

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

December 7, 2023

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Cris Schlanser, Chairperson
Jay Smith
Christina Buth
Sharon Ehrig
Brenda Baldeon
Kelly Privitt
Ookie Voong
Valerie Donelson
Jose Meraz

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza, Executive Deputy Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Tim Travis, Associate Director, Community
Services
Monique Gallindo, Placement Coordinator
Jaime Anabalon, Quality Assurance Specialist
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Erika Gomez, Exec. Assistant – BOD & RDDF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Theresa Jones Zarour
Jeanette Cabrera
Charmayne Ross

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Cris Schlanser, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the meeting on November 2, 2023, were reviewed and approved. **M/S/C (Ehrig & Buth) The committee approved the minutes.**

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Nothing was brought forth.

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – (1 Vacancy) Cristina Torres resigned. There are now 2 vacancies for this category. Anyone interested in applying can email egomez@sgprc.org

Adult Day – Jose Meraz and Christina Buth shared that they will resume the subcommittee meetings in January. The Empower Now Annual Christmas Party will be held next week.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Brenda Baldeon, on behalf of Charmayne Ross, encouraged her peers to attend the DSP trainings; she found them interesting.

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared the following:

- The Richard D. Davis Foundation funded a grant for ILS/SLS recipients that could help pay for expenses they cannot afford, or regional centers cannot fund.
- Nancy Bunker and Nicole Mirikitani met with SG/PRC Executive Director, Jesse Weller, to discuss ILS matters.
- USPS is giving away COVID-19 tests at no cost through its website.
- The California Supporting Living Network reported that ILS programs will receive a raise in January. Regional centers will look at the model base rate and go from there.

SLS Services – (1 Vacancy)

Residential Services

CCF – Valerie Donelson and Jay Smith reported that they had a subcommittee meeting on December 5, 2023, and service providers discussed the invoice process. They discussed how to best leverage the stipend. Mr. Smith reminded his peers that the HCBS training is next week, and he encouraged them to attend. Lastly, they would like the Placement Coordinator, Monique Gallindo, to attend their subcommittee meetings next year.

ICF- Ookie Voong shared the following:

- There was an ICF Subcommittee Meeting on November 15, 2023. Providers

- discussed having the challenges they face in locating the My Medi-Cal enrollment packets as some have gone missing or have been sent to wrong addresses. If providers have not yet received theirs, they can contact Health Care Options: 800-430-4263. There are upcoming webinars to help providers stay informed on December 8, 2023 and December 13, 2023.
- Regional centers may be able to help with a loan for those providers that submitted billing and have not received payment after 30 days (to be re-paid within 15 days of payment) and are experiencing financial hardship. SGPRC staff shared that if a provider is contracted with the MCP, payment should be received in 15 days and if not contracted, payment may not be received until 30 days or longer. There appears to be some conflicting information regarding payment timeliness. ICF providers are encouraged to share with Sonia Saavedra, SG/PRC Health Care Support Specialist, the MCPs they will contract with, otherwise, on December 22, 2023, the MCP enrollment will be defaulted to listed MCP on received notices.
 - On December 1, 2023, an email blast titled “ICF/DD LTC Carve-In Resource Round-up” was sent to ICF providers. This is a good resource to stay on top of all the important updated documents and attachments in one place. The revised All Plan Letter and the Credentialing Attestation Form from the state are included in the email.
 - The next ICF Subcommittee meeting will be held December 20, 2023, at 2pm unless providers suggest an earlier date.

Specialized – Chris Schlanser did not report but contributed to the Residential Services conversations.

Other Vended Services- Jeanette Cabrera was not present.

At Large- Kelly Privitt shared that there will be a subcommittee meeting in January.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Vacancies in: Vocational and SLS. To apply, please email egomez@sgprc.org

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Theresa Zarour was not present. Yvonne Gratianna, Communications & Public Engagement Officer, shared that the next Vendor Advocacy meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2024. They are working to have Daniel Savino from ARCA do a training session for the group.

SG/PRC UPDATES BY LUCINA GALARZA, EXECUTIVE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND TIM TRAVIS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Updates on the following were provided:

- On behalf of the Executive Director, Jesse Weller, Mrs. Galarza wished everyone a great holiday season.
- Rate Implementation – 10% Incentive
- HCBS Formal Monitoring of Final Rule
- HCBS Trainings
- Provider Incentives
- DSP Training Stipend Program
- Remote Services
- Temporary Reimbursement for Transporters
- Self Determination – New Services
- 92nd Annual California State Capitol Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony - The Governor and First Partner continued the tradition at the State Capitol for the annual tree lighting. As part of this tradition, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities from all over California created ornaments that will adorn this year's red fir tree. This long-standing tradition was expanded this year to include 21 trees from all regional centers. SG/PRC staff, Yvonne Gratianne, Genesis Gallardo, and Carmen Hernandez went to Sacramento to represent SG/PRC. Ms. Gratianne presented a video of the experience.
- The Technical Assistance Training flyer will go out soon.
- Monique Gallindo, Placement Coordinator, presented the Referral Report.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on January 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.