

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

September 4, 2025

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson
Sharon Ehrig
Valerie Donelson
Jay Smith
Johnnie Martinez
Janee Blackburn
Jaime Currie
Christina Buth
Beba Saba
Theresa Jones Zarour
Jazmine Ulibarri
Christopher Trevilla

STAFF:

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

GUEST:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jesse Silva
Ookie Voong

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the meeting on August 7, 2025, were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Donelson & Saba) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved the minutes.

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Early Intervention providers shared a letter that will be presented to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) which highlights their urgent concerns with California's current rate reform for regional centers.

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – (1 Vacancy) Christopher Trevilla spoke on the following the upcoming Survey about Needs and Challenges facing Dual funding model for VR/CIE service providers. He also spoke about the need for a strategic workgroup to discuss upcoming work requirements for Medicaid/MediCal recipients. Lastly, he announced the upcoming Fall 2025 CSAVR Conference in San Diego.

Adult Day – Johnnie Martinez shared that on August 27th they had a very successful softball league tournament with about 500 people in attendance and 120 participants. The Artisan Fair will take place on September 30, 2025, at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center where individuals served will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and creativity.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Jazmine Ulibarri nothing to report.

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour is preparing to meet with legislators in Sacramento to advocate.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared that the Cal fresh online application is going to sunset at the end of September, and EBT cards are being updated with chips to prevent fraud.

SLS Services – Jesse Silva was not present.

Residential Services

Specialized – Janee Blackburn nothing to report.

CCF – Jay Smith the Residential subcommittee did not meet; the following topics will be on the table for the next meeting are to go over and streamline the vacancy report and QIP payments.

ICF- Ookie Voong was not present.

Other Vended Services- Beba Saba nothing to report.

At Large- Jaime Currie clarified that the At Large subcommittee covers person centered issues, self-determination, social skills, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy. During the subcommittee meeting the concern was shared with incorrect or contradictory information given to families expressing interest in the Self-Determination Program.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Currently recruiting for the following for FY 25/26:

- Vocational (1)

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jamie Currie met with ARCA and their team. The big focus was the HR1 bill, resources were shared and concerns about changes that are coming down the pipeline in 2026 with changes to Medicaid that will impact families that have higher incomes or larger assets impacting some of their IHSS services. The ARCA link to register for The Voter Voice Campaign was shared, it's a way that the association over the 21 Regional Centers is trying to get people to stay connected more directly on issues that are important to regional centers and the communities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, informed the committee that the Monthly Meeting with Vendors, which is held on the third Monday of every month, will be sunsetting. The September meeting will be the final meeting; all vendors are encouraged to join the monthly VAC to stay connected with important updates.

SG/PRC UPDATES

Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison shared that the next TAC meeting Via Zoom: Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 5 to 6 PM w/ CalABLE: California's savings plan for people with disabilities without affecting eligibility for public benefits, Presented by Maria Sandoval, CalABLE Outreach Specialist w/ the California ABLE Act Board.

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director:

- In person vendor training 10/08/25
- DSP Collaborative LA County
- Community Needs Survey 2025-2026
- Statewide Provider Directory
- Rate Reform Implementation
- New Hold Harmless Policy Training
- American Sign Language Training Support
- Remote Services
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) Internship Program
- Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Update
- Updated guidelines for Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive (CIE) payments
- 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 October 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.