

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

DEVELOPMENTALSERVICES, INC.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Client Services /Advisory Committee

September 25, 2019

A regular meeting of the Client Services/Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Mary Soldato, Chair

Pretti Subramaniam

Shannon Hines

Daniel Clancy

Herminio Escalante

David Grisey

Victor Guzman

Jenny Needham

Julie Lopez

Ardena Bartlett

Sherry Meng

Ning Yang

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza

Laura Palma

ABSENT:

Sheila James

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 6:05-pm

A Quorum was established.

-The minutes were approved as written – Clancy, Needham; there was one abstain (Subramaniam)

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. Introduction – Executive Director, Anthony Hill was introduced to the committee

- D. CLIENT ADVOCATE** – There were no client advocate items presented at tonight’s meeting however, Ms. Lucina Galarza did state that October will be the last client training at the West Covina Library. The subject will be CalFresh.
- E. Action Item**- Ms. Lucina Galarza requested approval for a change in the Purchase Of Service (POS) Policy for “Individual and Family Training.” The existing POS Policy states that the regional center will fund half of the cost of training for families two times each fiscal year and the full training costs one time per year for adults served by SG/PRC. The proposed policy states that the regional center will provide \$500 for training to a family and \$500 to the adult served by the regional center, each fiscal year. This recommendation was being proposed so that families are not challenged with having to come up with monies to fund trainings. Ms. Galarza also stated that it is a more equitable way to fund this service. The Committee voted and approved the change as presented. It will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting for final approval on October 23, 2019.
- F. Committee Follow-up – Future training topics**
- Mary Soldato / Lucina Galarza addressed training topics.
- The committee agreed on the following training topics to be provided:
 - ✓ October 2019-Education Specialist
 - ✓ December- QA Specialists
 - ✓ No meeting in November
- G. Special Presentation: Regional Center Specialist Positions - presented by Lucina Galarza, Director of Client Services. The presentation included an overview of the various specialist positions within the regional center to include:**
- ✓ Early Start Compliance Specialist
 - ✓ Fair Hearing Specialist
 - ✓ Health Care Support Specialist
 - ✓ Education Specialist
 - ✓ Community Outreach Specialist
 - ✓ Forensic Specialist
 - ✓ Housing Coordinator
 - ✓ Program Evaluator and
 - ✓ Employment Specialist

Specialists were introduced to the committee and each gave a brief overview of their position.

H. DIRECTOR REPORT

- **Self Determination** -There will be more names drawn in October to replace the families that have opted out of the program. 35 families have opted out of the program for reasons that included:
 - ✓ Satisfied with services they are receiving now
 - ✓ Life events
 - ✓ Not interested

We will continue meeting with families and continue to provide trainings.

- **Local Advisory** – Meeting continue to be held every second Tuesday of the month (unless cancelled by committee)

I. ADJOURN

Chairperson Mary Soldato adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

The next Client Services/Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23. Meeting will be held in the Assembly Room.