

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

April 2, 2026

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson

Jay Smith (Late)

Sharon Ehrig

Valerie Donelson

Christina Buth

Janee Blackburn

Christopher Trevilla

Ookie Voong

Jazmine Ulibarri

Beba Saba

Jaime Currie (Late)

Theresa Jones Zarour (Late)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jazmyne Robinson (LOA)

Johnnie Martinez

Mario Escobedo

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director

Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services

Jaime Anabalon, Quality Assurance Specialist

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer

Elba Moreno, Assistant Communications
Department

GUEST:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

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 March 5, 2026, were reviewed and amended the following sentence under the ICF Subcommittee report “All Facilities letter 25-38 on getting *psych consents done”

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

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

None

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – Christopher Trevilla shared that the Pomona Career and Job Expo is taking place April 10th at the LA County Fairgrounds. The Brea Career fair will be on April 21st at the Brea Mall, organized by the OC Workforce Solutions Center, and the Anaheim workforce Connections, Job Fair, coming up on April 16th at the Anaheim Marketplace that's organized by North Orange County ROP. Lastly, APSE the Association of People Supporting Employment will have their national conference in Dallas, Texas from June 8th through the 11th, 2026. Detailed notes can be found in meeting materials.

Adult Day – Christina Buth shared that the subcommittee met on March 19th and they discussed the DDS rate reform capacity survey. The subcommittee decided to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10am to 12pm, a calendar of the schedule was provided to schedule the eblasts. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026, at 10 A.M.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Jazmine Ulibarri shared that the subcommittee is still waiting on news from DDS and are still gathering names to submit another letter in response to the new rate reform concerns, the next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026, at 9:30 AM.

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour shared that the new transportation rate structure developed through Burns and Associates, and DDS has officially gone into effect. Ms. Zarour stated that the subcommittee identified the need for a dedicated liaison between vendors and DDS, a brief was held with staff on the topic. The subcommittee will hold their meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. and would like to if possible, meet in person every other month at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared that the ILS and SLS subcommittees met together; many new vendors are unclear about Sandata, the onboarding process, and the provider directory. Other vendors shared some of the programs that they work with other than Sandata, they talked about the differences and what kinds of things that they could add to those systems. Also, high rent is a concern and with Section 8 being closed it's helpful to reach out to cities to learn if there are any type of

assistance programs for low income. She also shared that the California Community Living Network is going to have their conference from April 16th through the 18th, and at Dana Point in Mission Bay. VITA program, a resource that provides free tax services for individuals that make \$64,000 a year or less, the number for LA County (800) 906-9887. Lastly, she reminded vendors 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, individuals on SSI might be exempt.

SLS Services – Mario Escobedo was not present.

Residential Services

Specialized – Jane Blackburn shared that during the Residential Subcommittee vendors discussed the possibility of visiting the regional center to share with service coordinators. As well as the referrals and doing their due diligence with not just reading what is presented in the referral packet, but going out and meeting the individual, and getting more information.

CCF – Valerie Donelson had nothing to report.

ICF- Ookie Voong shared that vendors are awaiting a response from Department of Developmental Services (DDS) regarding the issues ICF providers are experiencing with billing or payment with managed care plans. Also reminded providers that they are encouraged to share with Dara Mikesell, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, Chief Financial Officer, so she may continue to escalate them to Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Other Vended Services- Beba Saba rate reform, SIR trainings and quality assurance trainings, they also highlighted the importance of the POS meetings and understanding the demographics, and where gaps are. The subcommittee also shared that the DSP Workforce Event was well attended and a success. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026.

At Large- Jaime Currie was not present.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The following applicant was interviewed and recommended to the VAC for membership for FY 26/27:

- Baldo Pasetta for Transportation

M/S/C (Trevilla & Buth) The Vendor Advisory committee approved

Currently not recruiting for FY 25/26:

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jamie Currie was not present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, shared the following:

- Irwindale office will open in April; Grand Opening will take place in May.
- San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center's 40th Anniversary is also this April.
- Coffee with Jesse, if vendors are interested in hosting Jesse reach out to him via email.
- State of the budget; on May 14th the May revision must be released.
- ARCA is sponsoring the California Policy Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 2026 Workforce Summit in Sacramento on May 27th and 28th.
- Assembly Bill 2324 sponsored by Jeff Gonzalez focused on Youth Caregivers Career Pathway Programs
- POS and authorization delays were previously between 4 to 6 weeks now they are 3 to 4 weeks; new staff will be hired to continue making progress.
- Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center Staff Directory can now be found on the SG/PRC website.

SG/PRC UPDATES

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
- Quality Incentive Program – New Service Providers
- DSP Collaborative LA County
- Standardized Vendorization
- Statewide Provider Directory
- Training on Electronic Visit Verification
- Rate Reform
- Shared (Courtesy/user) service providers
- Transportation Agencies-875
- Swimming/Drowning Prevention
- American Sign Language Training Support
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) Internship Program
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) University
- Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule
- Future HCBS Projects

- SG/PRC New Staff Orientation Tours & Site Visits

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on May 7, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.