

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

June 3, 2021

The following committee members were in attendance at said meeting:

PRESENT:

David Bernstein, Chairperson
Olaf Luevano
Valerie Donelson
Jose Mendoza
Nicole Mirikitani
Susan Stroebel
Nancy Bunker
Grace Kano
Brenda Baldeon
Bryan Chacon
Rosalind Ford

STAFF:

Jaime Anabalon, QA Manager
Erika Gomez, Exec. Assistant – BOD

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Baldo Paseta
Vanessa Besack
Charmayne Ross

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

David Bernstein called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was established after roll call.

The agenda was reviewed and Mr. Bernstein requested that agenda items C and D be switched.

The minutes from the May 6, 2021 meeting were approved.

M/S/C (Ford & Mirikitani) The committee approved the minutes.

B. MODIFICATION OF BOARD BYLAWS

The committee held a discussion about the length of terms for members and for Chairpersons. The following was decided:

- VAC members should have an initial 2-year term with 2 additional 1-year terms extension.
M/S/C (Kano & Mirikitani) The committee approved the modification of the Bylaws (that states that VAC members should have an initial 2 year term with 2 additional 1 year terms extension) to be recommended to the Board.
- The Chairperson should have a 2-year term as chairperson with the option of an additional year extension.
M/S/C (Donelson & Bunker) The committee approved the modification of the Bylaws (that states that VAC Chairperson should have a 2 year term as chairperson with the option of an additional year extension) to be recommended to the Board.

C. ELECTION OF VAC CHAIRPERSON

The following members were nominated for the position of VAC Chairperson:

- Olaf Luevano
- Susan Stroebel
- Jose Mendoza

With the majority of votes, Susan Stroebel was selected Chairperson of the VAC effective July 1, 2021.

D. IMPACT OF COVID 19 AREAS OF DISCUSSION

The members expressed that there is some confusion about reentry protocol. There does not seem to be clarity about what vendors are allowed to provide and request in terms of vaccination status. They would like more clarification on this issue. It was also shared that ICFs must have a file for vaccination card or a declination form.

E. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – Olaf Luevano shared that the subcommittee met last Thursday, and the following topics were discussed:

- Experiences with reopening
- Issues with individuals not wanting to return
- Issues with individuals not wearing masks properly
- Issues with transportation
- Communications with vendors, families and regional centers about returning dates for individuals served

Adult Day – Rosalind Ford reported that a number of day programs attended the Vocational Subcommittee meeting. There are concerns about transportation because of capacity limitations. Lastly, some programs are waiting to reopen on June 15, 2021.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Charmayne Ross was not present.

Transportation

Baldo Paseta was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS Services – Nicole Mirikitani asked that ILS providers be notified when individuals served are returning to program so they can prepare accordingly.

SLS Services – Nancy Bunker shared the following:

- There needs to be more communication between Service Coordinators and the programs about the individuals served returning to program.
- There is a hiring crisis for SLS vendors. She encouraged her peers to let people know that the industry is struggling. Advocacy work needs to be done.
 - 3 SLS vendors across the state will stop providing services because they cannot compete.

Residential Services

Specialized – Mr. Bernstein shared that the subcommittee met and the main topic that was discussed was the referral/placement process. He shared with the Board of Directors that providers requested information about the referral process as they would like to understand the process and policies fully. They would like to know what is in place now and for there to be more transparency. He also shared with the Board of Directors that Vendors have a perception that if they speak up it will affect their referrals. Mr. Bernstein expressed he would like there to be input from vendors when these types of procedures are developed.

CCF –Valerie Donelson supported what Mr. Bernstein said, she too would like more information about the referral process.

ICF- Grace Kano reported the following:

- IFCs compete with skill nursing homes, acute care hospitals and fast-food restaurants.

- There's a budget push to keep the 10% Medical COVID 19 rates extended and to unfreeze the rates from 2008.
- Licensing issued a new requirement for ICFs to provide training to individuals served and staff regarding the COVID 19 vaccine.

Other Vendored Services- Bryan Chacon shared that staffing continues to be a challenge. He is hopeful that personal assistance services will go up now that things are opening. The California Respite Association is going to start back up at the end of June. Lastly, he shared that EVV implementation will be addressed.

At Large- Susan Strobel reported that she attended the ribbon cutting for the inclusive playground at Las Flores Park in La Verne. It has swings for people up to 5'9" and has a lot of sensory areas and wheelchair access. She also shared that Mt. Sac will start classes for adults with disabilities at Los Flores Park starting mid-July. The city of La Verne is working with SCIL to provide classes there starting mid-June so community-based programs have some open air options.

F. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Susan Stroebel provided a document with legislative updates.

G. SG/PRC STAFF UPDATES

- Lihn Lee will send out job lead to those that request it.
- Everything is up in the air with the budget.
- SG/PRC got the go ahead to fill some Service Coordinator positions.
- SLS programs will no longer undergo annual reviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on July 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.