

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

**March 5, 2026**

The following committee members attended said meeting:

**PRESENT:**

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson  
Jay Smith  
Sharon Ehrig  
Valerie Donelson  
Johnnie Martinez  
Christina Buth  
Janee Blackburn  
Christopher Trevilla  
Ookie Voong  
Mario Escobedo  
Jazmine Ulibarri

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Beba Saba  
Jaime Currie  
Theresa Jones Zarour  
Jazmyne Robinson(LOA)

**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:**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

None

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

The minutes of the meeting on February 5, 2026, were reviewed and approved.  
**M/S/C (Ehrig & Buth) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved the minutes.**

The Vendor Advisory Committee unanimously approved to change the meeting start time to 9:30 am.

**M/S/C (Ehrig & Donelson) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved the meeting time.**

**B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS**

A lot of vendors are having issues with authorizations.

**Adult Programs**

*Vocational* – Christopher Trevilla shared that National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities is compiling and encouraging providers across the 50 states to have individuals, shareholders, providers, service agencies, state agencies, submit photos of the individuals and their community living for their National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month campaign. Also, the Department of Rehabilitation launches online wage/benefits coordination training resource. Detailed notes can be found in meeting materials.

*Adult Day* – Christina Buth shared that the Abilities Expo will take place March 27-29 at the Long Beach Convention Center. Mainstream is hosting a fishing trip on March 12, 2026. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2026.

**Infant & Children Services**

*Infant Development Program* – Jazmine Ulibarri shared that in the February subcommittee meeting she reviewed the DDS letter in response to the new rate reform letter, the next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2026, at 9:30 AM.

**Transportation**

Theresa Jones Zarour was not present.

**Independent Living Services**

*ILS* – Sharon Ehrig shared that starting in June 2026 benefit recipients will have to either work 20 hours a week or volunteer 85 hours per month to continue to receive benefits. Cal Works program through the DPSS called IPS, Individual Placement Support. They provide a career coach, to help write resumes, and help apply for jobs within the community. As well that through National CORE, and San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center the application process is open for the lottery of the Prisma affordable housing project.

*SLS Services* – Mario Escobedo reminded providers to register with Sandata to

ensure that they meet the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirement to get the full rate of the QIP. They shared examples of what's worked and what's not worked so far for providers who have been using EVV already.

### **Residential Services**

*Specialized* – Janee Blackburn had nothing to report.

*CCF* – Jay Smith shared that the DSP Collaborative Job Fair was taking place at the First Church of Nazarene in Pasadena from 11 am-2pm.

*ICF*- Ookie Voong shared that the ICF subcommittee has joined the CCF and Specialized subcommittee meeting. Ms. Voong shared that San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center is hosting a training on March 11th at 10 AM. on the new SIR regulations that will be effective, May 1st of 2026. New All Facilities letter 26-08 on the new training requirements for CNA's regarding Alzheimer's and dementia conditions. All Facilities letter 25-38 on getting site consents done every 6 months not just annually. Also reminded ICF providers that they are encouraged to share the issues they are experiencing with billing or payment with managed care plans with Dara Mikesell, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, Chief Financial Officer, so she may continue to escalate them to Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2026.

**Other Vendored Services**- Beba Saba was not present.

**At Large**- Jaime Currie was not present.

### **RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

Currently not recruiting for FY 24/25:

To apply, please email [elba.moreno@sgprc.org](mailto:elba.moreno@sgprc.org) or [egomez@sgprc.org](mailto:egomez@sgprc.org)

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Jamie Currie was not present.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, shared that the Irwindale office will open in March, the date will be announced soon.

### **SG/PRC UPDATES**

Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison made the following announcement:

- The next advocacy connection meeting via Zoom will be held on Thursday, March 26th, 2026, from 5 to 6 PM with the topic of “Self-advocacy and Leadership Skills” presented by Elisa Herzog, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center Advocacy Liaison and co-presenter Desiree Boykin, Consumer Advocate from South Central Los Angeles regional Center

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director:

- SG/PRC Multi-Family housing opportunity: Prisma Artist Lofts
- Roommate Training
- DDS QIP – Provider Eligibility to Earn Quality Incentive Rate for FY 2026-27
- DSP Collaborative LA County
  - DSP Collaborative Job Fair
- Standardized Vendorization
- Statewide Provider Directory
- Training on Electronic Visit Verification
- Rate Reform
- Shared (Courtesy/user) service providers
- New Hold Harmless Policy Training
- Transportation Agencies-875
- Swimming/Drowning Prevention
- American Sign Language Training Support
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) Internship Program
- Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule
- Future HCBS Projects
- Payment Assistance for ICFs during transition to Managed Care
- SG/PRC new Staff Orientation Tours & Site Visits
- Special Incident Reporting Regulation Updates

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The next regular meeting will be held on April 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.