will be vacant: Infant & Children Services, and Other Vendored Services. There are also openings in the categories of Intermediate Care Facilities and Community Care Facilities.

### PRESENTATION BY LISA YOUNGBLOOD- INTRODUCTION TO AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC)

This presentation covered the following information:

* What is AAC?
* No-Tech/Low-Tech AAC
* High-Tech AAC
* Common AAC myths
* How an AAC user communicates
* How do kids learn language
* How do AAC users learn language
* ALI using modeling
* How to help an AAC user
* Suggestions for success

### UPDATES BY ERNIE CRUZ

* Provider Incentive Application for Bilingual Staff – that application has been posted on the SG/PRC website, www.sgprc.org. It’s called “Vendor Incentive Application.” The application can be submitted for up to three staff that were hired after January 1, 2017. Supporting documentation will be required.
* CMS – DDS had and advisory group meeting last week. The following was discussed:
  + Self Assessment- they are close to finalizing it. The plan is it to do it through a “Survey Monkey” tool and collect the data.
  + Letter from Secretary of Health and Human Services- it is a letter to all the Governors about what to expect moving forward. On page three, with regards to the Home and Community Based Services Transformation, CMS will work toward providing additional time for states to comply with the January 6, 2014, HCBS rule. At this point, DDS and DHS are still operating under the current date of March, 2019 to be in compliance.
  + $15 million was allotted to help providers prepare to be in compliance with the rule statewide. SG/PRC will receive 5% of that money.
* RFPs- there are three projects currently posted on the website with a deadline date of May 1, 2017. One is a Behavioral Management Day Program and the other two are Specialized Group Homes for children.

### VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

**Adult Programs**

*Vocational* –George Stransky and Karen Jones shared the following:

* In the breakdown of the compliance funding for work programs only one vocational program received funding in the SG/PRC area and none were funded in the Inland Regional Center area.
* There was a meeting on March 30, 2017 for work services with the Department of Rehab and the regional center. They reviewed the flowchart that was put out for transitioning youth into subminimum wage jobs. This process now includes choice for the clients. Karen’s program, VIP, has accepted their first youth. At this meeting, there was also discussion about whether or not work programs, when placing people, can collect both the Department of Rehab fees for intake placement and retention as well as the incentive payment. There is a lot of confusion about that. The next meeting will be on June 29, 2017.
* On May 19, 2017, there will be a training on Employment Development at SG/PRC.
* There is a bill that is being sponsored by CDSA, it is AB 1607 and this would enable DDS to authorize community base vocational development services for people.

*Adult Day* – Gregory Mathes and Lisa Chen reported that the sub-committee met before the VAC meeting and they talked about the next craft fair. They also had a presentation from Mainstream and the presenter has a great idea for a potential community integration activity for program participants, “A Day of Fishing.” Lastly, for the day programs that provide some employment under 14c, Linh Lee, Employment Specialist, will be present at the next meeting to talk about future referrals for the adult development programs as it relates to the flow of clients.

**Infant & Children Services**

*Infant Development Program* – Cindy Sendor reported the following:

* TheCalifornia Speech and Hearing Association continue to work with DDS on changing how they fund for assistants.
* April is Occupational Therapy month.
* The LICA meeting next week is for providers.

**Transportation**

Vanessa Osborn was not present.

**Independent Living Services**

*ILS Services* – Nicole Mirikitani informed that a subcommittee meeting will be held on May 4, 2017, after the VAC meeting. They will talk about money management expectations and there will also be a special presentation by CBEM.

*SLS Services* – Sharon Ehrig spoke about the following:

* California Supported Living Network is holding a conference in San Diego on April 13-14, 2017.
* She attended a presentation yesterday about social security, medical, Medicare, and work wages. The presenter spoke a lot about the impaired work expenses and how to help consumers that are making over with work wages and getting terminated off of benefits.

**Residential Services**

*ICF* – Vacant

*CCF* – Jay Bhavsar shared that the subcommittee will meet on May 4, 2017 after the VAC meeting. He also shared his concern with the very little involvement of the Residential Facilities community and they must work to improve that.

*Specialized*- Chris Schlanser reported that the California Mentor Autism Festival will be on Saturday, April 8, 2017 in Rancho Cucamonga.

*Other Vendored Services*- Victor Lira reminded that the minimum wage is going up on July 1, 2017 in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and Pasadena.

*At Large*- Terry Kappe and Julie Martin shared that April is Autism Awareness Month.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Penman, Executive Director, reported on the following:

A reference was made to the monthly Executive Director Report.

*Grassroots Day:* Mr. Penman asked Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Community Relations and Information, to share. 17 out of the 21 regional centers participated in this event that is organized by ARCA in Sacramento to meet with local legislators. Cindy Sendor and Victor Lira were two of the six representatives from SG/PRC and they met with a total of eight legislators and/or their staff.

*Budget:* SG/PRC will receive its second amendment. SG/PRC added a new category to the disparity proposals, “Person Centered Thinking” because there was some money left over. Two other curriculums to the family projects will be added.

*Closure of Fairview:* There are only four clients from SG/PRC that are still living at Fairview and it is anticipated that they will all be moved by the end of the calendar year.

*Self Determination*: The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on May 9, 2017.

*Medicaid Waiver Survey:* SG/PRC records were 97% met. The visits to the residential and day programs were 100% in compliance.

*Legislation*: SG/PRC staff arranged for a residential facility tour with Josh Newman on May 12, 2017.

### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership and Recruitment** – Cindy Sendor reported that Victor Lira and she will term off and encouraged the public to contact Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors, to apply for those vacancies.

**Socials and Special Functions** – Nikki Mirikitani shared that the VAC Breakfast flyer is on the table and encouraged people to attend and support.

**Legislation**- Karen Jones shared that the California State Legislature is voting today on a $.12 increase of gas taxes and increases on vehicle fees.

**Vendor Training** – Victor Lira asked that if anyone has training topic suggestions to let Erika Gomez know.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.