

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

July 3, 2025

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson
Sharon Ehrig
Valerie Donelson
Jay Smith
Ookie Voong
Beba Saba
Johnnie Martinez
Janee Blackburn
Theresa Jones Zarour
Jaime Currie
Jesse Silva
Christina Buth

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Jaime Anabalón, Quality Assurance Specialist
Lisa Cipres, Housing Specialist
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Elba Moreno, Assistant Communications
Department

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the meeting on June 5, 2025, were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (Buth & Donelson) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved the minutes.

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

None

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – (2 Vacancies)

Adult Day – Christina Buth reported that Josie Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist, attended the subcommittee meeting to go over the details of the upcoming Artisan Fair, which will take place on September 30, 2025. A representative from Alls Well will present at the next committee meeting, to answer any questions on the process to participate in the Internship Program on July 31, 2025.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – (1 Vacancy)

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour shared the DDS update stating that all service providers were required to sign the Service Acknowledgement Form by May 30, 2025. Non-compliant vendors may face termination under Title 17 and as of June 30, 2025, noncompliant providers cannot bill for services until the Service Acknowledgement Form is submitted. The TMR rate expired on June 30, 2025, and an extension is not being considered, as July 1, 2025, TMR authorizations must revert to traditional mileage rates.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared that an area of concern is regarding specific areas in L.A. County that the governor approved to have a different minimum wage than others, that was effective in July; that range is from \$17.20-\$19.80 an hour. The protocol to process 101s and their authorizations was also discussed; it has caused several vendors difficulty when individuals' rents are due and the funding has not been received.

SLS Services – Jesse Silva reported that individuals served do not feel comfortable in the community, given the recent climate. Vendors wonder if the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center has a plan for a remote service delivery to assist with the situation. A couple of the resources that were shared were Project Food Box, which is a meal delivery service covered by insurance, that delivers four to five pounds of fruits and vegetables. Another resource is Provider Burnout, which

is also covered by insurances, is a respite type of care program.

Residential Services

Specialized – Janee Blackburn shared that several individuals served currently fear going out into the community due to the current times. Vendors are trying to come up with creative solutions on ways to get out and do community integration while reducing their stress level.

CCF – Valerie Donelson had nothing to report.

ICF- Ookie Voong, vendors are still experiencing issues with managed care plans dropping some individuals' IPA in the beginning of the year delaying health care services. DDS just issued an update that they are extending LAG funding through December 31, 2025, for any services provided after July 1st. There is not a new data criteria tied to that funding; there's an attestation form for providers to report and detail any issues they're experiencing in terms of delay of payment from the managed care plans.

Other Vendored Services- Beba Saba shared that she will be discussing the following topics at the next subcommittee meeting: SB 138, Intake Eligibility Tool, the new IPP Template, the Provider Directory and Social Recreation.

At Large- Jaime Currie mentioned that one of the questions that came up during the subcommittee meeting was the need to clarify the difference between the At Large subcommittee and the Other Vendor Services. Immigration concerns were discussed; several families are afraid to drive their children to therapy. Providers would like updates in terms of the federal versus the state issues. SDP providers have expressed that they have difficulty billing SDP services appropriately and how to handle H.R. and workers compensation issues. The subcommittee is working on strategies to get more participation from service providers at the monthly meetings as well.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Currently recruiting for the following for FY 25/26:

- Vocational (2)
- Infant Development Program (1)

To apply, please email elba.moreno@sgprc.org or egomez@sgprc.org

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jamie Currie shared that she will start providing a list of resources.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, spoke the following:

- Staff Guidance: Immigration Support – Mr. Weller provided SG/PRC staff with guidance when communicating with families and individuals regarding actions taken by the Federal Administration allowing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to share private Medicaid beneficiary info with the Department of Homeland Security.
- Federal Bill – There was a lengthy discussion about the passing of Federal Bill. Service providers expressed concerns with the potential impact it will have on individuals served and services. Jesse assured them that he will provide more guidance and support as needed.

SG/PRC UPDATES

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director:

- Multi-Family Housing Project in Pomona
- DSP Collaborative – LA County
- Statewide Provider Directory
- Final Implementation of the Rate Reform
- Remote Services
- Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Update
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule
- HCBS Trainings
- Future HCBS Projects
- Payment Assistance for ICFs during transition to Managed Care

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on August 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.