

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER  
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the**

**Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families**

**February 23, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Shannon Hines  
Sheila James  
Pretti Subramaniam  
Herminio Escalante  
Michelle Nelson  
Mary Soldato

**GUESTS:**

Sam Yi  
Vanessa Chay

**STAFF:**

Anthony Hill  
Lucina Galarza  
Daniela Santana  
Eliza Herzog  
Yaned Busch  
Hortencia Tafoya  
Jessie Lagos  
Yvette Espinoza  
Chrissy Huyler  
Laura Palma  
Willanette Satchell  
Erika Gomez

**ABSENT:**

Daniel Clancy  
Louis Jones  
Ning Yang  
Rebecca Wilkins (LOA)  
David Grisey (LOA)  
John Randall (LOA)

**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Shannon Hines called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm  
A quorum was not established.

The minutes of the October 27, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

**M/S/C (James & Subramaniam) The committee approved the minutes.**

**Abstain: Soldato**

The minutes of the December 8, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

**M/S/C (Subramaniam & James) The committee approved the minutes.**

**Abstain: Soldato**

The minutes of the January 26, 2022 were reviewed and approved.

**M/S/C (Soldato & Subramaniam) The committee approved the minutes.**

**Abstain: James**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

### **CLIENT ADVOCATE UPDATE**

Elisa Herzog, Advocate for Individuals Served, provided the following update:

- The Valentine’s Day friendship virtual dance party on February 10, 2022 from 6-7:30 PM was another successful event with approximately 98 participants!
- The next virtual dance party will have a Spring Safari theme and for ages 18+ on Friday, March 4th from 5pm – 7pm. Participants are encouraged to wear animal print or dress as a zookeeper for a chance to win great prizes!
- The LA Abilities Expo is back! It will be live and in person, but will also have a virtual option on March 4-6, 2022, at the LA Convention Center, West Hall A.
- The Center for Health Care Rights would like to remind individuals served that Medicare Advantage open enrollment ends on March 31, 2022.
- IHSSconnect.com is a expertly designed website that connects IHSS, WPCS, Respite and other care providers with recipients who require in-home care throughout California with an easy to use customizable map view based on location

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION** – PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS

Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, presented the following staff as they’ve transitioned into their new roles:

- Yaned Busch, Specialized Services Manager-Special Projects. Yaned Repots to Daniela Santana.
- Hortencia Tafoya, Specialized Services Manager-Special Projects. Hortencia reports to Daniela Santana.
- Jessi Lagos, Participant Choice Specialist-Systems Analyst. Jessi reports to

- Hortencia Tafoya.
- Laura Palma, Self Determination Service Coordinator. Laura reports to Hortencia Tafoya.
  - Chrissy Huyler, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Coordinator. Chrissy reports to Hortencia Tafoya.
  - Yvette Espinoza, Participant Choice Specialist- System Analyst. Yvette reports to Yaned Busch.

### **FUTURE TRAINING TOPICS:**

March 23, 2022 – Social Rec Policy

April 27, 2022 – After Hours Response System

May 25, 2022 - Low or No POS Enhanced Service Coordination

### **SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND UPDATES:**

- Approximately 15 individuals have transitioned
- Met with Katie Herbert to discuss moving through barriers and streamline any issues that come up.
- Working with State Council to assign additional LVAC members.
- Continue to hold meet and greets. Independent Facilitators will be present this Saturday.
- There's an allocation from DDS to develop resources.

### **COVID 19 UPDATE:**

- Presumptive Eligibility- DDS wants regional centers to move away from this approach but fortunately, SG/PRC never adopted this practice as the only regional center that remained opened and provided in-person assessments throughout the pandemic.
- ARCA Policy – Regional Centers can suspend in-person if the COVID-19 positivity rate is over 5%; DDS okayed this policy.
- Critical functions are at optimal level, with most staff working remotely but critical function staff are in the office 3-5 days a week.
- Governor Newsom mandated that Healthcare workers be boosted by March 1, 2022. 86% of SG/PRC staff have complied with this mandate.
- SG/PRC continues to serve as testing site. Rapid testing is also now offered to the community.
- Staff provided the weekly COVID 19 data report.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The following projects are in the works:

- Conversation about Aging Parents – will take place in April. More information will be shared as it's available.
- Parents' Place will help families that do not have connectivity.
- There's going to be a workshop about ASL for providers to assist with communicating with those that are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

## **ADJOURN**

Chairperson Shannon Hines adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022 via videoconference.