

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

February 4, 2021

The following committee members were in attendance at said meeting:

PRESENT:

David Bernstein, Chairperson
Olaf Luevano
Valerie Donelson
Bryan Chacon
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Charmayne Ross
Jose Mendoza
Jay Bhavsar
Nancy Bunker
Baldo Paseta
Nicole Mirikitani
Rosalind Ford
Vanessa Besack
Susan Stroebel

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director Community
Services
Daniela Santana, Director of Client
Services
Dara Mikesell, Associate Director of
Community Services
Erika Gomez, Exec. Assistant – BOD
Willanette Satchel, Exec. Assistant -
Management

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

David Bernstein called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was established. Introductions were made of the VAC members.

The minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting were approved.

M/S/C (Besack & Mendoza) The committee approved the minutes.

Abstain: Mirikitani

B. IMPACT OF COVID 19 AREAS OF DISCUSSION

- Most Pressing Concerns – The members shared the following:
 - Some staff want to work but do not want to get vaccinated
 - Some staff do not want to return to work, they want to continue to do telehealth
 - Some staff have serious reservations about the vaccine
 - Programs are doing a lot of vaccine education

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – Olaf Luevano and Vanessa Besack shared that their program is providing a lot of education about the vaccine. Vanessa shared that staff are working on a strategic process to plan for the next fiscal year while keeping up with the national dialogue. She will contact Olaf to coordinate for a Vocational subcommittee. Lastly, Olaf reported that due to the “Hero Pay” several stores are closing, and this will affect individuals served that are employed at those stores.

Adult Day – Rosalind Ford will receive the second dose of the vaccine next week. She will document the process to encourage staff. She also shared that CCL has not responded to all her sites about the Mitigation Plans that were submitted.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Charmayne Ross will also get the second dose of the vaccine soon and she too will document it to serve as an example to staff. Lastly, she shared that Early Intervention programs are getting a raise, vendors should see it soon.

Transportation

Baldo Paseta reported that he received an email from DDS about a meeting for the following day where it seems they will discuss the draft for rate methodology for transportation. The subcommittee will meet next Thursday.

Independent Living Services

ILS Services – Nicole Mirikitani thanked SG/PRC staff for advocating for the GTO raise and reminded others to apply for the minimum wage increase.

SLS Services – Nancy Bunker encouraged the members to educate staff about the vaccine and not bully, intimidate or enforce staff to get vaccinated. She also pointed out that the rate increase is only for a year and advocacy with legislators should continue so it goes beyond a year.

Residential Services

Specialized – Mr. Bernstein shared that 82% of his staff have received the first dose of the vaccine.

CCF –Jay Bhavsar and Valerie Donelson reported that pharmacies were really good about doing vaccine training via zoom. Valerie is hopeful that staff will feel comfortable getting vaccinated and is doing her part to educate her employees.

ICF- (1 Vacancy)

Other Vended Services- Bryan Chacon shared that his program is working towards getting back in the office. They too, are working towards getting everyone educated about the vaccine and encouraging people to get vaccinated. He also reported that the California Respite Association was not involved much but now they are working towards doing strategic planning.

At Large- Susan Strobel reported that 95% of staff have been vaccinated. She recommended that families getting respite or home health nursing should receive an PPE emergency kit including gowns and n95 in case of an outbreak since services are typically cancelled and family is responsible for patient care at that point. Lastly, she shared that therapist received the rate increase this month.

D. VAC NOMINATIONS

The following individuals were interviewed and recommended to the VAC:

- At Large – Brenda Baldeon
- ICF – Grace Kano

M/S/C (Chacon & Bernstein) The committee approved the nominations.

E. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

None

F. SG/PRC STAFF UPDATES

Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services, shared that staff are looking to see what Day Programs can serve as vaccination sites for Day Program participants. Staff will also ask DDS if Day Program participants that don't reside in residential programs can be granted vaccines. Also, Lourdes Sanchez, Program Evaluator, reminded providers of the deadlines that need to be met to be in compliance with the HCBS Federal guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Someone shared that in the event that someone in the household contracts Covid 19, Kaiser offers the household a prevention kit.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on March 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.