



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

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

September 25, 2024

ATTENDANCE

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

PRESENT:

Julie Chetney
Karen Zarsadias - Ige
Trish Gonzales
Joseph Huang
Richard Centeno
Phillip Loi
Sam Yi
Bruce Cruickshank
Paula Rodarte
Cris Schlanser
Preeti Subramaniam

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
Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications
Willanette Stewart/Satchell, Executive Assistant

ABSENT:

Bill Stewart
Jaye Dixit
Tina Wright

GUESTS:

Andrew McElhinney, DDS
Nada Saleh
Ali Dorri
Graciela Marquez

INTERPRETERS:

Spanish - Sonia and Eduardo
Mandarin - Charlene and Ken
Korean - Sally and Kaytlin
Vietnamese - Donald and Thien
Ai Choi
ASL - Issac and Natalie

- Julie Chetney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.
- The agenda for today’s meeting was reviewed and the following item was added: Review of E-3 Contract.
*(M/S/C Loi & Gonzales) The Board approved the agenda as amended.
Abstain: Schlanser*

A. 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. Lastly, he thanked Jessie Romero, Manager, Specialized Services- Special Projects, for her assistance.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items were enacted by one motion and vote.

- Review of minutes of the August 28, 2024
- Review of Regional Center Contract A-1 by Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
- Review of Contracts by Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services
 1. Ubuntu Psychological Services
 2. Clarity Psychological Corporation
- Review of Contracts by Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community Services
 1. Vocational Innovations – Transportation
 2. OPARC – Transportation as additional component
 3. HASU – Residential
 4. ESSC- Kirkwood – Residential
 5. ESSC- Prospero – Residential

(M/S/C Zarsadiaz-Ige & Loi) The Board approved all the items on the consent agenda.

Abstain: Schlanser

C. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, Chairperson, shared that the committee reviewed statewide and local legislative updates as well as the community outreach report. Mr. Weller

provided updates on the Masterplan and his involvement in Workgroup 1.

D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES

Preeti Subramaniam shared that the committee heard from Joshua Trevino, Manager of Behavioral Services, about the Behavioral Services and Community Supports Division.

E. VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

Cris Schlanser, Chairperson, shared the following: Vendors continue to have questions about some of the insurance requirements; Mr. Weller and staff are actively working on getting those issues resolved. The Residential Subcommittee will meet with Residential Managers and the Placement Coordinator monthly. There was discussion at the last VAC meeting about collaborating with the Community Services Department to create a document that would help new vendors understand the VAC and its role. Lastly, the committee is almost full.

F. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Cruickshank, Chairperson, reported that the committee discussed the evolution of the Strategic Plan. The committee also interviewed a committee member for Board membership, and they will recommend them to the Board at the October meeting.

G. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Julie Chetney, Board President, reported the following updates:

- ARCA hosted the ARCA Academy on September 6-7, 2024. Members of this Board attended. The key takeaway was to remember the role of Board members and maintain an “eyes in but hands out” approach regarding the operations of the regional centers.
- There was a discussion initiated by Sam Yi, about the lack of representation of individuals served on the ARCA Board. Mrs. Chetney and Mr. Weller will take the concern to the ARCA.

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, discussed the following from his Executive Director: (for the complete, detailed Director’s Report, please see the meeting materials folder located in the SG/PRC website)

- Master Plan – Dates of open meetings are as follows:
 - October 9, 2024, in San Diego (virtual option)

- November 6, 2024, Online Only
- December 11, 2024, Sacramento (virtual option)
- January 8, 2025, Los Angeles (virtual option)
- February 12, 2025, Bay Area (virtual option)
- March 12, 2025, Sacramento (virtual option)
- Pete Cervinka became Acting Director of the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on September 9, 2024.
- Michi Gates has been appointed as the Chief Deputy Director for Program Services of the DDS.
- DDS Comprehensive Dashboard – Has gone live on DDS Website.
- New IPP Template and “Your Plan” Guide - In 2025, all 21 regional centers will start using a new format for Individual Program Plans (IPPs). The new “Your Plan” guide explains the new format and describes what a person-centered IPP is.
- DDS Provider Directory - The Provider Directory is an online portal that will be used to input, store, and view information about service providers statewide.
- Assembly Bill 1147 - has become reactivated and is in print. Highlight: Apply the Public Records Act to regional centers effective January 1, 2026.
- DDS Social Recreation Services, Camping, & Non-Medical Therapies - Updates to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4688.22: Social Recreation Services, Camping Services and Nonmedical Therapies.
- Senate Bill 1281 – Self Determination Program - Advancing Equity and Access to the Self Determination Program Act
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week - Direct Support Professionals support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities every day to live the lives of their choosing. Governor Newsom recognized September 8th through 14th as Direct Support.
- September is Deaf Awareness Month
- Professional Recognition Week in 2024
- New Parent/Family Member Orientation at SG/PRC (Pilot) - SG/PRC is pleased to announce the launch of a new parent/family member orientation on Saturday September 28, 2024, from 10:00AM-Noon.
- Community Coffee with Jesse - Next Event: October 22, 2024, at 12:30 PM
Location: The Roland Center Adult Day Program
- SG/PRC Staffing Statistics – As of August 31, 2024, SG/PRC has 530.5 authorized positions. This total number includes 514.5 full-time equivalent employees (522 Headcount) and 16 vacancies.
- SG/PRC Individual Served Statistics – As of August 31, 2024, SG/PRC served 17,328 individuals.

- SG/PRC Self Determination Program Statistics– As of Aug 31, 2024, SG/PRC enrolled 202 participants in the Self-Determination Program.

I. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 MEETING

Submitted by:

Patricia Gonzales, Board Secretary

Date