

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER**

**DEVELOPMENTALSERVICES, INC.**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Client Services /Advisory Committee**

**May 22, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Client Services/Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Victor Guzman, Chair  
Pretti Subramaniam  
Mary Soldato  
Daniel Clancy  
David Grisey  
Jenny Needham  
Sheila James  
Ardena Bartlett  
Herminio Escalante  
Julie Lopez

**STAFF:**

Lucina Galarza  
Marilyn Carmona  
Elisa Herzog

**ABSENT:**

Shannon Hines

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS**

**THE CLIENT SERVICES/ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:** None

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**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**  
Chairperson, Victor Guzman called the meeting to order at 6:08-pm  
A Quorum was established.  
-The minutes were approved as written, Clancy, Lopez
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
None
- C. CLIENT ADVOCATE –Elisa Herzog presented on the following:**

- The next Client Training Group meeting for clients in ILS & SLS Programs, has been scheduled at the West Covina Library. Julie from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities will be discussing the ABLE Act. The date of this meeting is Thursday, June 13th from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
- The Richard D. Davis Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2019 Annual Scholarship Award from employees of the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, employees of the San Gabriel/Pomona vendor community, and for immediate family members of an individual served by SGPRC.
  - Deadline: Completed applications must be received no later than August 1, 2019.
  - Selection: It is anticipated that selection will be completed by September 30, 2019.
  - Please reference the provided flyer for additional details on eligibility criteria and if you would like an application please contact me
- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) wants you to know that there are many state and federal programs designed to help you manage your utility bills. These programs include:
  - California LifeLine
  - Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program (DDTP)
  - California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)
  - Energy Savings Assistance Program
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA)
  - Medical Baseline
  - Water Company Assistance
- May is mental health awareness month
  - Join others in fighting stigma, raising awareness, and providing education
  - Please be sure to you visit the DDS Safety Net website at [www.ddssafety.net](http://www.ddssafety.net) for more resources on this and various other topics regarding health, safety & daily living for Californians w/ developmental disabilities
- You can also sign-up for monthly email updates on their website—as an example
 

\*see flyers and handouts\*

**D. Committee Follow-up – Future training topics**

Victor Guzman / Lucina Galarza addressed training topics.

- The committee agreed on the following training topics to be provided:
  - June 2019 - Vendor Selection Process (tentative)
  - July 2019 – New Vendor Categories
  - August - Special Positions at SGPRC (Housing Specialist, Program Evaluator, Employment Specialist, etc.)

### **Special Presentation:**

Special presentation Residential Options- presented by Lucina Galarza, Associate Executive Director

- Power point presentation describing the various residential options, including Intermediate Care Facilities and Community Care Facilities, as well as Adult Family Homes.

### **ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- **Self Determination** - We continue to hold our monthly Local Advisory meetings (open to the public) and completed the majority of our orientations. We do have about 30 people who are electing to exit the program. We are holding monthly Meet and Greets and this coming month our families will be meeting with FMS providers. In May, families and individuals met with individuals / agencies who are experienced in doing Person – Centered Plans.

### **E. ADJOURN**

Chairperson Victor Guzman adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

The next Client Services/Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26. Meeting will be held in the Assembly Room.