

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

DEVELOPMENTALSERVICES, INC.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Client Services /Advisory Committee

June 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the Client Services/Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Victor Guzman, Chair
Pretti Subramaniam
Mary Soldato
Daniel Clancy
David Grisey
Jenny Needham
Sheila James
Herminio Escalante
Sheila James

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza
Marilyn Carmona
Elisa Herzog

ABSENT:

Shannon Hines
Sherry Meng
Ardena Bartlet
Julie Lopez

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

THE CLIENT SERVICES/ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING: None

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
Chairperson, Victor Guzman called the meeting to order at 6:05-pm
A Quorum was established.
-The minutes were approved as written, Clancy, Soldato
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT**
None
- C. CLIENT ADVOCATE –Elisa Herzog presented on the following:**
- The last Client Training Group meeting for clients in ILS & SLS Programs at the West Covina Library was on Thursday, June 13th from 630pm-730pm for the most up to date info. On Cal-ABLE which had the highest attendance for these CTG meetings in quite some time!

- Thank you to Julie McKenzie, Community Program Specialist with CA State Council on Developmental Disabilities and to all those in attendance!
- Access Services now offers Online Reservations!
 - Online Reservations is an easy to use system that allows you to manage your upcoming trips with Access. Book a trip to or from a previously visited address, edit an existing trip or cancel a trip, using your smartphone, computer or tablet.
 - Online Reservations is available in the Eastern, Southern and West Central regions. The Northern region will be available in Fall 2019.
 - Please reference the provided flyer for further details
- Medicare has a new “What’s covered” app
 - available for free on both the App Store and Google Play. The app delivers general cost, coverage and eligibility details for items and services covered by Medicare Part A and Part B.
 - Search or browse to learn what’s covered and not covered; how and when to get covered benefits; and basic cost information.
 - You can also get a list of covered preventive services.
 - Please reference the provided handout for further details
- Kohl’s is introducing sensory-friendly and adaptive clothing for kids, becoming the latest retailer to offer up apparel designed to meet the needs of people with various disabilities.
 - includes features like flat seams, wider neck and hem lines, longer lengths, abdominal access, two-way zippers, reinforced belt loops and hook and loop closures.
 - The collection also includes clothing that is diaper-friendly and wheelchair-friendly,
 - Adaptive apparel is available for babies through juniors and young men’s sizes on Kohl’s website,
 - Please reference the provided flyer for additional details
- iAccess Life is a lifestyle application for users with mobility impairments to rate and review establishments based on their accessibility to provide accessible travel accommodations, sports and social events that empower our users to discover possibilities and seek new adventures
 - Creating this platform of users will bring an awareness to the community and encourage inclusiveness for all walks of life.
 - Please reference the provided article for complete details
- Recently, Comcast launched a feature that gives people with physical disabilities the ability to navigate their television using only their eyes.
 - Xfinity X1 eye control is a web-based remote for tablets and computers that pairs with an existing eye gaze system and allows viewers to change the channel, set a recording, search for a show and more
 - For more information on X1 eye control and other cutting-edge accessibility features, visit xfinity.com/support/accessibility

- Please read the provided article for further details
- Ali Stroker makes history as the first person in a wheelchair to win a Tony Award for her portrayal of Ado Annie in Daniel Fish's dark revisionist revival of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "Oklahoma!"
 - The 31-year-old Stroker, who was the first person in a wheelchair to appear on Broadway back in 2015 in "Spring Awakening," was paralyzed from the chest down due to a car crash when she was 2.

see flyers and handouts

D. Committee Follow-up – Future training topics

Victor Guzman / Lucina Galarza addressed training topics.

- The committee agreed on the following training topics to be provided:
 - June 2019--Vendor Requirements
 - July 2019—New Vendor Category
 - August 2019-Special Positions at SGPRC (Housing Specialist, Program Evaluator, Employment Specialist, etc.)
 - September 2019-Choose topic at next meeting

Special Presentation:

Residential Options-Vendor Requirements- PowerPoint Presentation presented by Lucina Galarza

- PowerPoint presentation describing various vendor requirements and processes from program including Day programs, community-based programs, site-based programs, as well as living options (LOC) and employment options (EOC).

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- **Self Determination** - We continue to hold our monthly Local Advisory meetings (open to the public) and completed orientations. We are now doing one on one orientation with families that may have missed orientation We do have about 33 people who are electing to exit the program. There will be sending out certified letters stating that they have opted out of the program. We are holding our monthly meet and greets every month before the advisory meeting. The topic for the meeting in August will be on “How to access program/vendor rates? How much is it going to cost? And How to navigate the DDS website to look for rates?”

E. ADJOURN

Chairperson Victor Guzman adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

The next Client Services/Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24. Meeting will be held in the Assembly Room.