

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

April 4, 2024

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Cris Schlanser, Chairperson
Brenda Baldeon
Kelly Privitt
Jeanette Cabrera
Jose Meraz
Charmayne Ross
Valerie Donelson
Jay Smith
Ookie Voong
Theresa Jones Zarour
Christina Buth

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:

Sharon Ehrig

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Cris Schlanser, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the meeting on March 7, 2024, were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Ross & Privitt) The Vendor Advisory committee approved the minutes.

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

None were reported.

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

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

Adult Day –Jose Meraz shared there will be a subcommittee meeting on April 17, 2024.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program –Charmayne Ross shared that DDS is working on an incentive for Service Provides who allow for their information to be posted on their website as part of their provider directory. She also shared that she will term off on the last day of June and encouraged her peers to apply for her current role in the committee.

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour continues to work with legislators to voice her concerns. She will attend a meeting this month in Sacramento to explain the costs of running a transportation business.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig was not present.

SLS Services – (1 Vacancy)

Residential Services

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

CCF – Jay Smith reported there was a subcommittee meeting earlier this week. The common themes during the meeting were:

- HCBS and QA visits. There are anxieties about meeting the expectations. Staff confirmed that the visits will be done by SG/PRC staff and will not be outsourced.
- The Department of Labor has been making unannounced visits to recently.
 - The subcommittee agreed they would like a deeper dive of the Referral report during their meetings as there are time constraints at the VAC meeting that do not always allow for the report to be

reviewed.

- Some service providers are experiencing difficulties in receiving payments on time. Staff asked that they reach out to speak about it further.

ICF- Ookie Voong shared that the ICF Subcommittee meeting was held on March 14, 2024. Providers continued to share concerns about inconsistencies in billing codes and payments across all MCPs. Many providers are still not paid by MCPs and are having issues with setting up and accessing the claims portals. There could be delays in gaining full access to portals to track claims and/or troubleshoot errors, when providers are not fully contracted. There are still discrepancies in enrollment as some individuals are being reassigned MCPs. Providers are encouraged to reach out to MCP LTSS liaisons. Providers are grateful for LAG funding as that has allowed them to carry on with their businesses. The next monthly ICF subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2024 at 2pm.

Other Vendored Services- Jeanette Cabrera had nothing to report.

At Large- Brenda Baldeon shared she is terming off and Kelly Privitt had nothing to report.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Currently recruiting for the following for FY 24/25 (effective July 1, 2024):

- Vocational
- SLS
- Infant and Children
- At Large
- Day Program (2)
- Other

To apply, please email egomez@sgprc.org

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kelly Privitt spoke about different ways for service providers to engage with legislators and how to go about teaching individuals served and their families too. She spoke about having a rally to advocate for the uninterrupted implementation of disability service provider rate increase. Executive Director, Jesse Weller, expressed his support for the rally. There will be a subcommittee to discuss further. Theresa Zarour will attend the upcoming meeting for Individuals Served and Their Families to talk about it during the “public input” portion of the meeting and Susan Stroebel will attend the Community Relations/Legislative Committee meeting to do so as well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- There is going to be a Zoom presentation for service providers on mental health in the next couple of months.
- Subcommittee No 3 Senate Hearing Debrief – The hearing was well attended and great support was demonstrated.
- Masterplan of Developmental Services - The Stakeholder Committee Meetings have been scheduled for April and May. He shared the schedule and encouraged participation.
- There has been an increase of make-up authorizations cancelations, and it has created 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. This change will be implemented effective May 1, 2024.
- Tricia Vannucci, Associate Director of Adult and Residential Services, is going to retire on April 18, 2024. Mr. Weller shared 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.
- Yvonne Gratianne, Communications and Public Engagement Officer, led the delegation representing SG/PRC in Sacramento for Grassroots Day and spoke about the experience. VAC member, Kelly Privitt, as well as Olaf Luevano, former VAC member, formed part of the delegation that represented SG/PRC. Both shared their experience. An individual served, who was part of the delegation, took a picture with Senator Rubio and that picture will be in the Strategic Plan.
- The Vendor Job Fair, scheduled for May 3, 2024, has reached capacity. Additional service providers who would still like to register may be accommodated outside. The job fair will be held at SG/PRC.

SG/PRC UPDATES

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

- Provider Directory
- Coordinated Career Pathways
- New Process for Review of Vendor Insurance
- Rate Implementation
- HCBS Formal Monitoring of Final Rule
- HCBS Trainings
- Requests for Proposals
- Minimum Wage Increase 2024

- Payment Assistance for ICF's during transition to Manage Care
- SDP – SDP Acceptance Flag
- SDP Training Stipend Program
- Quality Incentive Payments – Employment Access and Capacity

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on May 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.