

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
(A California Corporation)

January 24, 2024

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Directors were present at said meeting:

PRESENT:

Julie Chetney
Jaye Dixit
Bill Stewart
Karen Zarsadiaz - Ige
Trish Gonzales
Cris Schlanser
Joseph Huang
Richard Centeno
Phillip Loi
Paula Rodarte
Tina Wright
Bruce Cruickshank

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Executive Deputy Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Outreach & Compliance
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Tim Travis, Associate Director, Community Services
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services
Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant

ABSENT:

Sam Yi

GUESTS:

Adrian Jimenez, DDS
Albert Feliciano, SCDD
Ali Dorri
Nancy Bunker
Nada Saleh
Kristel Maikranz, AGT CPA
Elizabeth Cuevas
Michelle Wild

INTERPRETERS:

Spanish: Shelley and Eduardo
Mandarin: Charlene and
Johnathan
Korean: Sally and Kaytlyn
Vietnamese: Donald and Peter
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ASL: Ron and Cruz

A. CALL TO ORDER:

- Julie Chetney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Roll

call was taken, and a quorum was established.

- The agenda for today’s meeting was reviewed.
- The minutes for the December 13, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board with the following corrections:
 - The start time for the meeting should be 7:17pm and not 7:18pm.
 - The only individuals that were absent were: Rachel McGrath and Paula Rodarte.

M/S/C (Cruickshank & Wright) The Board approved the minutes with the amendments.

B. PUBLIC INPUT:

- Carl Argila reminded the Board that he records the entire meeting and uploads the video of the meeting to his personal blog. He shared details about his son’s conservatorship, including his wish for the conservatorship to be terminated and asked that more details of his request be added to the minutes.

C. EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Draft AGT Audit Report

Kristel Maikranz, CPA, Principal, presented the Draft AGT Audit Report. She answered questions and noted that the Executive Finance Committee reviewed the report in detail and recommended it to the Board for approval.

M/S/C (Stewart & Gonzales) The Board approved the Draft Audit Report.

Oppose: Centeno

Financial Report

Dara Mikesell, CFO, Presented the Financial Report:

In regional center operations, the allocation based on the E-1 Amendment is projected to meet expenditure projections. Projections include operating continuation cost and expenditures from the prior fiscal year. The operations E-1 allocation for fiscal year 2023-24 is currently at \$49,529,126 with projected expenditures of \$49,529,126. The year-to-date expenditure is \$16,054,302 with projected remaining expenditures of \$32,566,775. This results in an unencumbered amount of **\$908,048** in regular operations.

The Family Resource Center allocation is projected to meet expenditure projections, resulting in a zero-balance remaining in allocation. The current allocation is

\$154,564 with projected expenditures of \$154,564.

The Lanterman Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion program has a current allocation in the amount of \$1,303,368, staff expect to spend the full amount. The Fairview program is included in this amount.

The Community Placement Plan (CPP) and DC ongoing Workload operations were allocated at 100% in the E-1 amendment.

The Purchase of Service allocation is based on the E-1 amendment in the amount of \$424,384,165. The current month's expenditure amounted to \$30,371,019, bringing the year-to-date expenditure for services to \$142,641,958. The remaining projected expenditures and late bills are in the amount of \$265,469,369 leaving an unencumbered amount of **\$16,272,838**.

CPP POS is a separate line item, SG/PRC is allocated \$100,000 for placement.

Contract for Review

Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community Services, presented the following contract:

- *All Faith Transportation*

(M/S/C Gonzalez & Loi) The Board reviewed and approved the contract based on their policy for contracts over \$250,000.

Abstain: Schlanser

D. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, Chairperson, reported that the committee received information on the following: state and local legislative efforts, SG/PRC's website, and Grassroots Day.

E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR

Jay Dixit, Co-Chairperson, reported that the committee was presented with the new (draft) Social Rec. Policy but the committee could not vote on it as there was not a quorum. Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, asked the Board to review the draft policy as it will be an action item in a future meeting after the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families reviews and recommends it to the Board.

F. VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

Cris Schlanser, Chairperson, reported that service providers have the following concerns and discussed them at their monthly meeting: ICF Managed Care funds, wage increases, and addition of sick days.

G. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Bruce Cruickshank, Chairperson, presented the Board’s Training Report which is to be submitted to the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS).

(M/S/C Stewart & Schlanser) The Board reviewed and approved the Board’s Training Report.

H. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Julie Chetney, Board President, reported the following updates from the ARCA Board meeting:

- Tri-Counties Regional Center developed animated videos that explain the HCBS Final Rule.
- The group discussed and approved to be a Cal-TASH Sponsor. This year’s theme will be “Self-Determined Life.”
- The group discussed and approved for ARCA to cosponsor a bill for the “Blue Envelope Program.” The program is designed to enhance communication between law enforcement and community members diagnosed with a condition or disability that might require additional accommodations or awareness.
- SG/PRC’s Executive Director was selected to serve on of ARCAs “Nominating and Bylaws Committee.”

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, discussed the following (for the complete, detailed Director’s Report, please see attachment)

- Strategic Planning Updates
 - SG/PRC in the final phases of developing the new 3-year strategic plan, with active efforts of solidifying the strategies, metric, and key performance indicators.
 - A meeting was held to discuss plan design and graphics.
 - The most updated draft of work will be reviewed with our Board of Directors and respective Committees as SG/PRC prepares for a communication strategy and implementation date.
- Community Coffee with Jesse will continue for 2024 and announcements will be made at the next Service Provider Meeting and Vendor Advisory Meeting for

interested providers or community partners.

- SG/PRC is proud to announce that Seesaw Coffee and Beans will have a coffee cart on-site at the SG/PRC office for a few hours (starting off once a week for now; with intention to increase days per week) that will be available for the workforce and the community at large to purchase coffee that is made and served by individuals served.
- ARCA announced that Tony Anderson, former Executive Director of Valley Mountain Regional Center, has started in his new role at ARCA as Associate Director.
- Governor Newsom released the January Budget. The Budget itself assumes a \$37.9B deficit (compared to the \$68B the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) had indicated), to be balanced by using \$18.8B in reserves/borrowing, \$11.9B in cuts and fund shifts, and \$7.2B in delayed/deferred spending.
- On January 22, 2024, DDS released a Directive as it relates to support for ICF providers. With the transition to Managed Care, claims for ICF/DD services are to be paid by MCPs within 30 days of receipt.
- An ARFPSHN or GHCSHN approved as part of a Regional Center's Community Placement Plan must have a program design that includes written NPPs and competency trainings prior to Department certification.
- Incentive payments will be offered to the following residential settings: Adult Residential for Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN), Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes (EBSH), Family Home Agency (FHA), and Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE). Providers may receive up to \$1000 per resident. ARFPSHN providers may receive up to \$1200 per resident.
- Regional centers should pay \$8,000 to each of the providers on the enclosed list using the identified vendor number, contract authorization, the service code associated with the identified vendor number, and subcode for FY 23/24.
- A directive was provided on upcoming changes to rate models for Independent Living Services (ILS), effective January 1, 2024, per SB 101 (Chapter 12, Statutes of 2023).
- As of December 31, 2023, SG/PRC has 505 authorized positions. This total number includes 475 full-time employees (485 Headcount) and 30 vacancies.
- As of December 2023, SG/PRC served 16,698 individuals.
- As of December 31, 2023, SG/PRC enrolled 147 participants in the Self-Determination Program.
- SG/PRC was approved for money 6 additional apartments through affordable housing in Pomona. The cost of rent will be 30% of SSI.
- SG/PRC got money for a workshop series for teens. More information will be

provided.

J. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2024 MEETING

Submitted by:



Patricia Gonzales, Board Secretary

3/19/2024

Date