

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

June 4, 2026

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson
Jay Smith
Valerie Donelson
Christina Buth
Janee Blackburn
Christopher Trevilla
Ookie Voong
Jazmine Ulibarri
Beba Saba
Jaime Currie
Johnnie Martinez
Mario Escobedo
MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sharon Ehrig
Theresa Jones Zarour
Jazmyne Robinson

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:

Genesis Sebastian, Public Information Specialist

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the meeting on May 7, 2026, were reviewed and approved.

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

B. TERM ELECTIONS

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson, made the following recommendations, on behalf of the committee:

- Johnnie Martinez for a second term as VAC member
- Jaime Currie for a second term as VAC member
- Beba Saba for a second term as VAC member
- Janee Blackburn for a second term as VAC member

M/S/C (Buth & Martinez) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved a second term for Mr. Martinez, Ms. Currie, Ms. Saba & Ms. Blackburn on the committee.

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson, made the following recommendations, on behalf of the committee:

- Valerie Donelson for a final term as VAC member
- Sharon Ehrig for a final term as VAC member
- Ookie Voong for a final term as VAC member

M/S/C (Blackburn & Buth) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved a final term for Ms. Donelson, Ms. Ehrig & Ms. Voong on the committee.

C. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

None

D. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – Christopher Trevilla shared several important updates; provider concerns over how DOR is planning to implement their Order of Selection. There are also concerns from providers as to inconsistent parameters for cases dually served by DOR and RC, in terms of different expectations, documentation, and requirements for funding. Upcoming Job Fairs, available training resources, conferences and detailed notes can be found in meeting materials.

Adult Day – Christina Buth shared that the subcommittee did not meet. At the next subcommittee meeting the Artisan fair for September will be discussed, the meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2026, at 10 A.M. in person at SG/PRC.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Jazmine Ulibarri vendors expressed some difficulties working with Gallagher, in terms of submitting documentation and receiving follow up. EI and ABA vendors are still sharing concerns regarding the lack of information provided to them about SB 805. SB 805 was signed to expand the insurance mandate beyond ABA to include other evidence-based behavioral health treatments, the law tasked DDS with creating regulations to define the qualifications of these providers. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2026, at 9:30 AM.

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig was not present.

SLS Services – Mario Escobedo shared that vendors have expressed concerns about staffing shortages and challenges with service starts. As well as issues with lapses in SLS service that are caused by Medi-Cal and IHSS changes. Lastly, vendors still have questions about what is required for EVV implementation.

Residential Services

Specialized – Janee Blackburn had nothing to report.

CCF – Jay Smith reported that the Residential subcommittee met on June 2, 2026, where they discussed rates and staffing concerns.

ICF- Ookie Voong shared that There is a DDS directive to regional centers that past the 7-day Medi-Cal benefit, ICFs can request support and funding for 30 days. Vendors continue to wait for updates regarding the delays with managed healthcare. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Other Vended Services- Beba Saba shared that there were no attendees to the last subcommittee meeting; however, she wanted to share that DDS has transitioned to the new statewide provider directory, as well as some emergency preparedness training that will be offered by the regional center and upcoming discussions related to the case load ratios.

At Large- Jaime Currie shared her knowledge of SB 805 to help provide background and clarification that E.I. vendors have had.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jamie Currie spoke about the Governor's May revision for 2026-2027 proposes 21.6 billion for DDS, the rate reform and of SB 138, which is the requirement for standardization of certain procedures for DDS.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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

- Edgar Cartagena for Adult Day Program

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

Recruiting for FY 26/27 (effective July 1, 2026)

- Residential CCF

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, shared the following:

- May Revise
- Trailer Bill Language
- 4731 Complaint Process
- Staffing Updates; introduction of Executive Assistant Kristy Owens and Lucy Aguilar's promotion to Manager, Fiscal Services POS I
- Retirement of Sharan Loya, Manager, Fiscal Services POS I

SG/PRC UPDATES

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director:

- SG/PRC Multi-Family housing opportunity: Prisma Artist Lofts
- Roommate Training
- Community Needs Survey for FY 26/27
- DDS QIP – Provider Eligibility to Earn Quality Incentive Rate for FY 2026-27
- How to Check Your Provider Survey Status
- DSP Collaborative LA County
- DSP University
- DSP Internship Program
- Standardized Vendorization
- Statewide Provider Directory
- ICF - Bed holds during temporary absences
- Training on Electronic Visit Verification
- Rate Reform
- New Hold Harmless Timeline
- Transportation Additional Component
- Client's rights & SIR Reporting training
- Swimming/Drowning Prevention
- American Sign Language Training Support
- Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule
- HCBS – SCLARC Free HCBS training for Service Providers on Community Connecting
- Future HCBS Projects
- Road Safety
- State of Emergency – Orange County

- Stay Connected with SGPRC

Detailed notes can be found in meeting materials.

PUBLIC INPUT

Richard D. Davis Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, September 14, 2026.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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