

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

March 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

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

ABSENT:

Mary Soldato
Herminio Escalante
Jessica Porter (LOA)

GUESTS:

Nada Saleh
Wendy Lai

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Hortencia Tafoya, Director, Clinical Services
Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community Services
Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and Equity
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 6:02 pm. A quorum was established.

- The minutes from the February 28, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (Subramaniam & Loi) The minutes from the meeting were approved by the committee.

PUBLIC INPUT - None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Individual & Family Experience & Satisfaction by Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and Equity

The following was discussed:

- Background
- Methods
- Listening sessions methods
- Survey methods
- Listening sessions results
- Key findings
- Survey results
- Overall sample survey key takeaways
- Bridging voices recommendations
- Recommendations
- Moving forward

Future Training Topics:

- 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, Deputy Executive Director, and Director of Community Services provided the following updates:
 - Staff must complete 300 visits by the end of July to ensure implementation of HCBS. Programs are being developed with HCBS partners for individuals served, their families and service providers.
 - In October 2022, the State Budget Trailer Bill for developmental services required DDS to establish an employment pilot program. DDS developed Coordinated Career Pathways (CPP) as a new employment service option. CPP is designed for individuals who are exiting or have recently exited work activity programs or other sub minimum wage settings or within two years of exiting secondary education to explore and achieve inclusive options including but not limited to paid internship, CIE, self-employment, microenterprises, and postsecondary education.
 - The city of Azusa is creating a committee to develop a strategic plan for aging population and individuals with disabilities.
- Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and Equity, reported on the following regarding Self Determination:
 - There are currently 158 individuals enrolled.
 - The SDP Team

- ✓ develops and promotes training opportunities to further enhance the implementation of SDP for all individuals served by SG/PRC
- ✓ aims to bridge any disparities for underserved communities.
- ✓ offers training and support groups in English, Spanish, Chinese, American Sign Language (ASL), and other languages, as needed.
- ✓ continues to collaborate with the Local Voluntary Advisory Committee (LVAC) to develop training opportunities and support groups to further enhance the implementation of SDP.
- Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported on the following:
 - SG/PRC is hosting its Annual Dance for Individuals Served: A Night in “Hollywood” Spring Dance on Friday April 12, 2024, from 4pm-7pm, coordinated by the intern program with Azusa Pacific University. The event is for individuals served 18+ years and older.
 - SG/PRC is hosting its 3rd Annual Sirens of Silence Event on April 13, 2024, from 9am-12pm where individuals served, and their families will get the opportunity to meet with first responders.
 - Tricia Vannucci, Associate Director of Adult and Residential Services, is going to retire on April 18, 2024. Mr. Weller shared about Tricia’s history with SG/PRC and expressed gratitude for her years of service. Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, will work on a plan to ensure a smooth transition for Tricia’s respective division.
 - SG/PRC in collaboration with Autism Highway Chalk Festival, the city of Pomona and the Richard D. Davis Foundation, will hold a fun festival that will feature artists, music, and spontaneous performances on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10:00am-4:00pm to attend at Ganesha Park in Pomona.
 - The Strategic Plan was approved at the last Board meeting. Staff are working with a graphic designer on the design elements. The Strategic Development Committee will be responsible for housing the plan. Mr. Weller will work with staff on a communications strategy, which will include updating materials as well as translating the Strategic Plan. Software that will aid with the implementation of the Strategic Plan will be utilized and the plan will be posted to the SG/PRC website.

ADJOURN

Chair, Jaye Dixit adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024, via videoconference at 6 P.M.