

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER  
DEVELOPMENTALSERVICES, INC.**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the**

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

**January 25, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Preeti Subramaniam, Co-Chair  
Wendy Lai, Co-Chair  
Jessica Porter  
Mary Soldato  
Jaye Dixit  
Herminio Escalante  
Jessica Porter  
Richard Centeno

**STAFF:**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director  
Lucina Galarza, Director, Community Services  
Daniela Santana, Director, Client Services  
Rosa Chavez, Assoc. Director, Family/Transition  
Yaned Busch, Manager, Specialized Services  
Jessie Lagos, Manager, Specialized Services  
Elisa Herzog, Client Advocate  
Erika Gomez, Liaison, BOD & RDDF

**ABSENT:**

Flor Tolley

**GUESTS:**

Gisele Ragusa  
A. Skrow  
Nada Saleh  
Sam Yi

**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Preeti Subramaniam, Co-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.  
A quorum was established.

The minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with one change, it should state that the next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2023, not the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**M/S/C (Soldato & Porter) Minutes from the meeting were approved by the committee.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**– None

**CLIENT ADVOCATE UPDATE** – Elisa Herzog announced she is back to work and looking forward to meeting with Executive Director, Jesse Weller, to find out where her path will be in the future.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – “Coordinated Family Supports”** Lucina Galarza, Acting Deputy Director, and Director of Community Services, presented on the following:

- What is Coordinated Family Supports (CFS)
- Where CFS is available
- Who can get CFS
- When is CFS available
- How to get it
- CFS Input

**Future Training Topics:**

- March 22, 2023 – New Fair Hearing Appeals
- April 26, 2023 – Training Approaches and Strategies for Service Coordinators

**Updates and Information by SG/PRC Staff**

- DDS issued a few directives, one of which would have regional centers discuss with families the complaint process and the family’s preference of being contacted regarding their IPP or IFSP.
- There was a training today at West Side Regional Center on the appeal process efforts to better support families. Moving forward, families will be able to receive notices in their preferred way and not only via certified mail. Regional centers are expected to inform the community of the new options.
- A home has been developed for individuals who are substance abusers. It was licensed to open in February. Staff are working on a home for individuals that are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
- Social Connections Workshops – A free 8-week workshop for adults served by SG/PRC focused on building community and friendships. To register, please call 909-621-6722.
- Self Determination Program (SDP) –
  - SG/PRC has 98 participants that are fully in the SDP program with approved spending plans and SDP IPPs.
  - SG/PRC partnered with DDS to hold an EVV training on January 17, 2023. DDS has the training on their website, for those unable to attend.

- Staff also participated in a meeting with DDS and FMS providers to discuss barriers when transitioning people to Self Determination.
- Staff continue to:
  - promote The Waiting Room
  - remind the community of the meet and greet events
  - remind the community of the live SDP orientations
- There was a discussion about a news article regarding an individual served by another regional center who had been abused. Staff shared some telling signs of when someone may be experiencing abuse. During SG/PRC's community meeting, staff highlighted the importance of unannounced and quarterly visits.
- The COVID-19 data was reviewed.

### **ADJOURN**

Co-Chairperson Preeti Subramaniam adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 via videoconference.