

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

**March 5, 2020**

The following committee members were in attendance at said meeting:

**PRESENT:**

David Bernstein, Chairperson  
Rosalind Ford  
Olaf Luevano  
Susan Stroebel  
Nicole Mirikitani  
Nancy Bunker  
Michelle Mainez  
Valerie Donelson

**STAFF:**

Anthony Hill, Executive Director  
Erika Gomez, Exec. Assistant - BOD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bryan Chacon  
Nur Bandek  
Vanessa Besack  
Jose Mendoza  
Jay Bhavsar  
Baldo Paseta

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**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

None

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

David Bernstein called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. A quorum was established. Introductions were made of everyone in the room.

The minutes from the February 6, 2020 meeting were approved.

**M/S/C (Bunker & Strobel) The committee approved the minutes.**

**B. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES**

Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services, provided information on the following topics:

- Minimum Wage Increases
- HCBS Survey

### C. **DISPARITY DATA**

Carol Tomblin, Director of Compliance, presented the Annual Purchase of Services (POS) Expenditure Data Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The following were areas discussed:

- Disparity as a Critical Issue
- History and Background
- Timeline
- Meeting Purpose
- Meeting Outcomes
- Understanding Data Limitations
- Understanding the Disparity Data
- Not all Ethnic Groups are Presented
- Not all Language Groups are Presented
- Understanding Terms Used in Reports
- Cautionary Statements

### D. **VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS**

#### **Adult Programs**

*Vocational* – Olaf Luevano had nothing to report.

*Adult Day* – Rosalind Ford Mendoza shared that the subcommittee met earlier in the morning. The subcommittee would like to have the next Arts and Crafts Expo on April 28, 2020. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2020 at 8:30am in section C.

#### **Infant & Children Services**

*Infant Development Program* – Nur Bandek was not present.

#### **Transportation**

Baldo Paseta was not present.

#### **Independent Living Services**

*ILS Services* – Nicole Mirikitani reported that the subcommittee will meet after the VAC meeting.

*SLS Services* – Nancy Bunker shared that the California Supported Living Network Annual Conference is scheduled for April 2020. She also expressed that vendors will need help with electronic billing.

## **Residential Services**

*ICF* – David Bernstein informed that ICF providers have received some direction about Covid-19. The subcommittee will meet on after the VAC meeting.

*CCF* –Jay Bhavsar had nothing to report.

*Specialized*- Michelle Mainez briefly talked about rate freezes for ICFs. She shared that surveys continue with the intention of measuring staff’s knowledge. Lastly, she shared that SB900 is currently in draft form.

*Other Vendored Services*- Bryan Chacon was not present.

*At Large*- Susan Strobel shared that the Service Center for Independent Life will host a fair at Mt. San Antonio College on April 14, 2020.

## **E. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Membership and Recruitment* – David Bernstein reported there’s a vacancy for the “At Large” category. Individuals interested will be interviewed in the coming months.

*Socials and Special Functions* – The VAC Recognition Breakfast is scheduled for June 4, 2020.

*Legislation* – Nur Bandek was not present.

*Vendor Training* – Nancy Bunker reminded everyone that SG/PRC provides monthly Technical Assistance Trainings.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Anthony Hill, Executive Director, shared the following information:

- *ARCA Budget Position:*
  - Eliminate the Family Cost Participation Program
  - Increase ILS and Infant Development Programs
  - Full funding of Service Coordinator positions
  - Multi year implementation of Rate Study
  - There was an Assembly Budget Subcommittee Meeting last night. HCBS Surveys were a topic of discussion, Performance Incentives for regional centers was another.
- *SG/PRC Strategy to Gather Feedback to Better Support Vendors* – Staff encourages feedback from vendors, individuals served, and families on how

SG/PRC can better support this community.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Community Relations & Information talked about the following:

- Grassroots Day – Scheduled for April 21, 2020
- 2020 Census – Encouraged Group Homes to identify the people residing in those homes.
- Mission Statement – Now includes “Service Providers”
- CalFresh – SG/PRC Staff is working to help those that can benefit from this program.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next regular meeting will be held on April 2, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.