

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

DEVELOPMENTALSERVICES, INC.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Client Services /Advisory Committee

July 24, 2019

A regular meeting of the Client Services/Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Mary Soldato, Chair

Pretti Subramaniam

Shannon Hines

Daniel Clancy

Herminio Escalante

David Grisey

Jenny Needham

Sheila James

Julie Lopez

Ardena Bartlett

Sherry Meng

Ning Yang

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza

Laura Palma

ABSENT:

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

THE CLIENT SERVICES/ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING: None

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
Chairperson, Mary Soldato called the meeting to order at 6:08-pm
A Quorum was established.
-The minutes were approved as written, Hines, Needham
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT**
None

C. PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS CASELOAD RATIOS – Ms. Lucina Galarza provided details about the regional center’s caseload ratios, as compared with the statewide ratios. She reported that we met almost every caseload ratio, except in the "other category” and that we are currently appealing not meeting the category pertaining to individuals who have left the Developmental Center between 12 and 24 months. This appeal has been formally submitted to DDS. The public asked about being able to use unpaid “interns” to assist in meeting the caseload ratios. Comments were also brought forward about reviewing the structure and hiring priorities to meet the caseload ratio requirements .

D. CLIENT ADVOCATE – Ms. Lucina Galarza presented on behalf of **Elisa Herzog** on the following:

- The DDS Safety Net website is being re-designed, including the website’s look, content, and target audiences-- with the goal of making it the new ‘go to’ site for Regional Centers, vendors, & clients.
 - This Content Review Team meetings began this last Tuesday, July 16th, Elisa will be an active member to help ensure the content is helpful and accurate for others in the field.
 - Please feel free to share your ideas for topics and/or content with Elisa to share during the next scheduled meeting (TBD)

- Join the Disability Community Resource Center for Disability Independence Day! Let’s Celebrate the 29th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on Friday July 26, 2019 at 10 am.
 - There will be a live Q & A panel by DCRC Board Members. DCRC Board’s President Sara Pezeshkpour, DCRC Board’s Vice President Eugene Feldman, and DCRC Board’s Treasurer Trevor Finneman; refreshments, community resources, and face painting.
 - 12901 Venice Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90066 (corner of Venice & Beethoven)
 - No need to RSVP & admission is free! for more information call: 310-390-3611 & see provided flyer

- Lyft WAV Service is now available in LA County!
 - This service will support the transportation needs of people who use fixed-frame (non-foldable/non-collapsible) wheelchairs
 - Lyft partners with First Transit to provide dedicated WAV service directly through the Lyft app in San Francisco and Los Angeles counties--All rides in Access Mode offer the same features & standard up-front pricing as the traditional Lyft app

- Jazz Hands For Autism will be hosting a Music Exploration Workshop at Disability Community Resource Center at 12901 Venice Blvd. in Los Angeles, starting July 26 until August 30, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
 - This workshop is a 6-week summer class every Friday for music lovers of all ages.
 - Specifically designed for beginners--members learn basic rhythm, simple songwriting, and a few guitar chords
 - To request a reasonable accommodation please contact (310) 390-3611
- National Disability Voter Registration Week: Do you know your voter bill of rights?
 - Register to vote online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/> or stop by the reception window & fill out a blank form

see flyers and handouts

E. Committee Follow-up – Future training topics

Victor Guzman / Lucina Galarza addressed training topics.

- The committee agreed on the following training topics to be provided:
 - August 2019 - Performance Contract
 - September 2019 - Special Positions at SGPRC (Housing Specialist, Program Evaluator, Employment Specialist, Education Specialist)
 - October 2019-Choose topic at next meeting

Special Presentation:

Residential Options-New Service Models presented by Aaron Christian, Director of Community Services. The PowerPoint presentation was an overview of new service models to include:

- Taylor Day Services (TDS)
- Enhanced Behavior Support Homes (EBHS)
- Community Crisis Homes (CCS)
- Intensive Transition Services (ITS)

F. ADJOURN

Chairperson Mary Soldato adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

The next Client Services/Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28. Meeting will be held in the Assembly Room.