

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

May 25, 2022

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Shannon Hines
Sheila James
Preetti Subramaniam
Jaye Dixit
Wendy Lai
Michelle Nelson

GUESTS:

Sam Yi
Sofia Benitez

STAFF:

Anthony Hill
Lucina Galarza
Daniela Santana
Salvador Gonzalez
Yaned Busch
Hortencia Tafoya
Maribel Aguilar
Yvette Espinoza
Arturo Ramirez
Michelae Walker
Ignacio De La Paz
Willanette Satchell
Erika Gomez

ABSENT:

Herminio Escalante
Mary Soldato
Daniel Clancy
Louis Jones
Ning Yang (LOA)
Rebecca Wilkins (LOA)
David Grisey (LOA)
John Randall (LOA)

ITEMS DISCUSSED

CALL TO ORDER

Shannon Hines called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

A quorum was established.

The minutes of the April 27, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved with the following correction under “Special Presentation,” it’s supposed to say 24 hours instead of 27.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CLIENT ADVOCATE UPDATE

Elisa Herzog, Advocate for Individuals Served, was not present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Low or No POS Enhanced Service

Coordination

Yaned Busch, Specialized Services Manager-Special Projects, Hortencia Tafoya, Specialized Services Manager-Special Projects, and the Specialized Services Team presented the following:

- Staff are done centralizing the enhanced support networks
- Service Coordinators have a certain skill set in that they get to exercise cultural sensitivity as they have taken person center thinking trainings
- 5 positions were allocated, and 200 families were chosen (by DDS)
- Individuals from 3 years of age into adulthood will benefit from this
- A few staff members shared success stories

Future Training Topics:

June 22, 2022 – Updates on: 1) Conversation with of Aging Caregivers and 2) Social Recreation Survey

BHT Service Funding Policy

This policy was approved by the Board 1.5 years ago and was submitted to DDS for approval. A few weeks ago, DDS indicated that the policy was missing the exemptions criteria. Staff would like this committee to review it for approval of Board recommendation. The committee had a month to review policy.

M/S/C (Subramaniam & Lai) The committee approved to recommend the policy to the Board for approval.

Self Determination Advisory Committee Meetings & Updates

The advisory committee did not meet for two consecutive dates in May and April because the State Council informed the members they could not meet due to being out of compliance. DDS will issue a letter that will allow the committee to meet and get back to work. 70 families have transitioned over.

May Revise

Major policy items impacting regional centers are as follows:

- A temporary suspension of Family Fee programs.
- Retaining a 10 percent increase for Intermediate Care Facilities rates.
- \$1.86 million General Fund one-time funding including \$500 dollar stipends for Direct Support Professionals and a tuition reimbursement program for regional center staff that pursue an advance degree in the field of Human Services.
- The introduction of a pilot program relying on remote and electronic technology to further greater independence for individuals served living independently.

Unfortunately, the following was not included:

- Acceleration of the implementation of the rate reform.
- Modernization of the Core Staffing Formula (CSF) that underfunds regional centers operations

COVID 19 Update

Staff are seeing an uptick. There are a couple of outbreaks in residential facilities. Doctor Fauci is predicting a surge in the fall; staff have started to develop surge facilities and have maintained the staffing registry. SG/PRC continues to serve as a testing clinic and staff continue to wear mask while in the building.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Shannon Hines adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022 via videoconference.