



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA --- **REGIONAL CENTER**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc. will hold their monthly Board meeting on the following date and at the listed location:

DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

TIME: 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: THE MEETING SESSION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.

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Program of San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc.

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA
 REGIONAL CENTER
 75 Rancho Camino Drive
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MEETING AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
 (Meets 4th Wednesday of each Month)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7:15 p.m.
Videoconference Meeting
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Julie Chetney, Board President

Jaye Dixit, 1st VP

Karen Zarsadiaz - Ige, 2nd VP

Bill Stewart, Treasurer

Cris Schlanser, VAC Chairperson

Trish Gonzales, Secretary

Richard Centeno

Joseph Huang

Tina Wright

Bruce Cruickshank

Phillip Loi

Sam Yi

Paula Rodarte

ACTION MATERIAL COLOR

7:15 - 7:25	CALL TO ORDER (Julie Chetney, Board President)	None	None	None
	• Roll Call	Quorum	None	None
	• Review Agenda	Info	Attached	White
	• Minutes of December 13, 2023	Consent	Attached	White
7:25 - 7:30	GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (To sign up, please email @egomez@sgprc.org)	Info	None	None
7:30 - 7:40	EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE Financial Report (Dara Mikesell, CFO) Review of Contracts (Tim Travis, Associate Director, Community Services) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Casa De Los Sueños • Easter Seals Winterhaven • Bradbourne Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Stages 	Consent	Attached	Ivory
7:40 - 7:45	COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige)	Info	Attached	Orange
7:45 - 7:50	ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES (Jaye Dixit)	Info	Attached	Yellow

APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE	ITEM	ACTION	MATERIAL	COLOR
7:50 – 7:55	VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Cris Schlanser)	Info	Attached	Goldenrod
7:55 – 8:00	STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Bruce Cruickshank)	Info	Attached	Green
8:00 – 8:05	BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Julie Chetney, Board President)	Info	None	None
8:05-8:15	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Jesse Weller, Executive Director) -Strategic Planning Update	Info	None	None
8:15-8:40	SPECIAL PRESENTATION (Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity 2022-2023 POS Expenditure Data and 2021-2022 National Core Indicator for Children, Adult and Guardians	Info	None	None
8:45	OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS	Info	None	None
<u>ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</u>				
	EXECUTIVE SESSION – None	Info	None	None

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

February 28, 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
Sam Yi

ABSENT:

INTERPRETERS:

Spanish: Sonia and Eduardo
Mandarin: Charlene and Ken
Korean: Sally and Kaytlyn
Vietnamese: Ban Vu and Peter
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ASL: Ron and Melisa

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
Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services
Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications

GUESTS:

Amy Westling, ARCA
Adrian Jimenez, DDS
Nada Saleh
Ali Dorri
Nancy Bunker
Susan Stoebel
Wendy Lai

A. CALL TO ORDER:

- Julie Chetney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.
- The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed.

- The minutes for the January 24, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Stewart & Gonzales) The Board approved the minutes.

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

Contracts for Review

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

- *Integrated Living Partners*

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

Abstain: Schlanser

- *Independent Community Resources*

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

Abstain: Schlanser

Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services, presented the following contract:

- *Calm Path – Dr. Magallanes*

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

Abstain: Schlanser

D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR

Jay Dixit, Co-Chairperson, reported that the committee was presented with the new (draft) Social Rec. Policy and approved to recommend it to the Board for approval.

Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, reviewed the draft policy with the Board.

M/S/C (Cruikshank & Stewart) The Board approved the New Social Recreational Policy.

Oppose: Wright

E. STRATEGIC PLAN

Executive Director, Jesse Weller, presented the final draft of the 2024-2027 SG/PRC Strategic Plan. He thanked every person involved in developing the plan and provided background of the project. Currently, the plan is in the final phases of its design. Once approved and the design is completed, it will be posted on the SG/PRC website and quarterly updates will be provided. A project management software will be purchased that will help track tasks and milestones.

- The Vision, Mission and Values statement was reviewed.

(M/S/C Stewart & Cruickshank) The Board reviewed and approved the Vision, Mission, and Values statement.

Oppose: Wright

- The Goals and Objectives were reviewed.

(M/S/C Stewart & Wright) The Board reviewed and approved the Goals and Objectives.

F. BOARD TRAINING – Communicating Outcomes and Costs of Regional Center Programs

Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer, and Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director, discussed the following information:

- Outcomes and Costs of Programs
- Outcomes are necessary
- Programs and rates
- Types of costs/rates
- DDS set rates
- Negotiated rates
- Median rates
- Schedule of maximum allowances
- Specialized rates for EBSH/CCH
- Usual and customary rates

G. BOARD TRAINING – Understanding The History And Evolution Of DDS:

Amy Westling, ARCA, Executive Director, discussed the following information:

- Before regional centers
- Grassroots Advocacy
- The birth of the system
- Why we're here
- The initial goals
- Positive movement

- Bolder goals, greater progress
- Continued evolution
- No longer invisible
- Current trends
- Anxieties

H. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 27, 2024 MEETING

Submitted by:

Patricia Gonzales, Board Secretary

Date

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA
REGIONAL CENTER

Committee Reports & Information



February – March 2024

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
Executive/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 13, 2024

PRESENT:

Julie Chetney, Board President
Jaye Dixit, 1st VP
Karen Zarsadias-Ige, 2nd VP
Trish Gonzales, Secretary
Bill Stewart, Treasurer
Bruce Cruickshank, Director

GUESTS:

Adrian Jimenez, DDS,
Community Program Specialist
III

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community
Services
Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical
Services
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD & RDDF
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant

ABSENT: None

**ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE PURSUANT
TO SECTION 20.04 OF THE BYLAWS**

All actions taken by the Executive/Finance Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board.

The actions taken by the Executive/ Finance Committee at this meeting were:
-Approval of Financial Report- For the month of January 2024 in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. These expenditures are for services paid through February 20, 2024.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. Call to order

Julie Chetney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:19pm. A quorum was established.

- The committee reviewed the agenda and were reminded that there will be a closed session after the meeting ends regarding a personnel matter.

- The committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of February 14, 2024.

(M/S/C Gonzales & Dixit) The committee approved the minutes.

B. Public input: None

C. EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Report

Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer, 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 \$48,373,436. The year-to-date expenditure is \$23,672,510 with projected remaining expenditures of \$24,700,925. This results in an unencumbered amount of **\$1,155,690** 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 \$32,595,409, bringing the year-to-date expenditure for services to \$206,360,659. The remaining projected expenditures and late bills are in the amount of \$216,751,750 leaving an unencumbered amount of **\$1,271,757**.

CPP POS is a separate line item, we are allocated \$100,000 for placement.

Staff are expecting additional allocations in E-2 for Start-up projects.

(M/S/C – Stewart & Dixit) The Executive Finance Committee reviewed and approved the Financial Report.

Contracts for Review

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

- *La Casa De Los Sueños*
(M/S/C Gonzales & Zarsadiaz-Ige) The committee approved to recommend this contract for the review and approval of the Board.
- *Easter Seals Winterhaven*
(M/S/C Stewart & Dixit) The committee approved to recommend this contract for the review and approval of the Board.
- *Bradbourne*
(M/S/C Zarsadiaz- Ige & Steart) The committee approved to recommend this contract for the review and approval of the Board.

Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services, presented the following contract:

- *Life Stages*
(M/S/C Gonzalez & Stewart) The committee approved to recommend this contract for the review and approval of the Board.

E. Board President's Report

Julie Chetney, Board President, provided the following updates:

- Agenda for upcoming Board Meeting – March 27, 2024: 2022-2023 POS Expenditure Data and 2021-2022 National Core Indicator for Children, Adult and Guardians, ARCA meeting updates, contracts.
- Agenda for Executive Finance Committee Meeting – April 10, 2024: Financial Report, contacts, strategic planning update.

F. Information

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported the following:

- Strategic Planning – The Strategic Plan was completed. Staff is working with a graphic designer on the design elements. The Strategic Development Committee provided input and edits for a few mock-ups at their meeting. Mr. Weller will work with staff on a communications strategy as well as updating materials. He will have a meeting with the leadership team and critical staff on March 25, 2024, to go through each element to assign tasks and evaluate the types of supports that will be needed. Staff are doing test trials on Monday.com, a software that could aid with the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- ARCA Advocacy Key Points 2024 – Grassroots Day is approaching. He reviewed the major areas that the delegations will advocate for.

- Joint Statement – ARCA is part of a coalition that put forth a letter that includes a long list of signers that urges the Legislature to reject the Governor’s proposed delay and to fully implement the rate models on July 1, 2024 as previously agreed by the Legislature and the Governor.
- SG/PRC Recruitment Updates: SG/PRC has 510 employees and 8 more will start this month. There is going to be an onsite job fair on June 7, 2024.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on April 10, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. via videoconference.

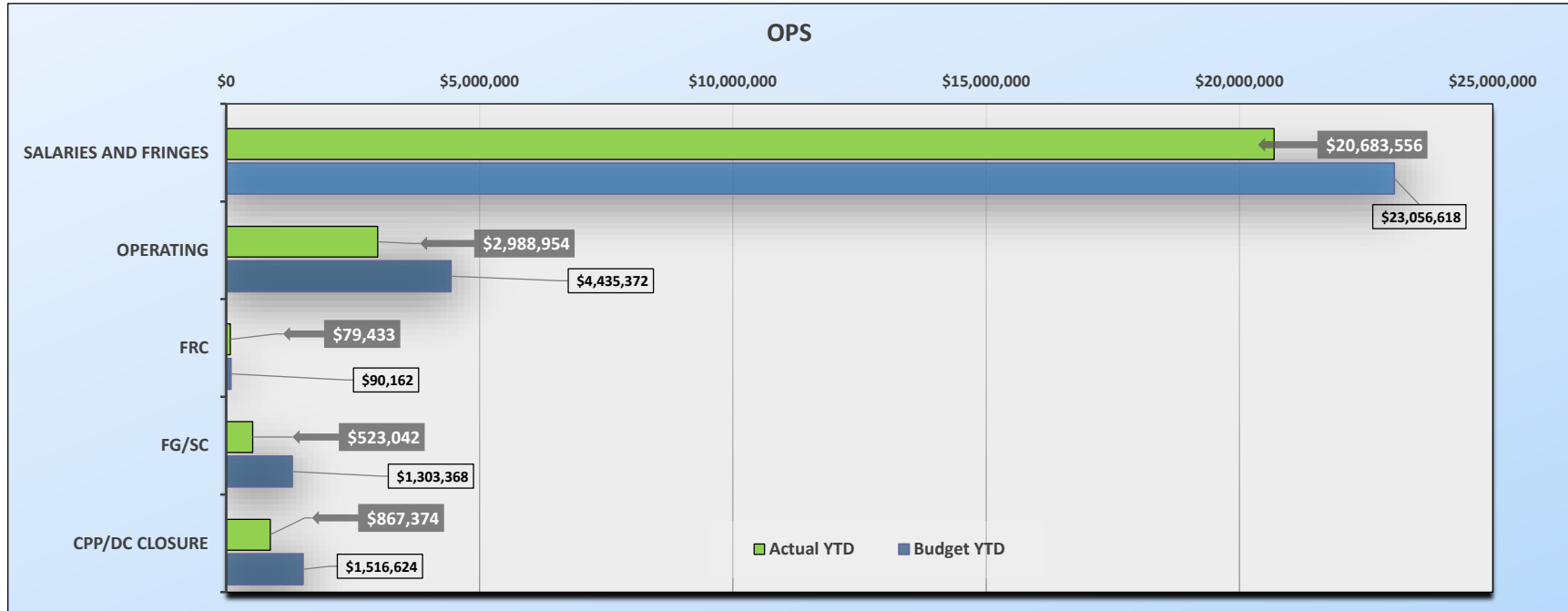
CLOSED SESSION – The committee held a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2024 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024

OPERATIONS (OPS)

REGIONAL CENTER	MTD	YTD	Remaining	Total	FY 22/23
Salaries and Fringes	\$3,019,282	\$20,683,556	\$20,189,259	\$40,872,815	\$36,764,182
Operating Expenses	\$551,191	\$2,988,954	\$4,511,666	\$7,500,621	\$7,998,315
Total	\$3,570,473	\$23,672,510	\$24,700,925	\$48,373,436	\$44,762,497
Allocation (E -1)				\$49,529,126	\$44,762,497
Allocation Balance/(Deficit)				\$1,155,690	\$0
RESTRICTED OPS FUNDS					
Family Resource Center	\$11,996	\$79,433	\$75,131	\$154,564	\$154,564
Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion	\$97,213	\$523,042	\$780,327	\$1,303,368	\$1,380,279
CPP and DC Closure Ongoing Workload	\$0	\$867,374	\$649,250	\$1,516,624	\$1,580,745
Total	\$109,209	\$1,469,849	\$1,504,708	\$2,974,556	\$3,115,588
Allocation (E -1)				\$2,974,556	\$3,115,588
Allocation Balance/(Deficit)				\$0	\$0

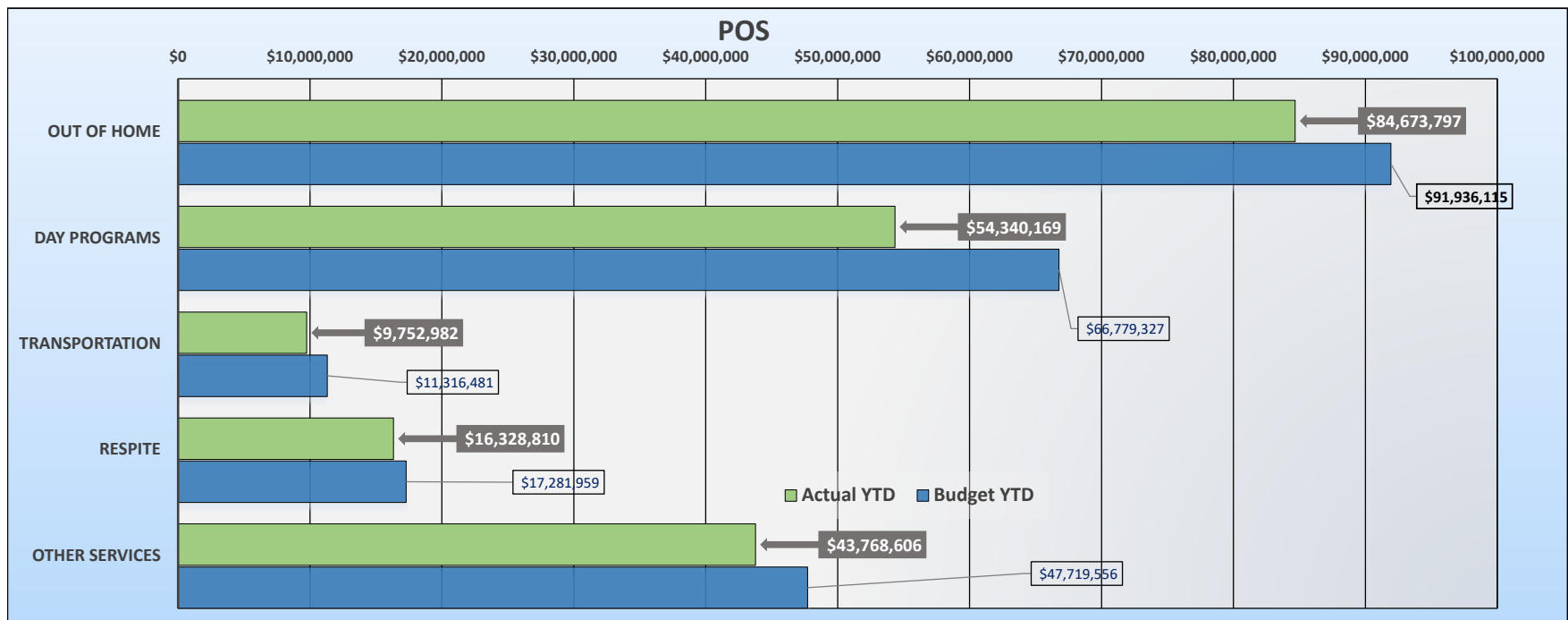


SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2024 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024

PURCHASE OF SERVICES (POS)

<u>REGIONAL CENTER</u>	MTD	YTD	Remaining	Total	FY 22/23
Out of Home	\$12,224,670	\$84,673,797	\$91,880,488	\$176,554,285	\$135,167,919
Day Programs	\$8,824,788	\$54,340,169	\$55,934,579	\$110,274,747	\$91,307,161
Transportation	\$1,448,844	\$9,752,982	\$8,992,007	\$18,744,989	\$14,566,974
Respite	\$2,963,088	\$16,328,810	\$19,493,289	\$35,822,099	\$26,314,035
Other Services	\$7,462,571	\$43,768,606	\$41,947,682	\$85,716,287	\$71,294,009
SPA/ICF Reimbursements	(\$328,552)	(\$2,503,705)	(\$1,496,295)	(\$4,000,000)	(\$3,900,000)
Total	\$32,595,409	\$206,360,659	\$216,751,750	\$423,112,408	\$334,750,099
Allocation (E -1)				\$424,384,165	\$414,816,586
Allocation Balance/(Deficit)				\$1,271,757	\$80,066,487
RESTRICTED POS FUNDS					
CPP	(\$1,708)	\$17,077	\$100,000	\$117,077	\$410,651
CRDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,359,433
HCBS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$638,638
Total	(\$1,708)	\$17,077	\$100,000	\$117,077	\$4,408,722
Allocation (E -1)				\$100,000	\$3,709,678
Allocation Balance/(Deficit)				(\$17,077)	(\$699,044)



SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
OPERATIONS FUND FINANCIAL REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2024 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024
 58% OF YEAR ELAPSED

CONTRACT ALLOCATIONS	Regular	CPP/CRDP DC Ongoing	Family Resource Center	Foster Grandparent Senior Companion	Other	Total									
							D plus F	A minus G							
Preliminary Allocation	30,901,284					30,901,284									
E-1	18,627,842	1,516,624	154,564	1,303,368		21,602,398									
E-2						0									
E-3						0									
Total Operations Contract Allocation	49,529,126	1,516,624	154,564	1,303,368	-	52,503,682									
							A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
							Current Allocation	% of Allocation	Current Month Expenditures	Year-to-Date Expenditures	YTD Actual as % of Allocation	Projected Remaining Expenditures	Total Projected Expenditures	Projected Balance Amount	Remaining Percent
Total Operations - Actual and Projected Expenditures	52,503,682	100.00%	3,679,682	25,142,359	47.9%	26,205,633	51,347,992	1,155,690	2.20%						
PERSONAL SERVICES (REGULAR OPERATIONS)															
Salaries	33,901,165	68.45%	2,443,476	16,670,841	33.7%	16,525,284	33,196,125	705,040	1.42%						
Temporary Staff	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%						
Retirement (includes 403B)	4,068,140	8.21%	290,577	1,994,287	4.0%	1,978,477	3,972,764	95,376	0.19%						
Social Security (OASDI)	491,567	0.99%	34,943	238,171	0.5%	236,579	474,750	16,817	0.03%						
Health Benefits/Long Term Care	2,788,439	5.63%	222,608	1,565,160	3.2%	1,109,533	2,674,693	113,746	0.23%						
Worker's Comp Insurance	406,814	0.82%	16,878	138,245	0.3%	233,086	371,331	35,483	0.07%						
Unemployment Insurance	100,000	0.20%	10,800	15,747	0.0%	54,248	69,995	30,005	0.06%						
Non-Industrial Disability/Life Insurance	169,506	0.34%	0	61,104	0.1%	52,052	113,156	56,349	0.11%						
Tuition Reimbursement	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%						
Total Personal Services (Regular Operations)	41,925,631	84.65%	3,019,282	20,683,556	41.8%	20,189,259	40,872,815	1,052,816	2.13%						
OPERATING EXPENSES (REGULAR OPERATIONS)															
Equipment Rental	85,000	0.17%	1,903	46,709	0.1%	23,355	70,064	14,936	0.03%						
Equipment Maintenance	50,000	0.10%	2,679	24,910	0.1%	21,358	46,269	3,731	0.01%						
Facility Rent	2,852,000	5.76%	219,000	1,752,000	3.5%	1,100,000	2,852,000	0	0.00%						
Facility Maintenance	71,000	0.14%	0	7,127	0.0%	55,091	62,217	8,783	0.02%						
Communications (postage, phones)	426,022	0.86%	21,474	203,460	0.4%	216,043	419,503	6,519	0.01%						
General Office Expense	611,177	1.23%	34,130	227,424	0.5%	381,446	608,870	2,307	0.00%						
Printing	16,000	0.03%	233	2,489	0.0%	11,778	14,267	1,733	0.00%						
Insurance	465,000	0.94%	230,965	464,417	0.9%	0	464,417	583	0.00%						
Data Processing	112,000	0.23%	11,606	71,103	0.1%	40,551	111,654	346	0.00%						
Data Processing Maintenance / Licenses	301,000	0.61%	4,948	128,616	0.3%	158,723	287,339	13,661	0.03%						
Interest Expense	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%						
Bank Service Fees	5,000	0.01%	343	407	0.0%	4,591	4,998	2	0.00%						
Legal Fees	1,000,000	2.02%	10,592	33,503	0.1%	966,405	999,908	92	0.00%						
Board of Directors Expense	5,000	0.01%	408	1,408	0.0%	3,006	4,413	587	0.00%						
Accounting Fees	70,000	0.14%	0	0	0.0%	70,000	70,000	0	0.00%						
Equipment Purchases	1,216,000	2.46%	539	935	0.0%	1,210,668	1,211,603	4,397	0.01%						

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
OPERATIONS FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2024 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024

58% OF YEAR ELAPSED

	A	B	C	D	E	F	D plus F G	A minus G H	I
	Current Allocation	% of Allocation	Current Month Expenditures	Year-to-Date Expenditures	YTD Actual as % of Allocation	Projected Remaining Expenditures	Total Projected Expenditures	Projected Balance Remaining Amount	Percent
Contractor & Consultants - Adm Services	314,338	0.63%	31,336	175,638	0.4%	137,862	313,500	838	0.00%
Contract - ABX2 Disparities	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Travel/mileage reimbursement	272,000	0.55%	19,117	137,216	0.3%	119,379	256,596	15,404	0.03%
ARCA Dues	80,458	0.16%	0	0	0.0%	80,458	80,458	0	0.00%
General Expenses	65,000	0.13%	5,937	43,798	0.1%	17,296	61,094	3,906	0.01%
Total Operating Expenses (Regular Operations)	8,016,995	16.19%	595,211	3,321,162	6.7%	4,618,009	7,939,171	77,824	0.16%
Total Personal Services & Operating Expenses (Regular Operations)	49,942,626		3,614,493	24,004,718	48.5%	24,807,269	48,811,986	1,130,639	2.28%
OTHER INCOME									
Interest & Other Income	(413,500)	-0.83%	(44,020)	(332,207)	-0.7%	(106,343)	(438,551)	25,051	0.05%
Total Personal Services & Operating Expenses Net of Other Income (Regular Operations)	49,529,126	100.00%	3,570,473	23,672,510	47.8%	24,700,925	48,373,436	1,155,690	2.33%
RESTRICTED FUNDS									
Family Resource Center Expenses	154,564		11,996	79,433		75,131	154,564	0	0.00%
Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Expenses	1,303,368		97,213	523,042		780,327	1,303,368	(0)	0.00%
Community Placement Plan and DC Ongoing Workload	1,516,624		0	867,374		649,250	1,516,624	0	
Total Restricted Funds	2,974,556		109,209	1,469,849	99.2%	1,504,708	2,974,556	(0)	
Total Expenses (Including Restricted Funds)	52,503,682		3,679,682	25,142,359	47.9%	26,205,633	51,347,992	1,155,690	2.25%

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

PURCHASE OF SERVICES FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2024 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024

58% OF YEAR ELAPSED

CONTRACT ALLOCATIONS	Regular POS	CPP	HCBS	Other	Total		
Preliminary Allocation (Regular POS)	308,407,820				308,407,820		
E-1	115,976,345	100,000			116,076,345		
E-2					0		
E-3					0		
Total Contract Allocation	424,384,165	100,000	0		424,484,165		
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		Current Month Expenditures	Year-to-Date Expenditures	YTD Actual as percent of Allocation	Projected Remaining Expenditures	Total Projected Expenditures	YTD & Projected as percent of Allocation
Total POS Actual & Projected Expenditures		32,593,701	206,377,736	48.6%	216,851,750	423,229,485	99.7%
<u>OUT OF HOME CARE</u>							
Community Care Facilities		11,995,514	83,932,595	19.8%	73,682,922	157,615,517	37.1%
ICF/SNF Facilities		229,156	741,202	0.2%	18,197,566	18,938,768	4.5%
Total Out of Home Care		12,224,670	84,673,797	20.0%	91,880,488	176,554,285	41.6%
<u>DAY PROGRAMS</u>							
Day Care		2,031,416	10,694,284	2.5%	17,019,838	27,714,123	6.5%
Day Training		5,468,785	36,475,779	8.6%	31,264,805	67,740,584	16.0%
Supported Employment		1,186,268	6,448,165	1.5%	6,652,120	13,100,285	3.1%
Work Activity Program		138,319	721,940	0.2%	997,815	1,719,755	0.4%
Total Day Programs		8,824,788	54,340,169	12.8%	55,934,579	110,274,747	26.0%
<u>OTHER SERVICES</u>							
Non-Medical: Professional		1,397,738	7,524,842	1.8%	9,463,814	16,988,655	4.0%
Non-Medical: Programs		1,996,136	11,532,733	2.7%	9,336,784	20,869,517	4.9%
Home Care: Programs		335,595	1,291,435	0.3%	1,458,964	2,750,400	0.6%
Transportation		1,041,960	6,709,891	1.6%	5,220,118	11,930,009	2.8%
Transportation Contracts		406,884	3,043,091	0.7%	3,771,890	6,814,981	1.6%
Prevention		1,739,838	10,235,792	2.4%	8,222,487	18,458,279	4.3%
Other Authorized Services		1,597,503	10,392,036	2.4%	8,853,582	19,245,618	4.5%
Personal and Incidentals		19,947	118,555	0.0%	102,297	220,852	0.1%
Hospital Care		37,500	157,041	0.0%	582,350	739,391	0.2%

PURCHASE OF SERVICES FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2024 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024

58% OF YEAR ELAPSED

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		Current Month Expenditures	Year-to-Date Expenditures	YTD Actual as percent of Allocation	Projected Remaining Expenditures		Total Projected Expenditures
Medical Equipment		1,139	7,083	0.0%	28,696	35,779	0.0%
Medical Service: Professional		175,154	1,429,675	0.3%	2,321,424	3,751,099	0.9%
Medical Service: Programs		161,722	1,038,440	0.2%	1,502,969	2,541,409	0.6%
Respite: In Own Home		2,958,354	16,306,166	3.8%	19,389,937	35,696,103	8.4%
Respite: Out of Home		4,734	22,644	0.0%	103,352	125,996	0.0%
Camps		300	40,973	0.0%	74,316	115,289	0.0%
Total Other Services		11,874,503	69,850,398	16.5%	70,432,978	140,283,376	33.1%
Total Estimated Cost of Current Services		32,923,961	208,864,364	49.2%	218,248,045	427,112,408	100.6%
<u>OTHER ITEMS</u>							
HCBS	0	0	0		0	0	
Total Other Items		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Total Purchase of Services		32,923,961	208,864,364	49.2%	218,248,045	427,112,408	100.6%
Deduct: Estimated Receipts from Intermediate Care Facilities for State Plan Amendment Services		(328,552)	(2,503,705)	-0.6%	(1,496,295)	(4,000,000)	-0.9%
Expenditures Regular POS (Net of CPP)	424,384,165	32,595,409	206,360,659	48.6%	216,751,750	423,112,408	99.7%
Projected Allocation Balance (Deficit) Regular POS						1,271,757	0.3%
<u>COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN</u>							
Community Placement Plan (inc. CRDP)	100,000	(1,708)	17,077		100,000	117,077	
Allocation Balance (Deficit) CPP and CRDP						(17,077)	0.0%
Total Projected Allocation Balance (Deficit) Regular & Community Placement Plan POS						1,254,680	0.3%

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

January 31

2024

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	30,361,891
Receivable - State Regional Center Contracts		83,176,078
Receivable - Intermediate Care Facility Providers		1,557,778
Other Receivables		521,636
Prepaid Expenses		240,472
Deposits		12,459
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	115,870,314

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	29,060,975
Advance - State Regional Center Contracts		84,827,276
Accrued Salaries and Payroll Taxes		1,677,492
Other Payables		204,571
Reserve for Unemployment Insurance		100,000

Total Liabilities \$ 115,870,314

Net Assets

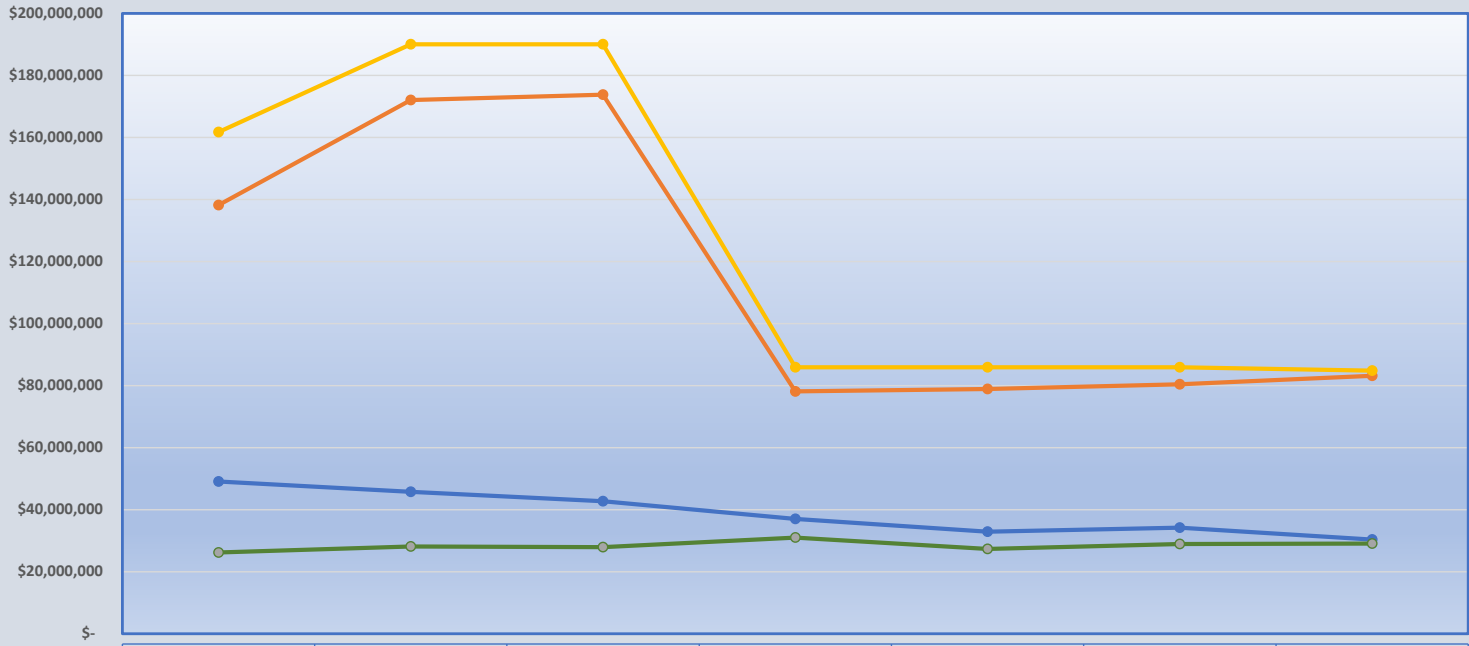
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With Donor Restriction

Total Net Assets \$ -

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 115,870,314

**SGPRC Statement of Financial Position
January 31, 2024**



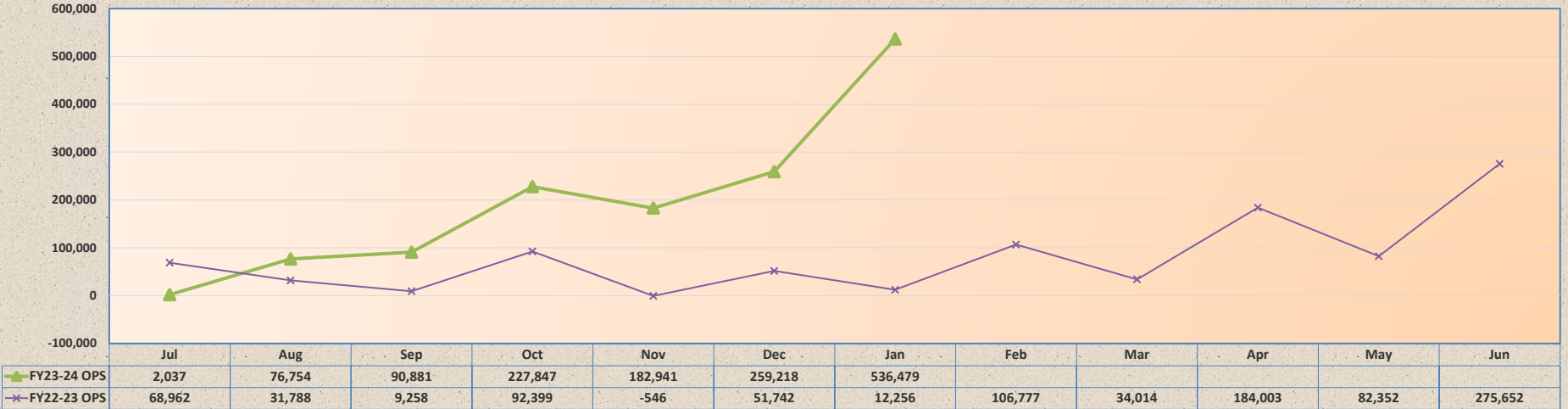
	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24
— Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$49,087,821	\$45,753,292	\$42,723,713	\$37,007,044	\$32,919,801	\$34,201,888	\$30,361,891
— Receivable - State RC Contracts	\$138,172,935	\$172,090,024	\$173,799,764	\$78,142,645	\$78,913,805	\$80,445,994	\$83,176,078
— Accounts Payable	\$26,201,233	\$28,136,169	\$27,945,379	\$30,996,645	\$27,340,146	\$28,913,035	\$29,060,975
— Advance - State RC Contracts	\$161,767,517	\$190,043,275	\$190,043,275	\$85,876,954	\$85,876,954	\$85,876,954	\$84,827,276

San Gabriel /Pomona Regional Center

SGPRC POS Surplus
January 31, 2024



SGPRC OPS Surplus
January 31, 2024



**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige
Joseph Huang
Tina Wright
Adriana Pinedo

ABSENT

Paula Rodarte
Henrick Wong

STAFF

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and
Equity and Community Outreach Team
Elba Moreno, Dept, Assistant - Communications
Erika Gomez, Liaison - BOD & RDDF

GUESTS

Adrian Jimenez, DDS

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the January 17, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Zarsadiaz-Ige & Huang) The committee approved the minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

On behalf of Executive Director, Jesse Weller, Yvonne Gratianne, Communications &

Public Engagement Officer, presented the following:

Statewide/ Local Updates:

- The advocacy connection – Miss Herzog, Advocacy Liaison to Individuals Served, is leading “The Advocacy Connection,” for adult individuals served by SG/PRC creating opportunities for self-advocacy, engaging with peers, and learning about important resources and hot topics to develop, grow, and thrive. Their next meeting will focus on SG/PRC’s Hearing Process and the presenter will be Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist.
- Staff Spotlight, Success Stories and other Updates – The Communications and Public Engagement team will start highlighting roles in the agency on the website. They started last month by introducing themselves. Currently, they are highlighting Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist.
- Website Updates Sitemap & Transparency Section –
 - SG/PRC is moving forward with redesigning the website. This project could take up to a year to complete. The team has weekly meetings. A priority is to ensure it is user friendly for individuals served and their families.
 - The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is requiring all 21 regional centers to have a uniform “transparency” feature on their website. Information is housed differently.
- Emergency Preparedness Activities – Suyan Carcedo, Emergency Management Coordinator, continues to move forward with initiatives from DDS. She is staying on top of impactful weather updates.
- Grassroots Day – April 2, 2024 – Grassroots is spearheaded by ARCA and will resume being in-person this year after being conducted via videoconference for the last few years due to Covid-19. A delegation composed of individuals served, staff, vendors and parents will represent SG/PRC. The talking points will be available to this committee as they are received.
- Vendor Job Fair – SG/PRC is supporting a vendor job fair in May that will be held at SG/PRC. More information will be provided.
- Back to School Readiness Event – This annual event will be held the last week of July. More information will be provided.
- Elba Moreno, Department Assistant to the Communications/Public Engagement unit, was introduced. She will work closely with the Board Liaison.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE- Community Outreach Specialists.

The Community Outreach/Compliance Department staff shared where their efforts

have been and presented their monthly report. Updates for the following areas were provided:

○ Monthly Report:

-Nora Perez, Givens, Education Specialist

- Upcoming Trainings
- Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education
- Presentations/Trainings/Outreach/Networking Completed

-Luz Rodriguez-Urbe, Language Access and Cultural Competency Specialist

- Interpretations for meetings and events
- Outreach event
- Chinese Support Group
- Case management support and Bridging Family back to Case Management
- LACC Reporting
- Cultural Humility Training Planification
- CHLA EI Research RedCap

*(The full report is attached to these minutes) **

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on March 20, 2024.



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

Service Access and Equity
Department
Monthly Report

February 16, 2024

Salvador Gonzalez

Director of Service Access and Equity

Service Access Equity Team

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Josefina Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist

Parent Mentor Initiative Progress: The Parent Mentor Initiative generated a lot of referrals this month. I had the opportunity to present the information at a unit meeting and have more interaction with SCs to ask questions as a group. More managers have been reaching out with interest in having me present at their unit meetings. I continue to complete quarterly reports to DDS via GrantVantage.

Number of...	January Total	Total to Date
Referral to PMI	7	156
Parent Mentors	6	6
Waiting to be Matched	2	34
Referrals Matched	1	456
Graduates	1	216
Parents Served	34	405
Hours of Mentoring	119	11549

Presentation – City of Pomona: On 1/12/2024 Josie and Sal provided a presentation to teens through a Parks and Recs program offered by the City of Pomona called Compassion 101. This program aims to teach teens in the city and surrounding areas what it means to show compassion toward different groups. The city reached out to me and invited as to speak at this event. Approximately 20 teens were in attendance and ranged in age ranges from 13-18. Josie and Sal provided an overview on what a developmental disability is, how these disabilities can impact a person's ability to do learn, work, play, and do everyday functions. We shared the role the Regional Center plays in the lives of those individuals that receive services through our center and how we partner with the individual and their family.

Enhanced Parent Workshop: On 1/17/24 the SAE Department hosted a parent workshop for those families in the Enhanced Units. Josie hosted a table with resources, event flyers and brochures for families to learn more about the services and support offered by our center. Parents were given information about signing up for constant contact where they would receive the latest information and updates on what's happening at our center. Breakfast was provided to families and speakers for this event were LaToya Tate, Supervisor at SCRS-IL, and Gaby Madrazo, Supervisor at Alma Family Services. Both agencies presented information as to what their agencies have to offer and how families can access services and resources.

Monthly Community Meeting: On 1/16/24 Josie attended the monthly community meeting. Josie attends these meetings where pertinent information is shared from various departments within the Regional Center, including the Service Access and Equity Department. My colleagues shared information regarding an upcoming Hispanic Parent Support group SG/PRC is starting and which is being led by myself and Luz Rodriguez-Uribe.

CHLA Data Reporting: Josie has been supporting CHLA data reporting “RedCap” data which is part of a study being conducted by CHLA, investigating access to services during times of critical need.

DDS Quarterly Reporting: Josie continues to oversee the Parent Mentor Initiative grant project funded by the Department of Developmental Services which is intended to reduce disparity and maximize accessibility to services to individuals and their families served by SG/PRC. Josie completes quarterly reports to DDS via their system GrantVantage. Josie completed Q3 reporting which covers information from October to December.

Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist

A. Promoting Service Access & Equity For All Receiving Regional Center Services

Creating Person Centered Thinking Training Modules: On 1/9/24, Amos provided completed PCT Training Module 1 video to team for Edwin to create LMS training module. On 1/9/24, Amos recorded PCT Training Module 2 and Module 3 video with Jessica Wilson and Yvette Espinoza at the Broadcasting Room. Amos will edit the video as the team requested and will provide it for creating LMS training module.

Enhanced Family Workshop: On 1/17/24, Amos participated in the second workshop for Enhanced Families at the regional center by providing 2023 Critical Issues Forum video modules with 5 language caption list with QR code, ADEPT ABA and UMCD flyer with QR code.

Facilitating and Promoting Online Training Modules: ADEPT ABA & UMCD – Amos started ADEPT ABA 10 Weeks Facilitation with average of 17 Korean parents through Being Built Together Zoom meeting in December 2023. Amos continued promoting ADEPT ABA and UMCD Online Module facilitation to Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese families in 2024.

Administrating CIF Recording/Creating Video/Posting on Website: In 2023, Blue Dragon Ad (BDA) provided all of 35 CIF videos on time as they estimated. Amos continues to administrate special seven (7) Spanish voice over CIF videos which will be created and provided by BDA by the end of February 2024. These seven Spanish voice over videos will be uploaded in 2023 CIF Spanish Language Showcase to make is accessible to all. Those seven voice over videos and the link will be also provided to SG/PRC Webmaster for the future link and access.

WSGV SELPA CAC: On 1/22/24, Amos participated in West San Gabriel Valley SELPA CAC meeting to update SG/PRC events and workshops related information with Jacqueline Arambula to total of 15 participants via Zoom.

Person-Centered Conversation (PCC): In the month of January 2024, Amos had total of 3 PCCs with Korean monolingual parents. All of three PCC was conducted in-person setting in the community.

Translation for Korean Families: Amos continued to provide Korean translation and interpretation as it is requested by SG/PRC staff. Amos also provided reviewing and correcting Korean translations through LACC for SG/PRC Korean individuals and their families in the month of January 2024. Amos also provided support for LACC to recruit Korean reviewers and to review their translation to make sure LACC team to keep the highest level of Korean translation through LACC.

DDS/CHLA PRE/POST COVID EI Participant Research: Amos continued participating in weekly Monday Zoom meetings with CHLA Research team in the month of January 2024 to provide support on Chart Review Data Input and weekly assessments at SG/PRC on Fridays. Amos also administrates total of seven (7) SAE Department staff for providing assessment data through CHLA USC RedCap data base.

Provided Supports for Performance Contract/National Core Indicator Survey/PMI SAE Project/NO POS Data Analyze: Amos created three NCI Survey presentation PowerPoint for Adult Family Survey, Child Family Survey, and Family Guardian Survey for SAE director's presentation. Amos received Excel data files from DDS on 12/19/23 and then created total of 30 pdf files to upload on SG/PRC website as it is required by DDS. On 12/19/23, Amos provided total of 30 POS Expenditure Data pdf files and then provided revised 30 POS Expenditure Data pdf on 12/29/23 and all the revised POS Expenditure Data files are posted under TRANSPARENCY section in SG/PRC Website. Link: <https://www.sgprc.org/governance/transparency-access-to-public-information/pos-expenditure-reports/pos-expenditures-fy-22-23>

B. Community Outreaching to Promote Service Access & Equity

Outreaching to Religious Agencies: On 1/21/24, Amos outreached to Sarang Department at Good Shepherd Church to provide Regional Center Update and PCC for 10 individuals and family members and 6 staff.

Radio Korea AM1540 Recording: On 12/28/23, Amos was invited by Radio Korea Good Day LA for interview recording. Amos provided Introducing Regional Center System in Korean. The recorded interview was aired on 1/1/24. Link: https://radiokorea.com/radio/aod_popup.php?bo_table=r_gooddayla_reaudio&wr_id=239

Nora Perez-Given, Education Specialist

The Education Specialist assists regional center staff, families, and community partners with questions related to educational matters for students ages 3 and up to include post- secondary school years.

Upcoming Trainings

2024 Virtual Trainings for parents. The training sessions will provide parents with the fundamental knowledge about Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 Rehabilitation Act and advocacy skills to assist parents when advocating for their child’s educational needs.

Date	Time	Training Topic
February 26	11-12	New to IEP’s (Special Education)- Basics to Know
March 25	11-12	Special Education- Terms to Know/Generic Resources
April 29	11-12	Development of a Supportive IEP
May 20	11-12	Special Education Timelines
June 24	11-12	Resolving Disagreements Regarding Special Education
July 22	11-12	School Discipline- Rights of Students with Disabilities
August 26	11-12	Effective Communication in the IEP Process
September 16	11-12	504 Plan or IEP- Which is best based on student need
October 7	11-12	Assistive Technology and IEP’s
November 18	11-12	Special Education- Parent Rights

Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education:

Consults completed	25
School Meetings attended. (IEP’s/504/ SST/Resolution type meetings)	7

Presentations/Trainings/Outreach/Networking Completed

January 29th (10-11am) – Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist and Angie Luu, Early Childhood Development Specialist provided virtual training to Casa Colina Parent Group regarding transitioning from Part C to Part B (school services). Participants at this training learned about: Transition Timelines, transition meetings, referral/assessments to LEA, Assessment Plans, LEA requirements with timelines, preparing for school meetings, and IEP process from assessment to offer of FAPE. There was a total of 21 participants.

Tiffany Loong and Luz Rodriguez-Uribe, Language Access and Cultural Competency Specialists

LACC Specialists Luz & Tiffany arranged for interpretation for several meetings and trainings including the Monthly SDP Meet & Greet and LVAC were set up for the SDP units.

Arrangements were also made for interpretation for the monthly Board of Director’s meeting in the languages: Spanish, Chinese and ASL. Interpretation was also provided during the monthly SGPRC Community Meeting in the following languages: ASL, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Korean & Vietnamese. Interpretation was also provided in Spanish, Vietnamese, ASL and Chinese for the Enhanced Workshop for families with No-POS or Low POS. Several documents were translated into the threshold languages; those documents included the SG/PRC Fact Sheet, Community Information Forum Flyer, Community Information Forum Annual Calendar, Social Recreational Policy Feedback Survey, 2024 POS Community Meeting Flyer, POS Special Meeting Board of Director Flyer, NCI Special Meeting Board of Director Flyer, Early Start LEA Letter, Early Start Parental Consent, Early Start Guide Procedure and the Board Recruitment Flyer. In addition, THE LACC team supported the appeals Department in a translating an Appeal Letter for a family into Simplified Chinese. LACC continues to oversee the funding of the Language Line for the use of all of SGPRC staff. In January 2024 staff used the Language Line with a usage amount totaling an amount of \$2858.63. Luz and Tiffany continue to oversee the tracking of all translation and interpretation invoicing and ensure vendors receive timely payment.

	Jan 2024	Total To date
Translations	49	49
Interpretations	19	19
Language Line Usage	\$ 2858.63	\$ 2858.63

- **Outreach Event:**

Tiffany and Luz participated in Enhanced Support Parent Workshop. Tiffany and Luz prepare and set up interpretation equipment for interpreters and parents to use. Simultaneous interpretation in 4 different languages provided in this in-person workshop.

- **Chinese Support Group**

Tiffany continues to support the monthly Chinese Parent Support Group (FFDY) workshop by providing interpreters and finding presenter as needed. This month, Tiffany helped find a presenter for its Feb workshop about the Day Program.

- **Case management support and Bridging Family back to Case Management**

Luz and Tiffany continue to provide support to SC in terms of finding translation/interpretation resources or need to look for SG/PRC translated materials. Tiffany worked closely with Early Childhood Specialist to have some main EI documents translated for SCs to use. Luz supported a Service Coordinator and the Education Specialist with a referral to a vendor to use an Arabic

interpreter for an IEP consultation. Both the Education Specialist and the Service Coordinator reported that the interpreter with such vendor was a success, and the parent was very pleased with the consultation. In addition, Luz supported a parent from Early Intervention with bridging her back to her Service Coordinator and Manager for additional support with her concerns.

	Jan 2024	Total to Date
Case Management Support	2	2
Bridging Family	2	2

- **LACC Reporting**

Luz and Tiffany continue to complete semiannual Grant Vantage reporting per DDS. They submitted the final report on measures & activities and all financial transactions for the first year LACC reporting year. Currently they are completing Monthly LACC Reports to DDS to report outreach events, language resources developed and all accounting submitted with the previous month’s LACC claims.

- **Cultural Humility Training Planification**

The LACC team created nine groups for the 450+ employees to attend the in-person Cultural Humility Trainings, set to begin in April 2024. With the support of the SEA team, SGPRC staff has been receiving calendar invitations to the four assigned in-person trainings for all of 2024. The team will continue to monitor any new staff that need to be assigned into the groups.

- **CHLA EI Research RedCap**

Tiffany and Luz continued to participate and support the CHLA Research Project during the month of January. They both gathered data to support the Research Project by being part of the input team.

Maria Vargas and Wendy Hemminger, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program Managers of North and South:

North	South
Total volunteers: 46	Total volunteers: 41
Individuals served: 78	Individuals served: 72
Total hours served: 4,352	Total hours served: 3,757

In the month of January, volunteers completed annual paperwork including AmeriCorps income verification, volunteer data sheet, and beneficiary form during our in-service training. Volunteers also completed a 15-minute workout video which helps promote physical health and movement. Volunteers completed “vision boards” and were able to elaborate on what they look

forward to this year. Three new individuals were interviewed for a position in the program this month. Monthly meeting with DDS was completed and program updates were provided to DDS. Program manager scheduled an upcoming hands-only CPR class which will be provided by Fire Station 188, for all volunteers during next in-service training.

Grandma Emelita's Vision Board



Grandma Elisa's Vision Board



January Birthdays

Left to Right: Jesus V., Faye I., Paul B., Monica B., and Rodolfo R.



Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialists:

Providing support to SGPRC's Deaf and Hard of Hearing community by developing staff trainings, securing generic resources, assisting with resource development, attending IPP & IDT meetings, vendor and community outreach and collaboration with sister Regional Centers to further develop role.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist Collective Meetings:

- 1/16: Meeting with SoCal specialists to discuss local resources and collaborate on a support group for DHH.
- 1/12: Collaboration meeting with Deaf Specialist to develop hearing aid funding resources.

Outreach to Community Partners:

- 1/16: Outreach to UCLA Audiology to prepare and secure presenter for upcoming CIF presentation.
- 1/18: Hosted booth at Enhanced Supports Workshop and provided resources for trainings and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- 1/24: Outreach to community partner NorCal services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for upcoming training and resources.
- 1/26: Outreach visit to Parents Place to secure location for ASL Classes.

IDT meetings/SC consultations/In house support/Communication assistance:

- 1/22: Provided interpretation support for Psychological Evaluation at SGPRC.
- 1/4: Participated in site map workgroup for website and provided feedback on DHH resource page.
- 1/8: Developed Person Centered Planning modules and completed PowerPoints for filming.
- 1/9: Recording/Filming of Module 3 for Person Centered Planning staff training.
- 1/9: Shared resource for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Parent support group.
- 1/9: Developed flyers for Community Information Forum and ASL Classes.
- 1/10: Received Alternative communication device UbiDuo3 for outreach events and in-house support to DHH community and Non-verbal individuals.
- 1/10: Consultation with SC regarding support for individual served. Provided resources for ASL classes and advocacy agencies.
- 1/11: Consultation with SC to provide resources for a Blind Individual. Provided resources to the Braille Institute and Hellen Keller foundation.
- 1/12: Attended IPP meeting with SGPRC Intern as a shadow.
- 1/18: Consultation with Intake department to provide interpreting resources for evaluation.
- 1/22: Person Centered Planning preparation meeting.
- 1/31: Shared resources for Infant and Toddler ASL classes

Special Projects and personal development:

Created Person Centered Planning Training modules for all SGPRC case management staff and completed filming.

Created ASL Classes for SGPRC community including Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Deaf/Hoh and Non-verbal children beginning March 7th, 2024-April 18th.

- 1/4 Attended Person Centered Planning Live meeting by Helen Sanderson Associates for continuing education and development.
- 1/29: Attended “Intro to Assistive Technology” by Rocky Mountain ADA

2023-24 SG/PRC SAE Grant Equity Partners

Regional Center Recommendations and Plan to Promote Equity

Organization Name/Project Title	Project Description/Contact Information	Approved Award/ Approved Duration	Population Focus/Language
Access Nonprofit Center	Increase intervention services & supports for black babies in NICU & clinical settings. Contact: Ardena Bartlett; ardenab@accessnonprofit.org	\$150,000/ 18 months	African American (English)
Being Built Together	Community connector program to expand services access for Korean-speaking families. Contact: Jinsook Baek contact@bbtus.org	\$475,000/ 24 months	Korean (Korean)
Chasing 7 Dreams	Increase early intervention awareness to minority, low income, and BIPOC parents and caregivers. Contact: Tenika Doyle tenika@chasing7dreams.org	\$275,000/ 24 months	African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Hmong, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mien, Native American, Pacific Islander, Vietnamese, Sri Lanken, Hawaiian, Samoan, Arabic, Caucasian.
Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Pediatric navigator project for Native American and multi-racial families Contact: Dr. Mirzaian, Christine cmirzaian@chla.usc.edu	\$875,000/ 18 months	African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Hmong, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mien, Native American, Pacific Islander, Slavic, Vietnamese.
Disability Voices United	Education and training program in leadership for people with disabilities and their families Contact: Judy Mark judymark@dvunited.org	\$325,000/ 18 months	African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Hmong, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mien, Native American, Pacific Islander, Ethiopian Vietnamese.
Seesaw Communities, Inc.	Cultural pathway for competitive employment for self-advocates in the Korean community. Contact: Rachel Lee rlee@thesec.us	\$250,000/ 18 months	Korean (Korean)
USC UCEDD Children's Hospital Los Angeles Peer-Mentorship & Technical Assistance for Parent & Self Advocate Led CBOs	Peer mentor program to provide technical assistance for CBOs to collaborate and share resources. Contact: Olga Solomon solomon@usc.edu	\$350,000/ 18 months	African American, Hispanic, Native American, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Mixteco Indigenous.

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Enhanced Service Coordination

The Budget Act of 2021/2022 allocated funding for Enhanced Service Coordination (ESC) with a specific caseload ratio of 1 service coordinator (SC) to 40 individuals in underserved and diverse communities with low and no purchase of service (POS). With smaller caseloads, specially trained SCs provide focused support and increased service coordination to the individuals served and their families.

The primary role of the ESC SC is to provide individuals served and their families valuable training opportunities to understand their diagnosis, the regional center system, the role of their service coordinator, the IPP process, and SG/PRC's various service delivery models - Traditional Funding services, Participant Directed services, and Self-Determination Program. This is achieved with increased communication, quarterly meetings, and accessibility to community outreach events.

Enhanced Service Coordination Outreach

ESC-SCs play a crucial role in enhancing accessibility to services, particularly for underserved and diverse communities. Their primary responsibility is to provide training and educational opportunities to individuals served and their families. By doing so, ESC SCs aim to empower individuals and their families with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate and readily access the services and supports they need.

Participation in SG/PRC community events is a key component of this effort. These events connect individuals and families to various services, support groups, social and recreational activities, SG/PRC staff, and other families served by SG/PRC. An example of this engagement

is the Enhanced Services Workshop hosted by the ESC team on October 18th. This workshop is one of four designed to increase awareness of services and resources available at SG/PRC and within the community.

During this workshop, families had the opportunity to enjoy a light breakfast while getting to know the SG/PRC Service, Access, and Equity team. They also became more aware of how to navigate the Regional Center and access Regional Center-funded services, which can be a critical aspect of providing comprehensive support to individuals and families with developmental disabilities. These efforts help ensure that all individuals have the information and resources they need to access the services and support they require more effectively.

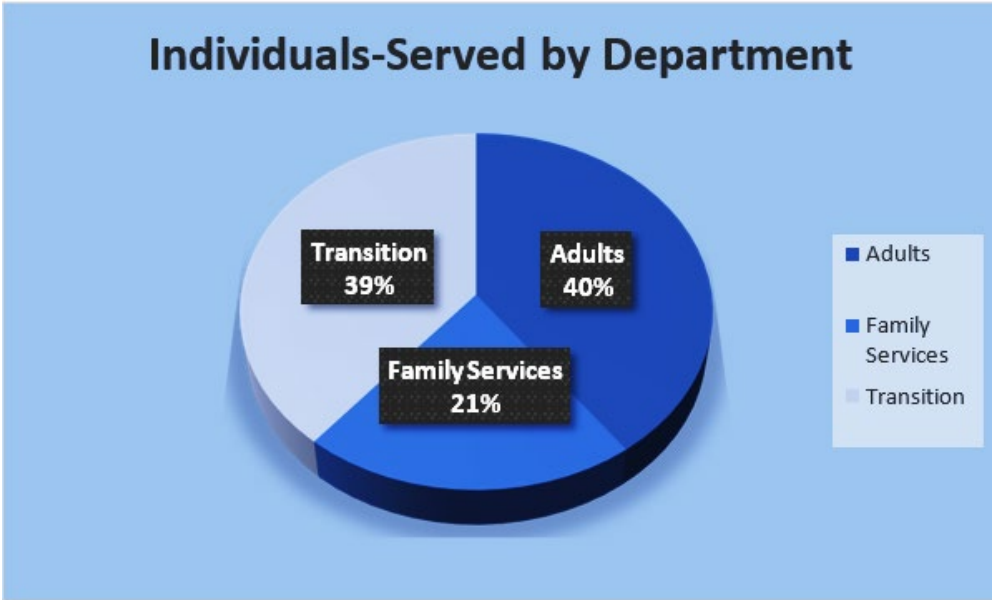
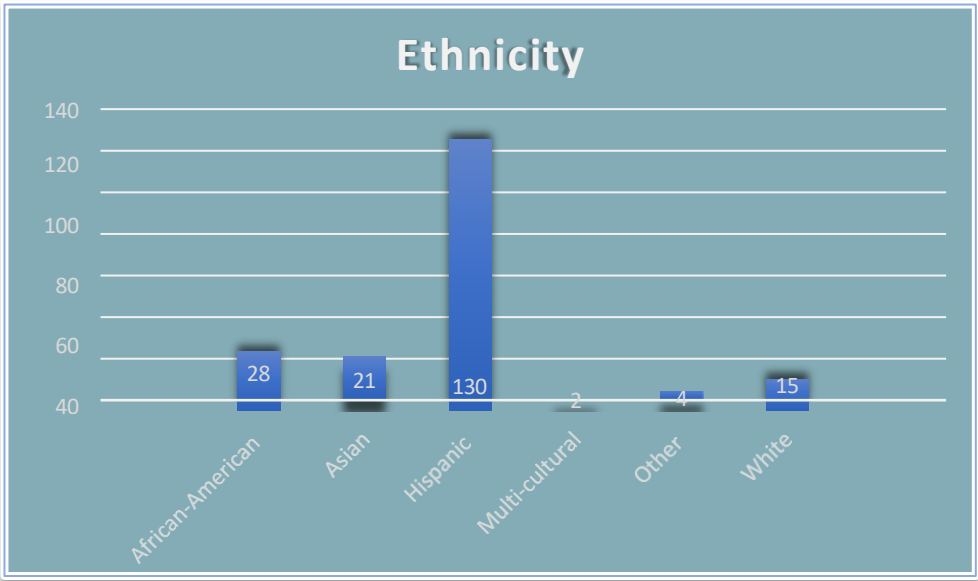
The ESC team is taking proactive steps to ensure families' participation in the upcoming Enhanced Service Workshops. They plan to use a combination of mailing, emails, and text reminders to engage with the participants. This communication strategy demonstrates a commitment to inclusive and accessible outreach, ensuring that families from diverse backgrounds are well-informed and can actively participate in these valuable workshops and events.

1. **Mailing, Emailing, and Hand Delivering Flyers:** The team will mail and hand deliver a flyer containing information about the upcoming workshops to all 200 participants. This allows for physical reminder and reference material for the events.
2. **Text Reminders:** Amos Byoun, the Community Outreach Specialist, will send out text reminders to notify participants about the workshops. Text messages can serve as a quick and convenient way to keep families informed.
3. **Multilingual Support:** To ensure effective communication, the team has made flyers and texts available in multiple preferred languages. LACC Specialists, Luz Rodriguez and Tiffany Loong, have translated the materials into Spanish, Mandarin, and Vietnamese, accommodating a diverse group of participants.

Upcoming Enhanced Service Workshops:

- January 17, 2024: "Accessing Generic Resources"
- March 20, 2024 "Educational Rights, College Supports, and Employment Supports"
- May 23, 2024: "Empowerment Conference: Enhanced Service"

Please refer to the [Enhanced Services Workshop flyer](#) for more information.



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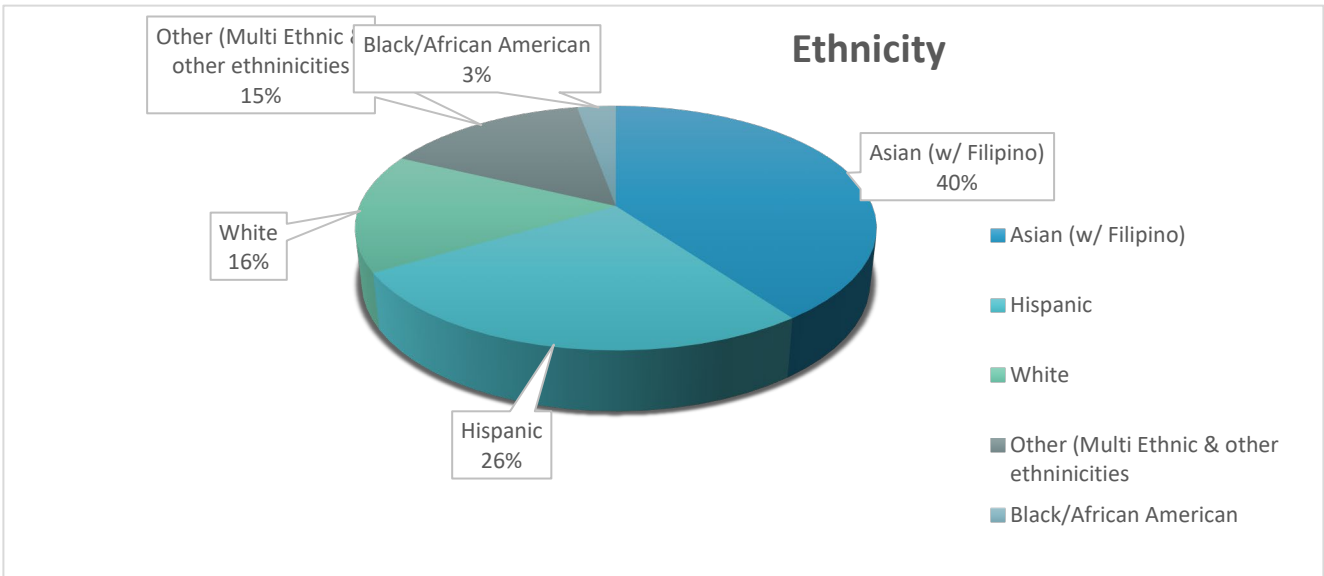
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Self-Determination Program:

As of October 31, 2023, SG/PRC successfully enrolled 140 participants into the Self-Determination Program (SDP). SDP is an alternative funding model to traditional services and became accessible to all regional center clients on July 1, 2021. SG/PRC SDP Team develops and promotes training opportunities to further enhance the implementation of SDP for all individuals served by SG/PRC. Additionally, SDP Team aims to bridge any disparities for underserved communities. Training and support groups are offered in English, Spanish, Chinese, American Sign Language (ASL), and other languages, as needed. Below you will see data on enrolled cases in SDP as of 10/31/2023. Charts below depict data collected by diagnosis, language, and ethnicity.

Diagnosis	Total	Percentage
Autism	87	62%
Intellectual Disability	36	26%
Cerebral Palsy	10	7%
Epilepsy	6	4%
Other	1	1%
Grand Total	140	100%

SDP Enrollees	Total	Percentage
1st year	49	35%
2nd year	58	41%
3rd year	20	14%
4th year	13	9%
Grand Total	140	100%



Below you will see the Table: SG/PRC Fact Sheet of individuals served by diagnosis and ethnicity as of 09/01/2023.

SG/PRC Fact Sheet			
<u>Clients by Diagnosis</u>			
	(Duplicate Count)	<u># of Clients</u>	<u>%</u>
Autism		5,871	45%
Cerebral Palsy		1,385	11%
Epilepsy		1,836	14%
Intellectual Disabilities		7,955	61%
Other Dev. Disabilities		1,140	9%
<u>Clients by Ethnicity</u>			
Asian w/Filipino		2,109	12%
African American		790	5%
Multi-Cultural		1,449	9%
Native American		22	0%
Other & Unknown		538	3%
Polynesian/Pacific Islands		23	0%
Hispanic		9,254	56%
White		2,230	14%

Below you will see the Table: SG/PRC individuals served in SDP by department as of 10/31/2023.

Department	Total	Percentage
Preschool (3 to 6yrs old)	1	1%
Family (6 - 14yrs old)	49	35%
Transition (14 to 25 years old)	36	26%
Adult (25yrs +)	53	39%
Grand Total	140	100%

DDS Meetings and Trainings

SG/PRC SDP-Team attends bi-monthly meetings with DDS for further guidance on DDS directives and to discuss progress in the SDP service delivery model. Meeting with SG/PRC SDP Team, DDS, Frank D. Lanterman, and Inland Regional Center held October 10, 2023. Various topics were reviewed, focused on the progress of General Self-Directed Support vendorization (Service Code - 099) and SANDIS FMS billing updates. SG/PRC successfully vendorized five Independent Facilitators for Self-Directed funding under service code (099). More Independent Facilitators are expected to be vendorized through their respective regional centers and thereafter, courtesy vendorization through SG/PRC. The SDP Team is actively seeking additional applications. Per the DDS directive of June 30, 2023, funding for pre-enrollment services will require a 099 vendorization status. This will be the only option available effective January 1, 2024.

DSP Stipend: Direct Support Professional (DSP) Training Stipend. Beginning September 2023, DSPs may receive up to two \$625 (before taxes) stipends when they complete online training courses approved by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The Training Stipend Program ends June 30, 2024, and all courses must be completed by that date. DSPs, including some frontline supervisors and clinical staff, who meet the following criteria are eligible for the training stipend:

- Work as a paid DSP an average of 10 hours or more per week;
- Perform direct support tasks like skills development, guidance, and personal assistance to regional center consumers as a regular part of their job duties;
- Spend at least 50% of work hours doing direct support tasks; and
- Are employed by a regional center vendor or by a participant in SDP.

Providers may access through the ARCA Learn website.

Additional information: [DSP Training Stipend Program](#)

The SDP Team participates in quarterly SDP Statewide Meetings with ARCA and SDP Leadership Team representatives from all 21 regional centers. This meeting was held on August 9, 2023, to review the further implementation of DDS directives and other topics such as Electronic Visit Verification (EVV), collaborations with the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee, and spending plans. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2023.

Additional Training by the SDP Team

The role of the SDP team is to provide ongoing training and support to SG/PRC staff in navigating through the SDP process.

Training is delivered via 1:1 with budget and spending plan meetings, revising spending plans, training Independent Facilitators on the SG/PRC system, attending meetings to support families in understanding the role of the Independent Facilitator and/or FMS, and attending meetings to support with SDP-IPP.

The team receives daily calls from SG/PRC staff and daily emails via the SDP Workgroup email system requesting support with the SDP process. These calls vary from assisting SC with access to SDP material, training on the SDP process, and/or general information in understanding the SDP process, how to explain the SDP process to the individuals served; and accessing SDP material.

Specialized Services (SPS) Managers also host monthly Manager Collaboration Meetings with SG/PRC Managers to review DDS directives and SDP trends. SPS Managers present SDP updates and promote training opportunities, support groups, and training tools at the monthly Vendor Meetings, Community Meetings, and the Board Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families. Including attendance for the DDS bi-monthly meetings with the DDS SDP Manager and staff.

Through all these meetings and trainings as discussed above, we have collected data about families that are interested in learning more about SDP and potentially enrolling in SDP Caseload. Currently, 79 individuals and families are interested with a diagnosis of Autism, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, and Epilepsy and other Hispanic, White, Asian, Black/African American, and other ethnicities.

Self-Determination Implementation Funds

2021-2022 Self-Determination Program Implementation Funds- Special Projects **\$77,520.00**

Project Name	Provider	Contact Person	Brief Description	Contract Dates	Contract Cost
The Waiting Room	Education Spectrum	Cathy Gott & Julie LaRose	SDP Support Group	7/25/2022 to 3/15/2024	\$20,832.00
Technology for SDP	Parents' Place	Elena Sanchez	Technology assistance to SDP families	7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024	\$39,543.00
FMS Training Series	Aveanna	Olivia Gonzalez	How to be an SDP employer	9/1/2022 to 8/31/2024	\$17,145.00
				TOTAL	\$77,520.00

Training and Support Groups

The SDP team continues to develop training opportunities for our community to enhance the implementation of the Self-Determination Program.

The Waiting Room

SDP Team partnered with Education Spectrum in developing “The Waiting Room” support group. “The Waiting Room” provides a safe place to share, listen, and learn for SDP participants, families, parents/caregivers, and those interested in SDP. These meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Education Spectrum’s concluded their parent support group September 2023. Meetings are scheduled to resume January 2024 per agreement by the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee (LVAC) and SG/PRC.

Members of the group shared their favorite resources:

[The Waiting Room shared SDP resource list](#)

The SDP Training Series: The Financial Management Service (FMS)

SDP Training Series: The Financial Management Service (FMS) training series concluded October 2023. SG/PRC partnered with Aveanna to bring our community a training series to empower participants and those interested in SDP to understand the role of the SDP Financial Management Service (FMS) agency and the participant’s role as the SDP Employer. The training included a 1-hour clinic for additional, to answer questions and/or to receive further clarification. The Training Series: FMS was offered in English, Spanish, Chinese/Mandarin, and other languages such as American Sign Language (ASL).

Technology for SDP

In collaboration with Parents’ Place, the project “Technology for SDP” officially started on July 1, 2023. Parents’ Place began accepting referrals on August 1, 2023. A flyer in English, Spanish, and Mandarin is available to the community. The flyer is currently being translated into Vietnamese, as well. As of September 30, 2023, nine (9) families have been successfully referred to Parent’s Place for this 1:1 technological training. Individuals served and their families may request a referral through their service coordinator.

2022-2023 Self-Determination Program Implementation Funds-Special Projects \$93,152.28
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Project Name	Provider	Contact Person	Brief Description	Contract Dates	Contract Cost	Balance
						\$93,152.28
SDP Training and Coaching Services	Healed Women Heal	Tracy Evanson	Supplemental training for SDP orientation	8/1/2023 to 3/15/2025	\$30,960.00	\$62,192.28
SG/PRC SDP Video Voice Overs	Education Spectrum	Cathy Gott	SDP training video voiceovers	Approved, pending contract	\$30,800.00	\$31,392.28
					Balance	\$31,392.28

SDP Training and Coaching Services

Training will be provided by Healed Women Heal. This training is a supplement to SDP orientation. Many of our families require additional training after attending the SDP orientation. The training will focus on bridging the gap of understanding the SDP enrollment process. Many families complete the orientation and find themselves having more questions about the SDP process. The participants will increase their understanding of SDP which will further empower them to manage their relationships with their Independent Facilitators, the Regional Center, and the financial management services.

SG/PRC SDP Video Voice Overs

The SDP Team continues to collaborate with Cathy Gott of Education Spectrum to begin SDP Training video voiceover translations. Cathy introduced the SDP Team to the video editor. She is in the process of securing certified translators. Translations will be available in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and ASL.

Yvette Espinoza and Marlene Alvarez, Participant Choice Specialists (PCS)

The focus of the PCS is to provide outreach and training for staff and community members. They support SG/PRC staff and individuals served to understand and access Participant-Directed Services and the Self-Determination Program. The Participant Choice Specialists are the central point of contact for staff and the community for support, training, and advocacy for individuals accessing these two programs. They collaborate with multiple departments within the agency including Client Services, Community Services, and Accounting. They also engage with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) by

providing monthly information and attending bi-monthly meetings. As needed, they engage in Person-Centered planning meetings with individuals, families, and independent facilitators. They also participate in the development, review, and certification of individual budgets, review spending plans, and Individual Program Plans.

Case-management Support: The Participant Choice Specialists hold a weekly 1:1 coaching session with staff known as the SDP Clinic, where service coordinators sign up and can ask case-specific questions. The SDP Clinic is held every Tuesday in the afternoons, except the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

They also hold staff group training through the Self-Determination Program (SDP) and Participant Directed Services (PDS) Learning Loft held on the 3rd Thursday of the month to learn about the programs and ask general questions. The PCSs have conducted 10 SDP/PDS Learning Loft trainings on 2/16/2023, 6/15/2023, 7/20/2023, 8/17/2023, and 9/21/2023. A total of 317 case management staff attended.

The Self-Determination team also meets on a weekly basis or as necessary to disseminate information from DDS and discuss ways to streamline the process for all parties. Additionally, managers may invite Participant Choice Specialists to attend their unit meetings for additional training.

PCS, Yvette and Marlene, continue to support SG/PRC staff to transition families to SDP. They attended 6 meetings to provide support and guidance to case management and SDP participants. . They support extends to answering questions about the difference between Participant Directed Services and Self-Determination, the process of the program, development of budgets (unmet needs), accessing generic resources if necessary and reviewing SDP spending plan with SDP definitions.

Community Support: Participant Choice Specialists participate in quarterly Statewide meetings related to the Self-Determination Program. They meet with the rest of the Regional Centers alongside the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA). They also attend and participate in monthly Self-Determination Community meetings such as the SDP Meet and Greet and Local Volunteer Advisory Committee held every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Lastly, they meet with DDS bi-monthly for updates and to share current trends within the Self-Determination Program.

Community Outreach Events:

- October 7, 2023- Strategic Planning Input Session with the Filipino Parent Group at SG/PRC
- October 18, 2023- Enhanced Service Coordination Workshop at SG/PRC
- October 19, 2023 – S. El Monte Resource Fair & Family Friendly Walk
- October 23, 2023 – Strategic Planning Input Session with Korean Parent Group at Good Shepherd Church in West Covina
- October 26, 2023 – Collaboration Meeting with SG/PRC, FMS and Independent Facilitators

Upcoming Events:

- November 8, 2023- Coffee with Director
- November 21, 2023 – Turkey Giveaway

Additional SG/PRC training/presentations:

Yvette Espinoza, Participant Choice Specialist and Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist received certification as SG/PRC's Person-Centered Planning (PCP) Coaches as of June 30, 2023. This meets a performance measure outlined by DDS. The outcome is for all case management staff including managers to be trained in person-centered planning skills. They continue to meet monthly with Helen Sanderson Associates for support in disseminating training to staff. Staff training will consist of video recordings uploaded to eLearning Modules and in-person workshops for practice.

Marlene Alvarez (PCS) conducted in-person training on Participant Directed Services to an Adult Services unit. PCS answered questions on the differences between the programs and shared case scenarios for each option. PCSs continue to provide support to all case management with PCT, PDS and SDP.

The Financial Management Service (FMS) Providers

Individuals served/families may choose the FMS provider of their choice. The SDP team provides a list of providers upon request. Individuals served/families may also visit the DDS website to obtain a list of FMS providers. At SG/PRC, GT Independence has the highest amounts of individuals enrolled in SDP, followed by Ritz. The highest percentage of SDP participants are in the Adult Services Department (25 years +), followed by those in the Family Services Department (5-15 years). The Financial Management Services (FMS) providers report a significant waiting period to enroll SDP participants. FMS providers may have waiting lists that vary between three to six months. The SDP team encourages individuals served/families to contact and interview FMS providers in the early stages of the SDP process.

For additional information on the FMS models, please click below:

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/FMS_Directive_20181221.pdf

For the FMS model comparison chart:

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FMSModelsComparisonChart_04272021.pdf

For the DDS list of FMS providers:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/financial-management-service-contact-list/>

FMS Providers Vendored with SGPRC

Name	FMS Models	Language	Phone	Email
Acumen	Bill payer & Sole-Employer	English, Spanish	(424) 210-8810	yvettet@acument2.net

Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting Referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact Acumen minimum 30 to 60 days prior to start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Aveanna, formerly known as Premier	Bill payer & Sole-Employer	English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin & Trieu Chau	(310) 215-1730	FMSInfo@aveanna.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals starting January 2024.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact Acumen minimum 30 to 60 days prior to start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Cambrian	Bill payer, Sole-Employer & Co-Employer	English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Farsi	(877) 390-4300	Paulq@cfms1.com davide@cfms1.com
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Community Interface Services (CIS)	Bill Payer	English & Spanish	(760) 729-3866	CSheppard@communityinterfaceservices.org
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Essential Pay	Bill Payer	English & Spanish	(833) 268-8530	contact@essentialpay.com
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Referral Process:

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Fact Family	Bill payer, Sole-Employer & Co-Employer	English	(310) 475-9620 ext. 298	FMS@factfamily.org
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FMS Pay LLC	Bill Payer	English & Spanish	(858) 281-5910	connect@fmsspay.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact Acumen minimum 30 to 60 days prior to start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

GT Independence	Bill payer, Sole-Employer & Co-Employer	All languages	(877)659-4500 ext.356	tjones@gtindependence.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact Acumen minimum 30 to 60 days prior to start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Home of Guiding Hands	Bill Payer	English	(619) 938-2853	fms@guidinghands.org
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Servicing San Diego RC only

Mains'l	Bill payer, Sole-Employer & Co-Employer	English & Spanish	(866) 767-4296	JMBergquist@mainsl.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals for February 2024
- ❖ Must complete Mains'ls Meet & Greet orientation scheduled for December 2023 to start process for enrollment beginning 2024.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Ritz Vocational	Bill Payer & Co-Employer	English, Spanish & Mandarin	(833) 748-9888	info@ritzfms.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals for March 2024 with budgets under \$120,000.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact Acumen minimum 30 to 60 days prior to start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA
REGIONAL CENTER**



Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Videoconference Meeting

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Committee Members:

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Jesse Weller
Lucina Galarza
Daniela Santana
Hortencia Tafoya
Rosa Chavez
Erika Gomez

AGENDA		ACTION
6:00 – 6:05	CALL TO ORDER Jaye Dixit, Chairperson	None
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		Info
		Consent
6:05 – 6:10	Public Input	Info
6:10 – 6:40	Special Presentation – Individual & Family Experience & Satisfaction by Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, and Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity	Info
6:40 – 6:45	Future Training Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 24, 2024 – Employment by Linh Lee, Employment Specialist ○ May 22, 2024 – Service Coordinator and Regional Center Operations ○ June 26 - HCBS Final Rule Implementation 	Info
6:45 – 7:00	Updates and Information by SG/PRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Center Services Updates– <i>Daniela Santana & Lucina Galarza</i> • Self Determination Advisory - Meetings & Updates -<i>Daniela Santana, Lucina Galarza, Yaned Busch, Jessi Lagos</i> 	Info

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

February 28, 2024

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Jaye Dixit, Chair
Phillip Loi, Co-Chair
Richard Centeno
Sam Yi
Preeti Subramaniam

ABSENT:

Mary Soldato
Herminio Escalante
Flor Tolley
Jessica Porter (LOA)

GUESTS:

Nada Saleh
Jose Feliciano, SCDD

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director, Community Services
Daniela Santana, Director, Client Services
Hortencia Tafoya, Director, Clinical Services
Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community Services
Lupe Magallanes, Associate Director, Early Childhood Development Services
Yaned Busch, Manager, Specialized Services
Jessie Romero, Manager, Specialized Services
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and the Richard D. Davis Foundation

ITEMS DISCUSSED

CALL TO ORDER

Jaye Dixit, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum was established.

- The minutes from the October 25, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Dixit & Centeno) The minutes from the meeting were approved by the committee.
- The minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting was reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Loi & Yi) The minutes from the meeting were approved by the committee.

- The minutes from the January 24, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.
M/S/C (Dixit & Subramaniam) The minutes from the meeting were approved by the committee.

PUBLIC INPUT - Albert Feliciano, SCDD, promoted the upcoming series by the State Council LA Office, “Overview of Self Determination and Decision Making.”

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Regional Center Early Performance Measures (RCPM) by Guadalupe Magallanes, Associate Director, Early Childhood Development Services.

The following was discussed:

- Six Focus Areas
- Child Find and Identification
- Child Find Plan
- SG/PRC Child Find Plan
- Identification
- Early Start-Timely Access to Services
- SG/PRC Coordination of Early Intervention Services

Future Training Topics:

Staff informed the committee that as part of the Performance Contract, SG/PRC needs to present topics of the Performance Contract, such as Employment. The committee agreed with moving dates around to have the following line up:

- March 27, 2024 – Individual & Family Experience and Satisfaction
- April 24, 2024 – Employment by Linh Lee, Employment Specialist
- May 22, 2024 – Service Coordinator and Regional Center Operations
- June 26 - HCBS Final Rule Implementation

Updates and Information by SG/PRC Staff

- Lucina Galarza, Executive Deputy Director, and Director of Community Services provided the following updates:
 - Staff will hold webinars regarding the Home and Community Base Final Rule. Tri-County Regional Center developed animated videos that talk about the rules in a way that is easy to understand.
- Jessi Romero, Manager of Specialized Services, reported on the following:
 - There are currently 152 individuals enrolled.
 - SG/PRC is collaborating with Healed Women Heal for a 4-weeks series.
 - The SDP Team continues to provide support and training opportunities.

- Staff continue to:
 - ✓ promote The Waiting Room
 - ✓ remind the community of the meet and greet events.
 - ✓ remind the community of the live SDP orientations.

ADJOURN

Chair, Jaye Dixit adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024, via videoconference at 6 P.M.

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

March 7, 2024

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Cris Schlanser, Chairperson
Sharon Ehrig
Brenda Baldeon
Kelly Privitt
Jeanette Cabrera
Jose Meraz
Charmayne Ross
Valerie Donelson

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Tim Travis, Associate Director, Community Services
Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services
Lupe Magallanes, Associate Director, Early Childhood Development Services
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer
Jaime Anabalon, Quality Assurance Specialist
Erika Gomez, Liaison – BOD & RDDF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jay Smith
Ookie Voong
Theresa Jones Zarour
Christina Buth

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Cris Schlanser, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the meeting on February 1, 2024, were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Ross & Ehrig) The committee approved the minutes.

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

ILS and SLS had individuals served that were switched to Molina unexpectedly.

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – (2 Vacancies) Those interested in applying can email egomez@sgprc.org

Adult Day –Jose Meraz shared there was not a subcommittee meeting and will hold one later this month.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program –Charmayne Ross shared the following:

- There might still be an incentive for the first day of service occurring within 31 days of the regional center authorization. SG/PRC has not yet received the directive but once it is received, staff will provide direction.
- The SG/PRC website is now hosting the vendor list under the “Transparency” section.
- LICA had an in-person meeting last month that was well attended. A topic of discussion was what an inclusion setting should look like.

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared the following:

- The fast-food minimum wage is \$25/hour and that makes it difficult to recruit and maintain staff.
- Vita Income will do taxes for free for those that made \$60,000/year or less. This is a great resource for individuals served.
- Rent continues to increase, impacting individuals served. There was a discussion with Lisa Cipres, Housing Specialist, about resources that are coming up.

SLS Services – (1 Vacancy)

Residential Services

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

CCF – Valerie Donelson reminded her peers that they must be HCBS compliant by August 2024. There was discussion among the committee members and staff

about what must be done to be ready.

ICF- Grace Kano, on behalf of Ookie Voong shared the following:

- The ICF Subcommittee meeting was held on February 8, 2024. A topic of discussion was that regional centers are asking for monthly attestations for LAG funding. At the time, providers had not been very successful with getting paid by MCPs yet. There is some progress in getting expiring TARs extended upon request. Other regional centers (not SG/PRC) are taking a long time to process LAG funding.
- There are slight increases on ICF/DD-H rates, (not DD-Ns) as of January 1, 2024. DSN is working to advocate for DD-Ns rate increases. MCPs are following a calendar year. Providers are encouraged to include the expenses and administrative time required to carry out the CalAIM transition and reflect it in their cost reports. Providers would like to be able to track their claims but some programs have added cost/extra charges associated in trying to doing so. The portals can be limited in what is shared and there are discrepancies on eligibility still (between what doctors see and what we see as an ICF).
- There is a possibility for an upcoming meeting with Nancy Bargmann, Director of the California Department of Developmental Services, to talk with ICF providers. More information will be available in the future.

Other Vended Services- Jeanette Cabrera had nothing to report.

At Large- Brenda Baldeon and Kelly Privitt had nothing to report.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Theresa Zarour was not present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- Mr. Weller is working with the IT team to make the staff directory accessible on the SG/PRC website. He would like to find a balance with it being available while avoiding phishing issues.
- Mr. Weller shared he will continue have “Coffee with Jesse” sessions. Anyone who would like to host him can reach out to his assistant, Willanette Satchell.
- The Strategic Plan has been completed. Staff is collaborating with a graphic designer on the design elements. He reviewed the updated SG/PRC Vision,

- Mission and Values. Staff are working on a communication strategy.
- ARCA and the California Living Network are advocating on the rate issue delay.
 - Mr. Weller reviewed the Grassroots Day materials. SG/PRC will send a delegation to Sacramento for this event in April. The delegation will include representatives from the VAC.
 - Gavin Newsom, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim March 2024, as “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.”
 - There has been an increased amount of make-up authorizations cancelations and it is creating a workload issue. Make-up sessions are important as every moment counts. He would like make-up authorizations to be honored within the 30 day period. He would like to start implementing this effective May 1, 2024. There will be more conversations about this matter.

SG/PRC UPDATES

Lucina Galarza, Executive Deputy Director, and Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community Services, reported on the following:

- New Process for Review of Vendor Insurance
- Rate Implementation
- HCBS Formal Monitoring of Final Rule
- HCBS Trainings
- Remote Services
- Requests for Proposals
- Minimum Wage Increase 2024
- Payment Assistance for ICF’s during transition to Manage Care
- Self-Directed Supports (099)
- Coordinated Family Supports (CFS) (076)
- CFS Implementation Incentive Program
- DSP Training Stipend Program
- Quality Incentive Payments – Employment Access and Capacity

The referral report was not presented. The committee decided to have as part of the Residential Subcommittees if the members would like. It will no longer be on the agenda unless it’s requested.

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer, presented the draft flyer for the upcoming Vendor Job Fair.

M/S/C (Privitt & Ross) The committee approved the Vendor Job Fair flyer.

PUBLIC INPUT

Grace Kano shared that the Richard D. Davis Foundation is recruiting for more representation from parents and individuals served. For more information, please

contact Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and the Richard D. Davis Foundation.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

March 13, 2024

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

MEMBERS:

Bruce Cruickshank, Chairperson
Julie Chetney, Director
Trish Gonzales, Director
Natalie Webber, Member
Gisele Ragusa, Member

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Executive Deputy Director
Yvonne Gratianna, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Erika Gomez, Liaison – BOD & RDDF
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant,
Communications
Willanette Stewart Satchell, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Stewart, Director

GUESTS:

Michelle Wild
Veila, Link

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

**THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT
THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:** None.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- A) **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairperson, Bruce Cruickshank, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established.
- B) **AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVAL**
- The agenda was reviewed.
 - The minutes from the February 14, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Chetney / Gonzales) The committee approved the minutes.
- C) **PUBLIC INPUT**
None

D) STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATES:

Executive Director, Jesse Weller, provided the following updates:

- New SG/PRC Vision, Mission and Values Statement – He reviewed the approved Vision, Mission and Values Statement. He assured the committee that what SG/PRC does as an agency moving forward will align with the Vision, Mission and Values Statement. The committee held a discussion of opportunities to get the message out to the community and staff.
- Strategic Plan Design Templates - Mr. Weller and Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer, have been working with a graphic designer and she provided models for the committee to review and provide input. Ms. Gratianne presented the models, section by section, and the committee provided their input. The committee decided on a model and asked for some edits. The input will be shared with the graphic designer.
- Project Management Software Update – Per the recommendation of Michelle Ware, Consultant, to use a project management software, staff are looking into “Monday.com,” is a cloud-based project and work management platform geared towards planning and managing projects and tracking day-to-day workplace activities, tasks, and duties.
- Mr. Weller will meet with staff on March 25, 2024 to assign roles and responsibilities to the leadership team and gauge what types of supports will be needed.

E) BOARD COMPOSITION

- The committee was provided with information of the terms for Board members.
- Ms. Gratianne presented the updated Board recruitment flyer. The committee made minor changes and approved it.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned.

The next Strategic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024.

For materials shared at meetings, please go to www.sgprc.org, click on the calendar and look for an event by date. There you will find a link to the materials for each meeting.



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