

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

June 22, 2022

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Shannon Hines
Sheila James
Preetti Subramaniam
Jaye Dixit
Michelle Nelson
Mary Soldato
Flor Tolley
Jessica Porter

STAFF:

Anthony Hill
Lucina Galarza
Rosa Chavez
Salvador Gonzalez
Yaned Busch
Hortencia Tafoya
Willanette Satchell
Erika Gomez

GUESTS:

Sam Yi
Sofia Benitez

ABSENT:

Wendy Lai
Herminio Escalante
Daniel Clancy
Louis Jones

ITEMS DISCUSSED

CALL TO ORDER

Shannon Hines called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

A quorum was established.

The committee welcomed Flor Tolley and Jessica Porter.

The minutes of the May 25, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Abstain: Soldato, Tolley, Porter

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION –

Update on the Social Recreation Survey

- Many families have inquired about getting vendored themselves.
- Families are getting reimbursed

Update on Aging Caregivers Conversation

- SG/PRC facilitated a meeting April
- Staff refrained from discussion to allow for an open dialogue among those impacted
- There were facilitators in different languages
- Daniela Santana, Tricia Vannucci and Lucina Galarza reviewed the data. The following were the topics that the group would like more information and support on:
 - Residential options. Staff will coordinate to have a presentation on this.
 - Special Needs Trust
 - Cal Able
 - Affordable housing. Staff are considering having a training every other month and housing related providers may have a panel discussion. Staff will come up with dates and will send information to the members out.

Future Training Topics:

- August 24, 2022 – Housing Specialist – Lisa Cipres
- September 28, 2022 - Dental Desensitization

Attendance

While the Board adopted a resolution at the beginning of the pandemic to allow people to miss meetings due to technical difficulties when the Board transitioned their meetings to a videoconference format, the Board will now revert to what the bylaws state and will accept three consecutive missed meetings to be accepted as their resignation unless members request an exception. Some members of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families have missed a many more than three consecutive meetings in a row, with some missing all the meetings for at least one year. A letter informing those individuals of their accepted resignation will be mailed out and their resignation will be effective June 30, 2022.

BHT Service Funding Policy

This policy was approved by the Board on May 25, 2022 and has been submitted to DDS for approval. SG/PRC continues to fund for BHT related services.

Self Determination Advisory Committee Meetings & Updates

- Staff are making exceptional progress in transitioning 74 participants. Some families have entered their 3rd year of participating in the program.
- The centralization promotes a collaborative support system.
- Internally, staff have ongoing SDP trainings.
- Meet and greets are on the second Saturday of the month but beginning in August, they will be on Tuesdays. The topic in July will be on budgeting.
- The Advisory Committee met on June 14, 2022 and provided updates.
- They went into contract with Education Spectrum

May Revise

- The elimination of family fee programs and modernization of the Core Staffing Formula were left out of the May revise.
- The California Legislature presented its FY 22/23 Budget to Governor Newsom before June 15, 2022, that includes elimination of family fee programs, modernization of the Core Staffing Formula and acceleration of the rate reform implementation.
- The California Legislature's FY 22/23 Budget is based on an \$85.5 billion surplus with \$37.5 billion allocated to reserve funding.
- ARCA is going to provide regional centers with a strategy.
 - Mr. Hill is urging everyone to reach out to the Governor and let him know they support the proposal from the local lawmakers.
 - The following was included budgetarily: \$1.86 million, 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 Executive Directors of the regional centers across the state did not like that this was not offered to all regional center employees and proposed a plan to DDS that would allow it to be available to all staff.
- There is a shortage of psychologist consultants. SG/PRC has a wait list for children that need to be evaluated for provisional eligibility.
- Mr. Hill announced the promotion of Hortencia Tafoya to Director of Clinical Services.
- Sheila informed the committee that this will be her final meeting as she has resigned from the Board and its committees, effective July 1, 2022.
- Shannon Hines informed the committee that she has termed off the Board and will no longer be the Chairperson.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Shannon Hines adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2022 via videoconference.