

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

DEVELOPMENTALSERVICES, INC.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Client Services /Advisory Committee

October 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the Client Services/Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Pretti Subramaniam
Shannon Hines
Sheila James
Ardena Bartlett
Jenny Needham

STAFF:

Anthony Hill
Lucina Galarza
Daniela Santana
Joe Alvarez
Salvador Gonzales
Elisa Herzog
Erika Gomez

GUESTS:

None

ABSENT:

Victor Guzman
Daniel Clancy
David Grisey (LOA)
John Randall
Ning Yang
Louis Jones
Mary Soldato
Julie Lopez
Sherry Meng
Herminio Escalante

ITEMS DISCUSSED

CALL TO ORDER

Shannon Hines called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm
A quorum was not established.

The minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting were tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CLIENT ADVOCATE – Elisa Herzog spoke about the following:

- The new online SGPRC group is currently under construction.

- Purpose: To give adult clients an opportunity to check in with peers through zoom to find out how they are coping with the pandemic.
 - This is to be in a casual setting with a focus on socialization to alleviate some of the stressors of isolation.
 - Schedule: To meet once a month for 1 hour – Tentatively to be held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. If there is a feeling that participants need more and there is a buy in from everyone, then maybe it can go to a bi-weekly check-in.
 - Guidelines:
 - This is intended solely for adult clients (18 and over).
 - Must be able to access meeting through zoom or telephone
 - Must RSVP in advance
 - English speaking forum
 - Be courteous and respectful – SG/PRC has the right to disconnect anyone not being respectful of others.
 - Have fun!
 - Themes/Topics: Since the focus will be primarily on socialization--Come up with ways to discuss pop culture, Covid awareness/concerns with a sense of lightheartedness or elements of humor creating a more humanistic environment. Create an open, relaxed, safe forum for clients— creating a sense of fellowship and support.
- Make time to Vote!
 - On Election Day, November 3, your Access Services trip is free if you are going to and/or from an election polling site or to drop off a ballot.
 - The Access Services driver will wait for you to drop off your ballot up to fifteen (15) minutes and will take you to your next destination.
 - Visit <https://lavote.net> for a list of LA County Vote By Mail Drop Boxes and polling locations or accessla.org for any additional details
 - Assistance in Voting
 - Under California law, any voter who needs help in casting a ballot is entitled to request assistance.

- A poll worker can provide assistance, or the voter may select a person of his or her choice.
- If you are unable to mark your ballot yourself--
 - you may select up to two people to help you cast your vote.
 - The persons may not be your employer, your employer's agent or your labor union leader or agent.
 - The Accessibility Program has also been enacted by the County of Los Angeles to ensure the following—
 - polling place accessibility
 - accessible voting machines
 - assistive devices
 - curbside voting
 - accessible parking
 - entrances
 - Disability Awareness Training for Poll workers to include Sensitivity Guidelines & an Awareness Video
 - accessible voting materials, election information in large font, audio sample ballot, online voter registration, translated election material, & assist voters with registration
- SG/PRC & Parents' Place Family Resource & Empowerment Center in West Covina are proud to present our new Technology Lending Library Program!
- If so, please be sure to speak with your Service Coordinator in order to be referred to the Parents' Place Family Resource & Empowerment Center
- Parents' Place will be providing a technological device and/or connectivity through our Technology Lending Library Program
- Los Angeles County in partnership with 211 LA County, gives its residents a free tool to help find Internet access.
- Visit: findwifi.lacounty.gov or dial 211 and search for Internet related services based on your physical address.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Community Outreach Efforts – Parenting Black Children

Ardena Bartlett, Founder, Director and Member shared the following about her program:

- History
- Discrimination against black children
- The importance of parenting black children
- Programs, services and resources

FUTURE TRAINING TOPICS – The committee asked that the Covid 19 update be shortened and that there start to be monthly trainings. The committee agreed on the following training topics:

- **December 9, 2020 – Alternative Services**
 - **January 27, 2021 – Self Determination**
- **SELF DETERMINATION** – The committee met yesterday and agreed to allocate \$4000 to education spectrum.
 - **COVID-19 DIRECTOR’S REPORT -Anthony Hill, Executive Director**

Mr. Hill, Executive Director and staff shared the following:

- There has been no potential of transmission among staff in the office
- Staff continue to have their temperatures checked upon arriving in the building and required to wear masks
- SG/PRC continues to provide full scope intake and eligibility services
- There was a dental clinic on Saturday where 30 individuals were served
- The Parents’ Place in partnership with SG/PRC is distributing iPads for families as a part of the Lending Library program
- Mr. Alvarez shared the weekly surveillance report of Covid 19 data of cases
- Mrs. Santana gave an update of the check in program

ADJOURN

Chairperson Shannon Hines adjourned the meeting.

The next Client Services/Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 via videoconference.