

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

March 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, March 22, 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
Richard Centeno
Flor Tolley

ABSENT:

Herminio Escalante
Jessica Porter

GUESTS:

Gisele Ragusa
Nada Saleh
Sam Yi
Phillip Loi
Felicia Ford
Shannon Hines
Susan Stroebel

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director, Community Services
Daniela Santana, Director, Client Services
Rosa Chavez, Assoc. Director, Family/Transition
Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community
Services
Hortencia Tafoya, Director, Clinical Services
Daniel Ibarra, Manager of Appeals and Resolution
Yaned Busch, Manager, Specialized Services
Jessie Lagos, Manager, Specialized Services
Willanette Steward/Satchell, Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Liaison, BOD & RDDF

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 March 22, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

CLIENT ADVOCATE UPDATE – Elisa Herzog was not present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – “Changes to the Appeals Process” – Daniel Ibarra, Manager of Appeals and Resolution, presented on the following:

- Lanterman appeals process
- Change to appeal forms
- Change to the notice of action
- Mutual consent
- Change to the appeals request form
- Changes to timelines for filing an appeal request
- Changes to the informal meeting
- Changes to mediation
- Changes to hearing
- Changes to decisions
- Attorneys

Future Training Topics:

- April 26, 2023 – Training Approaches and Strategies for Service Coordinators by Leadership Team
- May 25, 2023 - Early Childhood - Preschooler Units 3-5 Presentation/Staff introduction.
- June 28, 2023 – Coordinated Family Support

Updates and Information by SG/PRC Staff

- *Preschool Units:*
The leadership team continues to build the Preschool Units. The name of the program will be “Childhood Development.” There is a lot of recruitment going on.
- *Enhanced Supports Service Coordinator:*
This position is to provide enhanced service coordination to individuals served and their families. This Service Coordinator will manage a 1:40 caseload ratio of individuals currently served by SG/PRC with low and/or no POS expenditures. Utilizing a Person-Centered approach, this position will work to identify barriers in accessing services and supports, enhance relationships between Individuals/families and SG/PRC, empower individuals to partner with SG/PRC and other community agencies as well as assist in identification of new resources that are culturally relevant to our community.
- *In-Person Social Connections Workshop Series:*

A free 8-week workshop for adult individuals (ages 18 & over) served by SG/PRC focused on building community and friendships. On Saturdays starting April 8, 2023 – May 27, 2023. To register: 909-621-6722.

- *Self Determination Program (SDP):*
 - DDS decided there is going to a standard way to enroll, and Service Providers must get vendored to do the pre-enrollment.
 - There is a waiting list for FMS. DDS is aware and has engaged with FMS providers to discuss barriers when transitioning people to Self Determination.
 - The Local Volunteer Advisory Committee (LVAC) was allocated funds in FY 22/23, and they remain intact. Funds are to ensure the department and regional centers successfully implement the program. The LVAC is considering ideas and the final decision will be made collaboratively with SG/PRC.
 - The LVAC is looking for two additional members, ideally one individual served.
 - SG/PRC has 111 participants that are fully in the SDP.
 - Staff continue to:
 - ✓ Finalize the contract with The Parents' Place to facilitate technology support
 - ✓ Provide monthly general trainings
 - ✓ Update training tools
 - ✓ Promote The Waiting Room
 - ✓ Remind the community of the meet and greet events
 - ✓ Remind the community of the live SDP orientations

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan Stroebel, VAC chairperson, informed the committee that the vendors held a brainstorming meeting to focus on legislative efforts in February and will hold another meeting on March 28, 2023. Their intent is to help legislators understand the impacts on individuals served whose programs are being challenged by staffing issues. She would like the support of this committee to do advocacy work.

ADJOURN

Co-Chairperson Preeti Subramaniam adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023 via videoconference at 6 P.M.