

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

April 4, 2019

The following committee members were in attendance at said meeting:

PRESENT:

Sharon Ehrig, Chairperson
George Stransky
Vanessa Osborn
Bryan Chacon
Chris Schlanser
Michelle Mainez
David Bernstein
Terry Kappe
Cindy Sendor
Rosalind Ford
Nur Bandek

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza, Interim Executive Director
Laura Palma, Admin. Assistant - QA

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shawna Brown-Acosta

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Sharon Egrig called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. A quorum was established. Introductions were made of everyone in the room.

The minutes from the March 7, 2019 meeting were approved with the following change: On page 3 – under “Other Vendored Services” the date should read 2019 **M/S/C (Bernstein & Chacon) The committee approved minutes.**

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES

Aaron Christian, Director of Community Services, provided topics on the following topics:

- Community Resource Development Fund Survey
- Public Comment Period for Rate Study Survey
- Grassroots Day

C. **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO**

This event is scheduled for April 17, 2019.

D. **DISPARITY DATA**

Community Meetings were held in March to discuss scheduled results of SG/PRC's efforts to increase equity and to learn about new opportunities for training and support. A discussion will also be held as to the outcomes of Fiscal Year 2017/2018 POS expenditures as they relate to Ethnicity and Language.

E. **SUPPORT OF 8% INCREASE**

The committee members would like Sharon Ehrig to draft up a letter of support for the 8% rate increase.

F. **VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS**

Adult Programs

Vocational –George Stransky shared about his experience when he participated in Grassroots Day a few years ago and encouraged others to consider doing so in the future. He shared that there will be two vacancies under this category in June.

Adult Day – Rosalind Ford shared that the subcommittee met before the meeting. Josie Martinez, Resource Developer, and Linh Lee, Employment Specialist, were present. They will meet again on May 2, 2019.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Nur Bandek encouraged everyone to do local advocacy. She also shared she received an email from State Council announcing a Program Development Grant.

Transportation

Vanessa Osborn informed the committee that she is terming off in June. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2019.

Independent Living Services

ILS Services – Vacant

SLS Services – Sharon Ehrig reported that she is going to term off in June and encourage those in the audience to consider applying if they can. Also, the California Supported Living Network conference is going to be on April 17-19, 2019. The subcommittee meeting took place last month and the main topic of

discussion was money management.

Residential Services

ICF – David Bernstein had nothing to report.

CCF –Michelle Mainez spoke about keepthepromise.org where it focuses on the 8% rate increase.

Specialized- Chris Schlanser shared that the subcommittee is meeting after this meeting.

Other Vendored Services- Bryan Chacon had nothing to report.

At Large- Terry Kappe informed the committee that California Speech and Hearing Association has organized a massive letter writing with sample templates for the rate study.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Tim Travis, Director of Clinical Services reported on the following:

A reference was made to the monthly Executive Director Report.

8% Rate Increase: ARCA is supporting an 8% increase for provider rates. The 8% increase is also for the regional center operations budget for the purpose of addressing high caseload ratios and subsequently providing an immediate relief to provide stability for the coming year.

Self Determination: The 95 families and individuals chosen for the SDP have been invited to trainings that were held in March and will continue in April 2019.

For those primary language is English, dates are as follows:

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 and Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – 9:30 am to 12:30pm.

For those primary language is Spanish, dates are as follows:

Saturday, April 6, 2019 9 am to 4 pm

Monday, April 15, 2019 and Tuesday, April 16, 2019 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

For those families /individuals whose primary language is Chinese or Korean, we are scheduling individual training sessions. SG/PRC is also sponsoring monthly “Meet and Greet” gathering for the families that were selected.

Board Composition: Staff submitted a response to the Department reporting that the Board would be making efforts to inform the community about how to apply to be Board members. The Strategic Development Committee is working on a flyer which will be distributed at community events and which will also be provided to regional center staff to assist in distributing to our families and individuals.

Bridge Funding: Although Bridge Funding was approved in November 2018, this will not be provided to the selected community-based day programs and community care facilities until May 2019. The Bridge Funding will provide approximately a

2% increase for a 12-month period of time.

Cal Fresh: Beginning in June 2019, all SSI recipients will qualify for Cal Fresh, a generic service that was not previously allowed for SSI recipients. As part of the outreach to our system, DDS has entered into an agreement with DSS so that Regional Centers can assist with outreach and the application process. Each regional center will be provided monies in order to accomplish this outreach and assistance.

H. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Membership and Recruitment – Cindy Sendor and George Stransky encouraged those in the audience to apply for the current vacancies.

Socials and Special Functions – The 25th Annual Recognition Breakfast is scheduled for June 6, 2019.

Legislation- David Bernstein had nothing to report.

Vendor Training – Chris Schlanser announced that there is going to be a training on April 27, 2019 is on Aging and Developmental Disabilities. He also reminded everyone of SG/PRC's monthly Technical Assistant Trainings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was a discussion about the Executive Director Search.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on May 2, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.