

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

August 26, 2026

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Phillip Loi, Chair
Preeti Subramaniam
Richard Centeno
Pete Rodriguez
David Sarmiento
Jovenal Malonzo Jr.
Diana Ramirez
Jaye Dixit

ABSENT:

Sam Yi
Lenny Kwari

STAFF:

Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Tim Travis, Director, Community Services
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Yesenia Orozco, Mental Health Specialist
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant,
Communications
Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison to Individuals
Served

GUEST:

Vicky Hatfield 24HHC
Jacqueline Atempa
Joanna
Mark

ITEMS DISCUSSED

CALL TO ORDER

Phillip Loi, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was not established.

- The minutes of July 22, 2026, meeting were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (Centeno/Dixit) The minutes from the meeting were approved by the committee.

PUBLIC INPUT - Yesenia Orozco, Mental Health Specialist, shared flyer for Mental Health Resource Fair on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 2pm-4pm at San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Review Community Needs Survey Results by Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Dir.

Detailed notes can be found in meeting materials.

- Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, reviewed the SG/PRC Standardized Social Rec Policy Draft to the committee.

Future Training Topics:

- September 23, 2026 – Safety Awareness & Emergency Preparedness
- October 28, 2026 – TBD
- December 23, 2026 – TBD

Updates and Information by SG/PRC Staff

- Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, shared the following:
 - Summer Vendor Fair on August 27, 2026, from 2pm-4pm at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center.
 - San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center is currently serving almost 19,000 individuals.
 - New preschool unit has been formed. The preschool team is currently serving over 2,100 individuals and continues to grow.
- Tim Travis, Director, Community Services shared that in February 2027 there will be a 2-day Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule Conference.
- Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison made the following announcement:
 - DDS Lived Experience Advisory Group: On July 28, there was a virtual pre-meeting of the California Department of Developmental Services Lived Experience Advisory Group, also known as LEAG. Members discussed ways to make future meetings more accessible and support meaningful participation. Members asked for information about presenters in advance, clearer questions and calls to action, appropriate accommodations, and a virtual option for people who face significant travel barriers. The next two-day LEAG meeting is scheduled for November 16 and 17, 2026. Members may attend in person or by Zoom.
 - ADA National Network Webinar: On July 30, there was a two-hour virtual webinar, “Celebrating 36 Years of the ADA and 35 Years of the ADA National Network.” The ADA National Network helps people understand their rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act. It provides free technical assistance, training, educational materials, research, and community resources through 10 regional ADA centers. The webinar covered subjects such as reasonable accommodations, physical and digital accessibility, effective communication, service animals, accessible healthcare, transportation, voting rights, emergency preparedness, and access to government programs and services.

- September Voting-Rights Meetings, two separate voting-rights and accessibility meetings planned for September. Both meetings will feature Scott Barron, Peer Advocate with the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy at Disability Rights California and Gabriel Taylor, Senior Voting Rights Advocate with Disability Rights California. The first meeting is an in-person Voting Rights and Accessible Voting Technology session on Thursday, September 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The second meeting will be a special TAC voting-rights meeting on Zoom on Thursday, September 24, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The topic will be "Voter Registration, Voting Rights, and Accessibility at the Polls."
- 40th Annual Supported Life Conference: "Strengthening Supports in an Evolving Environment" The two-day, in-person conference will be held on Thursday, October 8, and Friday, October 9, 2026, at the Wyndham Sacramento Hotel. The conference brings together people with developmental disabilities, self-advocates, family members, and professionals. Keynote presentations will address new support models, technology and specialized telehealth, current developments at the California Department of Developmental Services, and the importance of relationships, rights, and respect in achieving inclusion.

ADJOURN

Chair, Philip Loi, adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2026, via video conference at 6 P.M.