

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc. will hold their monthly Board meeting on the following date and at the listed location:

DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

TIME: 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: THE MEETING SESSION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.

All SG/PRC Board and related Committee meetings continue to be held via videoconference at their regularly scheduled times.

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SG/PRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, March 26, 2025 7:15 PM

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Board of Directors						
Julie Chetney, Board President						
Karen Zarsadiaz - Ige, 1 st VP	Preeti Subramaniam, 2 nd VP					
Bill Stewart, Treasurer	Trish Gonzales, Secretary					
Kelly Privitt, VAC Chairperson	Joseph Huang					
Sam Yi	Jaye Dixit					
Phillip Loi	Richard Centeno					
Adriana Pinedo	Tina Wright					

7:15 PM	1.	Public Meeting Call to Order A. Review of Agenda
7:20 PM	2.	Public Comment - Please email egomez@sgprc.org to sign up
7:25 PM	3.	Consent Agenda — All consent agenda items will be enacted by one motion and vote. A. Review of Board Minutes – January 22, 2025, and February 26, 2025 B. Recommendations for Committee Memberships C. Conflict of Interest Policy

7:35 PM	3.	Executive Finance Committee – Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer A. Review of Financial Report
7:40 PM	4.	Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee – Karen Zarsadiaz - Ige
7:45 PM	5.	Advisory Committee for Individual Served and Their Families – Phillip Loi
7:50 PM	6.	Vendor Advisory Committee – Kelly Privitt
7:55 PM	7.	Strategic Development Advisory Committee – Julie Chetney
8:00 PM	8.	Executive Director's Report – Jesse Weller
8:10 PM	9.	Special Board Presentation – <i>Salvador Gonzalez</i> FY23-24 Performance Contract Plan Objective and Outcomes & Purchase of Services Expenditure Data and NCI
8:40 PM	10.	Other Board and Community Announcements
8:45 PM	11.	Adjournment
8:45 PM	12.	Executive Session – None

^{*}Action items



SAN GABRIEL/POMONA DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (A California Corporation)

January 22, 2025

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Directors were present at said meeting:

PRESENT: STAFF:

Julie Chetney Jesse Weller, Executive Director

Karen Zarsadiaz - Ige Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director Trish Gonzales Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer

Joseph Huang Tim Travis, Associate Director, Community Services

Richard Centeno Daniela Santana, Director, Client Services

Phillip Loi Yvonne Gratianne, Communications and Public

Sam Yi Engagement Officer

Paula Rodarte Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF

Preeti Subramaniam Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications

Bill Stewart Willanette Stewart/Satchell, Executive Assistant

Jaye Dixit

<u>ABSENT</u>: <u>GUESTS</u>:

Tina Wright Alma Jansenn, DDS Karina Andrade

INTERPRETERS:

Spanish - Marisol and Eduardo

Mandarin - Charlene and

Chenhung Chen

Korean - Sally and Kaytlin

Vietnamese – Peter Le

and Thanh Bihn

ASL - Cassandra and Leslie

Julie Chetney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

• The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed.

A. PUBLIC INPUT:

• Carl Argila asked to be provided with the current status of "Guidelines to Mitigate Conflicts for Delegated Conservatorships." He reminded the Board that he records the entire meeting and uploads the video of the meeting to his personal blog. He shared details about his son's conservatorship, including his wish for the conservatorship to be terminated and asked that more details of his request be added to the minutes.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items were enacted by one motion and vote.

- Review of minutes of the December 11, 2024, meeting
- Financial Report Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following:

In regional center operations, the allocation based on the A 1Amendment is projected to meet expenditure projections. Projections include operating continuation costs and expenditures from the prior fiscal year. The operations A-1 allocation for fiscal year 2024-25 is currently at \$54,743,524 with projected expenditures of \$53,697,808. The year-to-date expenditure is \$21,127,168 with projected remaining expenditures of \$32,570,639. This results in an unencumbered amount of \$1,045,716 in regular operations.

The Family Resource Center allocation is projected to meet expenditure projections, resulting in a zero-balance remaining in allocation. The current allocation is \$154,564 with projected expenditures of \$154,564.

The Lanterman Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion program has a current allocation in the amount of \$1,324,230, staff expect to spend the full amount.

The Community Placement Plan (CPP) and DC ongoing Workload operations were allocated at 50% in the A-1 amendment.

The Purchase of Service allocation is based on the A-1 amendment in the amount of \$480,257,724. The current month's expenditure amounted to \$39,756,000 bringing the year-to-date expenditure for services to

\$178,247,742. The projected remaining expenditures, including late bills, are estimated at \$302,019,982, resulting in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

CPP/CRDP POS is a separate line item, SG/PRC was allocated \$100,000 for placement. Staff expect additional allocations in A-2 for Start-up projects.

(M/S/C Stewart & Gonzalez) The Board approved all the items on the consent agenda.

C. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee did not meet in January due to the support needed for the families affected by the Eaton Fire.

D. <u>EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE - FINANCIAL REPORT</u>

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E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES

Phillip Poi shared that the committee will hear from Lucina Galarza, Executive Deputy Director, about the role of Quality Assurance in SG/PRC next month. The committee got updates about the effects of the Eaton fire and SG/PRC's response.

F. <u>VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)</u>

Kelly Privitt had nothing to report.

G. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Chetney shared that the committee was provided with the quarterly Strategic Plan report.

H. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Chetney reported that ARCA is waiting to see the impacts of the new administration and now the fires as well.

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, discussed the following from his Executive Director: (for the complete, detailed Director's Report, please see the meeting materials folder located in the SG/PRC website)

- Master Plan Dates of open meetings are as follows:
 - o February 12, 2025, Bay Area (virtual option)
 - o March 12, 2025, Sacramento (virtual option)
- Areas for the future of the system being reviewed
- January Budget Highlights January 10, 2025: The Governor released the state budget proposal for 2025/26 FY, which starts on July 1, 2025. There are no noted reductions to core programs.
- Strategic Plan progress report is posted on www.sgprc.org
- SG/PRC Staffing Statistics As of December 31, 2024, SG/PRC has 542 authorized positions. SG/PRC Individual Served Statistics As of December 31, 2024, SG/PRC served 17,543 individuals.
- SG/PRC Self Determination Program Statistics As of December 31, 2024, SG/PRC enrolled 235 participants in the Self-Determination Program.

Mr. Weller also provided a report on the Eaton Fire and thanked Service Providers, first responders, families served, the community, staff and the Richard D. Davis Foundation who have supported those impacted.

J. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS None

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Next meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:15 p.m.

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Submitted by:		
Patricia Gonzales, Board Secretary	Date	



SAN GABRIEL/POMONA DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (A California Corporation)

February 26, 2025

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Directors were present at said meeting:

PRESENT: <u>STAFF:</u>

Julie Chetney Jesse Weller, Executive Director

Karen Zarsadiaz - Ige Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director Trish Gonzales Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer

Joseph Huang Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services
Richard Centeno Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and

Phillip Loi Equity

Sam Yi Daniela Santana, Director, Client Services

Paula Rodarte Rosa Chavez, Associate Director, Family & Transition

Preeti Subramaniam Services

Bill Stewart Zorahida Preciado, Associate Director

Jaye Dixit Adult & Residential Services

Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF

ABSENT: Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications

Tina Wright Willanette Stewart/Satchell, Executive Assistant

Sam Yi

Kelly Privitt

INTERPRETERS: <u>GUESTS</u>:

Spanish - Shelly and Eduardo Andrew McElhinney, DDS

Mandarin - Charlene and Nada Saleh Chenhung Chen Yan Li

Korean - Sally and Kaytlin Alexandria Ortiz
Vietnamese – Peter Le Lenny Kwary

and Thanh Bihn

ASL - Ron and Leslie

Julie Chetney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

• The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed.

A. PUBLIC INPUT:

• Carl Argila reminded the Board that he records the entire meeting and uploads the video of the meeting to his personal blog. He shared details about his son's conservatorship, including his wish for the conservatorship to be terminated and asked that more details of his request be added to the minutes.

B. EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- AGT Audit Draft Report Adrian Peirce, AGT CPA, presented the draft audit report.
 - (M/S/C Stewart & Gonzalez) The Board approved the Audit Report.
- All regional centers are required to change CPA firms every 5 years. The Board was informed that SG/PRC will contract Windes for the next audit report.
- C. <u>SPECIAL BOARD TRAINING</u> Themes and Trends in Developmental Services Amy Westling, Executive Director of ARCA, presented the following:
 - FY 202-26 Budget
 - Masterplan Process
 - Next Steps
 - Consistency
 - Supporting good outcomes
 - Federal policy
 - Continued growth
 - Sustainability
 - Natural disasters
 - Areas of focus

D. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board member, Adriana Pinedo, share the following information:

- The dA Center of the Arts will hold their "Time to Shine" event for Pomona Unified School District's students on April 12, 2025.
- The Pomona Art Walk is on the second Saturday of each month.

• Active San Gabriel Valley donated \$50,000 to SG/PRC families impacted by the Eaton Fire.

None

Next meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2025 MEETING

Submitted by:		
Patricia Gonzales, Board Secretary	Date	



Committee Reports & Information



February – March 2025

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

PRESENT:

Julie Chetney, Board President Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, 1st VP Preeti Subramaniam, 2nd VP Bill Stewart, Treasurer

GUESTS:

None

ABSENT:

Trish Gonzales, Secretary

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD and RDDF

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 20.04 OF THE BYLAWS

All actions taken by the Executive/Finance Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board.

The actions taken by the Executive/Finance Committee at this meeting were: **Approval of Financial Report**- For the month of December 2024 in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. These expenditures are for services paid through February 28, 2025.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. Call to order

Julie Chetney, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm. A quorum was established.

- The committee reviewed the agenda and the following was changed:
 - o In section 4 The date should state March 26, 2025
 - Under Section 3 Add: Review of Conflict-of-Interest Policy
 - Under Section 7 Add: Legal Matter as part of the Closed Session

• The committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of February 12, 2025.

(M/S/C Subramaniam & Zarsadiaz-Ige) The Executive Finance Committee approved the minutes.

B. Public input: None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Report

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The Community Placement Plan (CPP) and DC ongoing Workload operations were allocated at 50% in the A-1 amendment.

The Purchase of Service allocation is based on the A-1 amendment in the amount of \$480,267,724. The current month's expenditure amounted to \$41,311,336 bringing the year-to-date expenditure for services to \$258,150,495. The projected remaining expenditures, including late bills, are estimated at \$222,117,229, resulting in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

CPP/CRDP POS is a separate line item, SG/PRC was allocated \$100,000 for placement. SG/PRC is expecting additional allocations in A-2 for Start-up projects.

Review of Conflict of Interest

On January 30, 2025, DDS required all regional centers to update their conflict-of-interest policies as Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 4626.5 was amended by Chapter 902, Statutes of 2024, effective on January 1, 2025. Executive Director, Jesse Weller, presented the amended Conflict of Interest Policy.

(M/S/C Stewart & Zarsadiaz-Ige) The committee approved the Financial Report and recommend the Conflict-of-Interest Policy to the Board for approval.

E. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Julie Chetney, Board President, provided the following updates:

• Upcoming Board Meeting Agenda: March 26, 2025 - FY23-24 Performance Contract Plan Objective and Outcomes & Purchase of Services Expenditure Data and NCI (30 min)

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported the following:

- ARCA Flow of Funds The ARCA Flow of Funds 2025-26 outlines the allocation and distribution of funds for services provided through 21 Regional Centers across California. It is of the materials used during the Grassroots Day event.
- ARCA Regional Center Budget and Demographic Information This report helps policymakers, advocates, and service providers understand how resources are being used and who is receiving support.
- ARCA Grassroots Day Debrief He gave a special recognition to Board member, Preeti Subramaniam, for her contributions to this event. SG/PRC's catchment area is represented by nine (9) legislators from Senate and Assembly. Mr. Weller had the honor of meeting with representatives from the following offices:
 - o Assemblywoman Lisa Calderon District 56
 - o Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio District 48
 - Senator Susan Rubio District 22
 - o Assemblywoman Michelle Rodriguez District 53
 - o Senator Sasha Renee Perez District 25
 - Senator Bob Archuleta District 30
 - Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes District 29

Below were some ARCA Grassroots Advocacy Key Points -

- 1. <u>The Concurrent Resolution on the 40th Anniversary of Entitlement</u> (ACR TBD Jeff Gonzalez)
 - Acknowledges the period when the entitlement program was challenged in the Supreme Court. The resolution aims to

ensure its continuation.

- 2. Blue Envelope Program (SE 664 Ochoa Blogh)
 - The program has gone through the DMV process.
 - Could take the form of an envelope, clothing identifier, or something else.
 - Previously stalled due to financial concerns but is now back on the radar.
- SG/PRC Recruitment Update There are currently 537 employees.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on April 9, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. via videoconference.

<u>CLOSED SESSION</u> – There was a closed session regarding a legal and personnel matters.

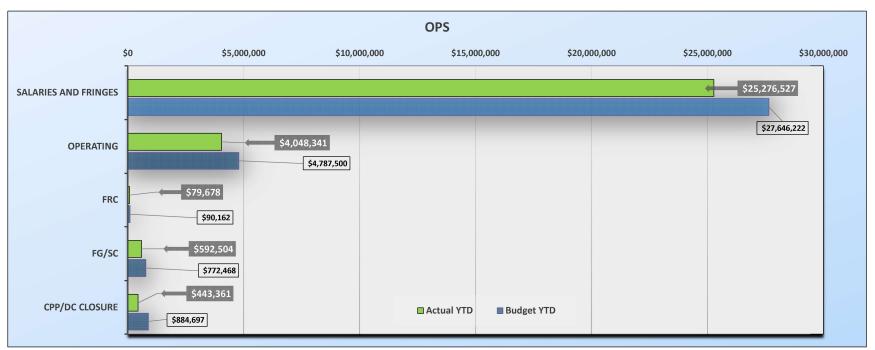
FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2025 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

OPERATIONS (OPS)

REGIONAL CENTER	MTD	YTD	Remaining	Total	FY 23/24
Salaries and Fringes	\$3,538,019	\$25,276,527	\$21,237,330	\$46,513,856	\$41,245,525
Operating Expenses	\$679,388	\$4,048,341	\$3,104,577	\$7,152,918	\$8,154,292
Total	\$4,217,407	\$29,324,868	\$24,341,906	\$53,666,774	\$49,399,817
Allocation (A-1)	_			\$54,743,524	\$50,283,519
Allocation Balance/(Deficit)				\$1,076,750	\$883,702
RESTRICTED OPS FUNDS					
Family Resource Center	\$12,592	\$79,678	\$74,886	\$154,564	\$154,564
Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion	\$90,711	\$592,504	\$731,726	\$1,324,230	\$1,303,368
CPP and DC Closure Ongoing Workload	\$ 0	\$443,361	\$314,951	\$758,312	\$1,516,624
Total	\$103,303	\$1,115,543	\$1,121,564	\$2,237,106	\$2,974,556
Allocation (A-1)				\$2,237,106	\$2,974,556
Allocation Balance/(Deficit)				\$0	\$0



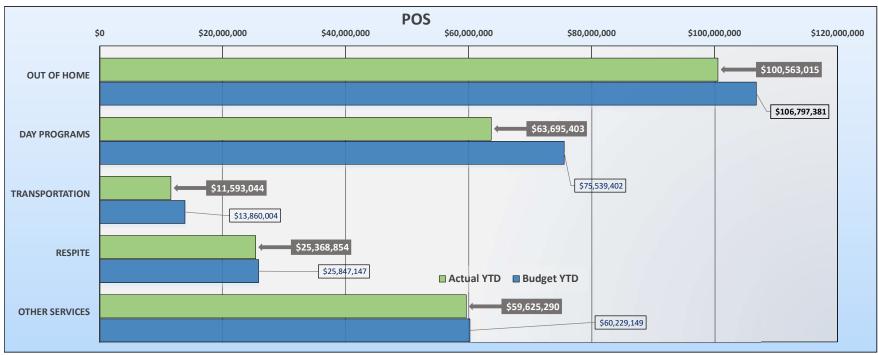
FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2025 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

PURCHASE OF SERVICES (POS)

MTD	YTD	Remaining	Total	FY 23/24
\$14,232,254	\$100,563,015	\$69,674,065	\$170,237,081	\$165,560,286
\$10,483,693	\$63,695,403	\$63,019,890	\$126,715,293	\$107,640,724
\$1,906,558	\$11,593,044	\$10,364,324	\$21,957,369	\$18,894,254
\$5,373,113	\$25,368,854	\$25,823,422	\$51,192,276	\$37,481,822
\$9,741,886	\$59,625,290	\$55,140,416	\$114,765,706	\$90,329,213
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OPERATIONS FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2025 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

58% OF YEAR ELAPSED

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CONTRACT ALLOCATIONS		0 0		•					
Preliminary Allocation	32,434,204					32,434,204			
A-1	22,309,320	758,312	154,564	1,324,230		24,546,426			
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Total Operations Contract Allocation	54,743,524	758,312	154,564	1,324,230		56,980,630			
Total Operations Contract Allocation	34,743,324	736,312	134,304	1,324,230		30,980,030	D plus F	A minus G	
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	Current	% of	Current Month	Year-to-Date	YTD Actual	Projected	Total	Projected Balan	ce Remaining
	Allocation	Allocation	Expenditures	Expenditures	as % of	Remaining	Projected		
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Total Operations - Actual and Projected Expenditures	56,980,630	100.00%	4,320,710	30,440,410	53.4%	25,463,470	55,903,880	1,076,750	1.89%
PERSONAL SERVICES (REGULAR OPERATIONS)									
Salaries	37,707,987	68.88%	2,783,986	20,302,194	37.1%	17,188,871	37,491,065	216,922	0.40%
Temporary Staff	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Retirement (includes 403B)	4,713,498	8.61%	337,055	2,443,109	4.5%	2,066,943	4,510,052	203,446	0.37%
Social Security (OASDI)	546,766	1.00%	39,942	285,790	0.5%	243,869	529,659	17,107	0.03%
Health Benefits/Long Term Care	3,601,113	6.58%	314,017	2,011,661	3.7%	1,376,628	3,388,289	212,824	0.39%
Worker's Comp Insurance	565,620	1.03%	45,300	130,177	0.2%	216,721	346,898	218,722	0.40%
Unemployment Insurance	70,000	0.13%	5,500	10,849	0.0%	75,425	86,274	(16,274)	-0.03%
Non-Industrial Disability/Life Insurance	188,540	0.34%	12,219	92,747	0.2%	68,873	161,620	26,920	0.05%
Tuition Reimbursement	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Personal Services (Regular Operations)	47,393,524	86.57%	3,538,019	25,276,527	46.2%	21,237,330	46,513,856	879,668	1.61%
OPERATING EXPENSES (REGULAR OPERATIONS)									
Equipment Rental	82,000	0.15%	2,010	49,057	0.1%	24,528	73,585	8,415	0.02%
Equipment Maintenance	53,000	0.10%	9,838	23,184	0.0%	16,560	39,745	13,255	0.02%
Facility Rent	3,330,000	6.08%	275,000	2,200,000	4.0%	1,100,000	3,300,000	30,000	0.05%
Facility Maintenance	80,000	0.15%	1,002	10,145	0.0%	7,247	17,392	62,608	0.11%
Communications (postage, phones)	442,000	0.81%	33,919	226,488	0.4%	221,974	448,462	(6,462)	-0.01%
General Office Expense	462,000	0.84%	39,810	248,861	0.5%	177,758	426,618	35,382	0.06%
Printing	16,000	0.03%	1,021	9,440	0.0%	6,743	16,183	(183)	0.00%
Insurance	550,000	1.00%	215,680	476,910	0.9%	73,000	549,910	90	0.00%
Data Processing	250,000	0.46%	11,477	81,370	0.1%	158,122	239,492	10,508	0.02%
Data Processing Maintenance / Licenses	235,000	0.43%	21,371	236,237	0.4%	47,247	283,484	(48,484)	-0.09%
Interest Expense	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Bank Service Fees	5,000	0.01%	30	161	0.0%	115	277	4,723	0.01%
Legal Fees	600,000	1.10%	8,994	43,706	0.1%	531,218	574,924	25,076	0.05%
Board of Directors Expense	10,000	0.02%	609	2,391	0.0%	1,708	4,099	5,901	0.01%
Accounting Fees	70,000	0.13%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	70,000	0.13%
Equipment Purchases	250,000	0.46%	1,877	2,337	0.0%	249,669	252,006	(2,006)	0.00%

OPERATIONS FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

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	Allocation	Allocation	Expenditures	Expenditures	as % of	Remaining	Projected		
					Allocation	Expenditures	Expenditures	Amount	Percent
Contractor & Consultants - Adm Services	858,000	1.57%	87,843	510,723	0.9%	360,159	870,883	(12,883)	-0.02%
Contract - ABX2 Disparities	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Travel/mileage reimbursement	320,000	0.58%	22,284	160,874	0.3%	156,525	317,399	2,601	0.00%
ARCA Dues	121,000	0.22%	0	308	0.0%	119,220	119,528	1,472	0.00%
General Expenses	106,000	0.19%	10,180	50,376	0.1%	55,803	106,179	(179)	0.00%
Total Operating Expenses (Regular Operations)	7,840,000	14.32%	742,945	4,332,568	7.9%	3,307,596	7,640,164	199,836	0.37%
Total Personal Services & Operating Expenses (Regular Operations)	55,233,524		4,280,964	29,609,095	54.1%	24,544,926	54,154,021	1,079,503	1.97%
OTHER INCOME									
Interest & Other Income	(490,000)	-0.90%	(63,557)	(284,227)	-0.5%	(203,020)	(487,247)	(2,753)	-0.01%
Total Personal Services & Operating Expenses									
Net of Other Income (Regular Operations)	54,743,524	100.00%	4,217,407	29,324,868	53.6%	24,341,906	53,666,774	1,076,750	1.97%
RESTRICTED FUNDS									
Family Resource Center Expenses	154,564		12,592	79,678		74,886	154,564	0	0.00%
Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Expenses	1,324,230		90,711	592,504		731,726	1,324,230	0	0.00%
Community Placement Plan and DC Ongoing Worklaod	758,312		0	443,361		314,951	758,312	0	
Total Restricted Funds	2,237,106		103,303	1,115,543	99.2%	1,121,564	2,237,106	0	
Total Expenses (Including Restricted Funds)	56,980,630		4,320,710	30,440,410	53.4%	25,463,470	55,903,880	1,076,750	1.93%
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PURCHASE OF SERVICES FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

PAYMENTS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2025 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025 58% OF YEAR ELAPSED

CONTRACT ALLOCATIONS	Regular POS	CPP/CRDP	HCBS	Other	Total]	
Preliminary Allocation (Regular POS)	343,854,786				343,854,786		
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Total Contract Allocation	480,267,724	100,000	0		480,367,724		_
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		Current Month	Year-to-Date	as percent of	Remaining	Total Projected	percent of
		Expenditures	Expenditures	Allocation	Expenditures	Expenditures	Allocation
Total POS Actual & Projected Expenditures		41,369,687	258,208,846	53.8%	222,158,878	480,367,724	100.0%
OUT OF HOME CARE							
Community Care Facilities		13,072,339	90,146,525	18.8%	64,264,084	154,410,609	32.2%
ICF/SNF Facilities		1,159,915	10,416,491	2.2%	5,409,981	15,826,472	3.3%
Total Out of Home Care		14,232,254	100,563,015	20.9%	69,674,065	170,237,081	35.4%
DAY PROGRAMS							
Day Care		2,924,380	14,020,271	2.9%	20,218,110	34,238,381	7.1%
Day Training		6,166,037	41,282,223	8.6%	34,626,129	75,908,352	15.8%
Supported Employment		1,301,733	7,874,240	1.6%	7,491,366	15,365,606	3.2%
Work Activity Program		91,542	518,669	0.1%	684,285	1,202,954	0.3%
Total Day Programs		10,483,693	63,695,403	13.3%	63,019,890	126,715,293	26.4%
OTHER SERVICES							
Non-Medical: Professional		2,006,586	13,117,376	2.7%	12,567,143	25,684,519	5.3%
Non-Medical: Programs		2,125,257	14,129,150	2.9%	12,349,620	26,478,770	5.5%
Home Care: Programs		378,784	1,579,295	0.3%	1,303,001	2,882,296	0.6%
Transportation		1,409,579	8,162,655	1.7%	6,758,602	14,921,257	3.1%
Transportation Contracts		496,979	3,430,389	0.7%	3,605,722	7,036,112	1.5%
Prevention		1,915,418	12,260,333	2.6%	9,934,109	22,194,443	4.6%
Other Authorized Services		2,573,616	14,648,832	3.1%	11,414,711	26,063,543	5.4%
Personal and Incidentals		23,095	142,758	0.0%	99,730	242,488	0.1%
Hospital Care		73,750	318,750	0.1%	679,530	998,280	0.2%

PURCHASE OF SERVICES FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

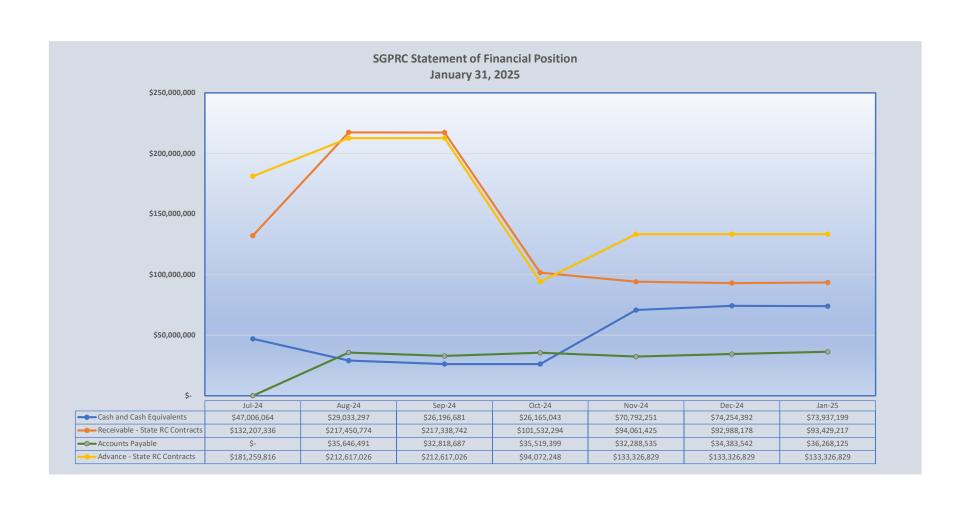
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58% OF YEAR ELAPSED

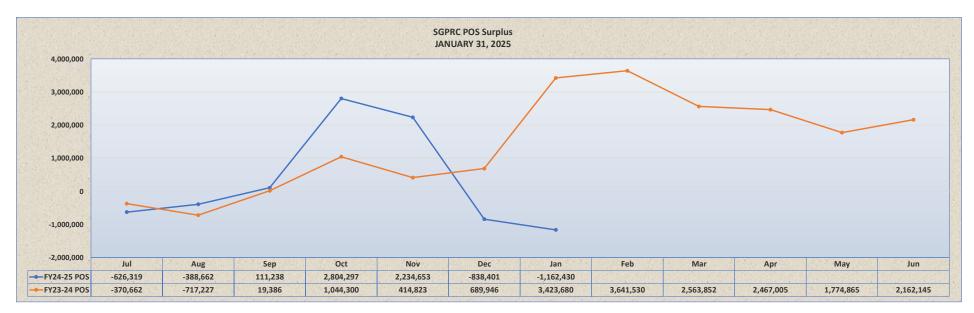
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		Expenditures	Expenditures	Allocation	Expenditures	Expenditures	Allocation
Medical Equipment		9,975	52,659	0.0%	54,532	107,191	0.0%
Medical Service: Professional		438,442	2,176,099	0.5%	3,461,090	5,637,189	1.2%
Medical Service: Programs		196,076	1,077,507	0.2%	2,727,742	3,805,249	0.8%
Respite: In Own Home		5,370,013	25,296,941	5.3%	25,517,147	50,814,088	10.6%
Respite: Out of Home		3,100	71,913	0.0%	306,275	378,188	0.1%
Camps		888	122,532	0.0%	549,207	671,739	0.1%
Total Other Services		17,021,557	96,587,188	20.1%	91,328,162	187,915,351	39.1%
Total Estimated Cost of Current Services		41,737,504	260,845,607	54.3%	224,022,117	484,867,724	101.0%
OTHER ITEMS							
HCBS	0	0	0		0	0	
Total Other Items		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Total Purchase of Services		41,737,504	260,845,607	54.3%	224,022,117	484,867,724	101.0%
Deduct: Estimated Receipts from Intermediate Care							
Facilities for State Plan Amendment Services		(426,168)	(2,695,111)	-0.6%	(1,904,889)	(4,600,000)	-1.0%
Expenditures Regular POS (Net of CPP)	480,267,724	41,311,336	258,150,495	53.8%	222,117,229	480,267,724	100.0%
Projected Allocation Balance (Deficit) Regular POS						0	0.0%
COMMUNTIY PLACEMENT PLAN							
Community Placement Plan (inc. CRDP)	100,000	58,351	58,351		41,649	100,000	
Allocation Balance (Deficit) CPP and CRDP						0	0.0%
Total Projected Allocation Balance (Deficit) Regular & Com	munity Placen	nent Plan POS				0	0.0%

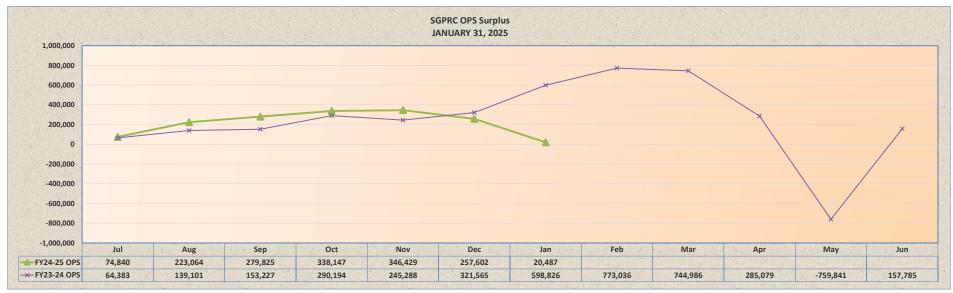
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Jan-25	2025	
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	73,937,199
Receivable - State Regional Center Contracts		93,429,217
Receivable - Intermediate Care Facility Providers		1,841,160
Other Receivables		694,990
Prepaid Expenses		215,680
Deposits		0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	170,118,245
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	36,268,125
Advance - State Regional Center Contracts		133,326,829
Accrued Salaries and Payroll Taxes		301,981
Other Payables		0
Reserve for Unemployment Insurance		100,000
Deferred Revenue		121,310
Total Liabilities	\$	170,118,245
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restriction		
With Donor Restriction		
Total Net Assets	\$	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	170,118,245



San Gabriel /Pomona Regional Center







SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2025

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

<u>PRESENT</u> <u>STAFF</u>

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige Jesse Weller, Executive Director

Joseph Huang Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and

Adriana Pinedo Equity and Community Outreach Team

Tina Wright Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and the

Teshia Obi RDDF

Daniela Barrera

ABSENT

GUESTS

Deepa Hemady Lisa Nguyen Hazel G

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following: None

CALL TO ORDER

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the February 12, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved with the following change:

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

M/S/C (Pinedo & Wright) The committee approved the minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented the following:

- A. Masterplan Updates Mr. Weller sees the Masterplan as a roadmap of the future of Developmental Services. The roadmap outlines how Health and Human Services should view the system in collaboration with all partners. Next Wednesday is an important date, March 19, 2025 marks the last full committee meetings where decisions will be made on which recommendations will move forward.
- B. B. ARCA Grassroots Debrief He gave a special recognition to Board member, Preeti Subramaniam, for her contributions to this event. SG/PRC's catchment area is represented by nine (9) legislators from Senate and Assembly. Mr. Weller had the honor of meeting with representatives from the following offices:
 - Assemblywoman Lisa Calderon District 56
 - Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio District 48
 - Senator Susan Rubio District 22
 - Assemblywoman Michelle Rodriguez District 53
 - Senator Sasha Renee Perez District 25
 - Senator Bob Archuleta District 30
 - Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes District 29
- C. C. ARCA Grassroots Advocacy Key Points -
- 1. Workforce Policy Bill (SB 422 Grayson)
 - There is data that supports that Direct Support Professionals (DSP) do not earn sufficient wages. Efforts are being made to present this data to the California Workforce Board by 2027.
- 2. <u>Seizure Rescue Medication Bill (AB 1172 Nguyen)</u>
 - Addresses the need for emergency non-invasive seizure medication at day programs. Administration would be voluntary, not mandatory for staff.
- 3. The Concurrent Resolution on the 40th Anniversary of Entitlement (ACR TBD Jeff Gonzalez)
 - Acknowledges the period when the entitlement program was challenged in the Supreme Court. The resolution aims to ensure its continuation.
- 4. The Masterplan for Developmental Services
 - \circ An ongoing initiative for structured development in the sector.
- 5. <u>Blue Envelope Program (SE 664 Ochoa Blogh)</u>

- The program has gone through the DMV process.
- Could take the form of an envelope, clothing identifier, or something else.
- o Previously stalled due to financial concerns but is now back on the radar.

6. Medicaid Advocacy Rally

- Coincided with grassroots advocacy efforts.
- Many concerns in the community regarding Early Start, Medicaid, and Social Security.
- o Current developments are still being tracked.
- D. The Parents' Place 30th Annual Information Fair and Festival Scheduled for April 27, 2025, at Cortez Park in West Covina.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity and Community Outreach Team provided the following information:

- Sirens of Silence will be held at SG/PRC on April 12, 2025
- Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist, will provide Virtual Trainings for individuals/families going through the SG/PRC intake process. Attendees will receive information on: School support for students with disabilities at any level at any level at any grade including post-secondary education and how to access the supports. Training is provided in multiple languages.
 - o Upcoming dates:
 - -5/14 11am-12pm Education Advocacy
 - -8/13 11am-12pm Education Advocacy
 - -11/12 11am-12pm Education Advocacy

(The full report is attached to these minutes) *

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on April 9, 2025.



Service Access and Equity Department Monthly Report

March 6, 2025

Salvador Gonzalez

Director of Service Access and Equity

Service Access and Equity Team

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Josefina Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist

Needs Assessment for SDP: Josie has been supporting the self-determination team with researching labor law topics for the purposes of a training series to SDP participants in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 4685.8(f). "The statute requires the use of the funds to meet the need of participants, increase service access and equity, and reduce disparities, and to implement the program, including costs associated with: Employer readiness training/workshops to provide education for participants who are interested in using the coemployer and sole employer models". As such, Josie and Nora have researched training topics that are important to small business owners and compiled over a dozen topics to be proposed to the LVAC and SDP participants.

Request for Proposals (RFQ) for SDP: Josie has also been supporting the self-determination team with writing an RFQ for the purpose of finding a trainer with experience and education to offer a training series to SDP participants and their families. Topics will be based on topics selected by those currently in SDP via a questionnaire. The RFQ will outline background information, general requirements, applicant qualifications and more.

POS Expenditure Data: Josie along with other members of SAE have been supporting with reviewing POS Expenditure Data and creating a PowerPoint presentation to be shared with the community during the month of March. The presentation will be shared during (5) different meetings in March, to the community via our Community Information Forum (CIF), to the Hispanic/Spanish speaking community, to the Black/African American community, to the Asian community and a special meeting to the Board of Directors.

<u>Outreach Event:</u> On 2/22 Josie and Amos attended the Hacienda Heights Community and Recreational Center for their Black History event. The event hosted approximately 50 individuals in attendance. The event consisted of live performances, food, and resources. Amos and Josie hosted a table and distributed information with information regarding the Regional Center. We also provided Resource Guides to other community partners in attendance as well as individuals.

<u>Sirens Planning Meeting:</u> Josie continues to support the annual Sirens of Silence event. Currently we are in the process of securing volunteers for the event, planning set-up schematics, and confirming vendors/community organizations for this event, and translating the flyer into other languages. The event will take place April 12th at SG/PRC parking lot.

Spring Dance: On 2/12 Josie met with the Richard D. Davis Foundation to request funds for the Spring Dance which will take place in April. Josie requested \$1,500 in funding to cover expenses for food, décor, and a dance floor. Josie will continue working with the SAE team to plan the event and secure DJ, promote the event, monitor registration list.

<u>Creating Leadership Among Parents</u>: On 2/13 Josie attended the Creating Leadership Among Parents workshop hosted by Familias First. Josie was given the opportunity to introduce herself to parents in attendance, provide information on how the SAE team can support families that are with SG/PRC, provided flyers on upcoming trainings via CIF and Parent Education Trainings. Josie also encouraged them to sign up for constant contact to stay informed.

Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist

A. Promoting Service Access & Equity for All Receiving Regional Center Services

- SG/PRC Resource Guide In February 2025, SAE Department staff completed final confirmation of Resource Guide, and it was sent to BDA. On 2/27/25, Amos received the final version of SG/PRC Resource Guide in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese version. This final version was shared with SAE team for sharing. This final version is also sent to printing and all 7,000 prints will be delivered in March for distributing through outreaching activities.
- WSGV SELPA CAC Meeting There was no CAC meeting in February 2025. Amos signed up to participate in WSGV SEPA Student with Disability Resource Fair which will be held on 3/29/25 at the SELPA office.
- DDS/CHLA PRE/POST COVID EI Participant Research In February 2025, Amos continued to provide data updates to CHLA research team as it was requested by CHLA data team through emails and remote Zoom meeting on 2/24/25.
- Support for DDS Reports and Contracts In February 2025, Amos updated data charts and graphs in FY23-24 POS Expenditure Data PowerPoint presentation for six (6) community meetings will be held in March 2025 Amos also updated data of FY23-24 Performance Contract outcome for community meeting review in March as well.
- **Person-Centered Conversation (PCC)** In the month of February 2025, Amos had 5 PCCs with 6 Korean caregivers who are monolingual Koreans through telephone meetings and in-person meetings at SG/PRC and a community setting.
- Translation for Korean Families In the month of February 2025, Amos reviewed and corrected Korean translations for SAE Department event related documents including Community Information Forum flyer, Performance Contract Outcome Review Community Meeting flyer, POS Data PPT Slides, HCBS Final Rule PPT slides, and DDS Your Plan PPT slides.

B. Community Outreaching to Promote Service Access & Equity

• Outreaching to Community Events – In February 2025, Amos participated in total of five community events with SAE Department staff as shown below:

Date	Community Events Note	
2/02/25	Downtown Arcadia Lunar New Year	
2/12/25	RadioKorea Good Day LA Recording Aired on 2/17	
2/15/25	Pacific Clinic Lunar New Year Event	
2/21/25	HHCC Black History Month Event	
2/22/25	African Cultural & Community Summit	

• **Downtown Arcadia Lunar New Year Fair** – On 2/2/25, SAE team participated in the Lunar New Year Fair in the city of Arcadia. SAE team disseminated resource guide and other online training/workshop flyers and regional center service-related documents to increase awareness of developmental disability and related services to the community.

- Black History Month Events Amos participated in two Black community events in the month of February 2025. On 2/21/25, Amos participated in Black History Month Event in Hacienda Heights and then also participated in the Annual African Cultural & Community Summit in Los Angeles.
- Pacific Clinic Lunar New Year Event On 2/15/25, Amos participated in Lunar New Year Event hosted by Pacific Clinics in the city of Industry and met with directors and counselors to discuss about collaborative work between Pacific Clinics and SG/PRC.
- Radio Korea Interview On 2/12/25, as a part of outreaching through mass media activities, Amos had an interview recording with Good Day LA at Radio Korea AM1540 to increase the recognition of developmental disability and regional center among Korean community. This time, Amos delivered Mr. Jesse Willer's messages regarding Wildfire and Immigration issues in Korean.

Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist

The Education Specialist assists regional center staff, families, and community partners with questions related to educational matters for students ages 3 and up to include post- secondary school years.

Upcoming Trainings

2025 Virtual Trainings for parents. The training sessions will provide parents with the fundamental knowledge about Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 Rehabilitation Act and advocacy skills to assist parents when advocating for their child's educational needs. Training is provided in multiple languages.

Date	Time	Training Topic	
3/24	11-12	IEP Advocacy- Effective Communication	
4/28	11-12	Understanding the IEP Document	
5/19	11-12	Development of a Supportive IEP	
6/23	11-12	504 vs. IEP- Which is best for my student?	
7/28	11-12	Notice of Procedural Safeguards	
8/25	11-12	Addressing Behavioral & Mental Health Needs	
9/22	11-12	EP's- Related Services	
10/27	11-12	IEP's- Assistive Technology	
11/17	11-12	School Discipline- Students with Disabilities	

2025 Virtual Trainings for SG/PRC Staff. The trainings sessions will provide service coordinators with the fundamental knowledge about Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 Rehabilitation Act to assist staff in supporting individuals with developmental disability in educational advocacy.

Date	Time	Training Topic
3/20	11-12	Understanding the IEP Document
4/17	11-12	Development of a Supportive IEP
5/15	11-12	504 vs. IEP- Which is best ?
6/12	11-12	Special Education Timelines
7/17	11-12	Addressing Behavioral & Mental Health needs
8/21	11-12	IEP's- Related Services
9/18	11-12	IEP's – Assistive Technology
10/16	11-12	School Discipline- Students with Disability
11/13	11-12	Terms to Know and Education Resources

2025 Virtual Trainings for individuals/families going through the SG/PRC intake process. Attendees will receive information on: School support for students with disabilities at any level at any level at any grade including post-secondary education and how to access the supports. Training is provided in multiple languages.

Date	Time	Training Topic
5/14	11am-12pm	Education Advocacy
8/13	11am-12pm	Education Advocacy
11/12	11am-12pm	Education Advocacy

Other Trainings: Community Information Forum – These virtual trainings address the important, new, or current issues that support delivery and accessibility to individuals served by SG/PRC.

Date	Time	Training Topic
7/24	11am-12:00pm	Transitioning from High School to College
		for Students with IEPs & 504 Plan

Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education:

Consults completed	39	
School Meetings attended	12	
(IEP's/504/ SST/Resolution type meetings)		

Presentations/Trainings/Outreach/Networking Completed:

February 12th (11-12 pm) – Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist **provided virtual training "Education Advocacy" to individuals/families going through the SG/PRC intake process.** Attendees received information on: Available school support for students with disabilities and how to access support through their local school district. Training was provided in multiple languages. There was a total of 3 participants.

February 20th (11-12pm)- Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist provided virtual training "Basics Regarding Educational Matters" to SG/PRC Regional Center Staff. During this session participants learned about the following: How schools help students; IEP's and 504 Plans; What is an IEP; IEP Team; Types of IEP meetings; What happens at IEP meetings; Special education eligibility and educationally necessary and educationally relevant; present levels of performance and annual goals; Least Restrictive environment; accommodations/modifications; services; continuum of placement; Steps in the IEP process; IEP consent; special education timelines; IEE's; Laws related to 504; Who is eligible for 504 plan; who creates 504 plan; what is included in the 504 plan; how often do 504 teams meet; Regional Center support regarding educational matters; Role of service coordinator plus resources. There was a total of 15 participants.

February 22nd (8-2pm)- Linh Lee, Employment Specialist and Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist, participated at the 17th Annual Transition Conference at Coronado High School to provide information about regional centers and to answer questions related to educational matters. Linh Lee was a guest speaker at this conference and provided information about regional center work/employment services and support available to individuals after high school such as Tailored Day Services, Vouchered Community-Based Training Services, Paid Internship Programs, day programs and resources such as Department of Rehabilitation, and Cal Able.

February 24th (11-12pm)- Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist **provided virtual training "IEP Basics" to Parents/Caregivers**. Participants at this training learned about: What to do before, during and after an IEP; what is an IEP; IEP team members; Effective communication during IEP meetings; Types of IEP meetings; Steps in the IEP process and how each step in the process leads to the next step; and consenting to IEP's. Training was provided in multiple languages. There was a total of 37 participants.

Tiffany Loong and Luz Rodriguez-Uribe, Language Access and Cultural Competency Specialists

> Translation & Interpretation

LACC Specialists continue to arrange and supervise interpretation services in our threshold languages for several monthly meetings for the agency, including Community Meeting, Board of Director's Meeting, and SDP LVAC meeting. Besides the monthly meeting, LACC Specialists also arranged interpretation services for Parent's Place Transition Fair, Education Specialist Paret Training, and the first Community Information forum. In terms of translation, LACC Specialists have been working closely with the Community Service Department to translate 18 documents related to vendor development, purchase reimbursement, billing, insurance requirement, compliance form, guidelines etc. This big translation project started in Dec 2024 and is expected to be completed in March 2025. The LACC team also worked on translation for couple upcoming event's flyers and Annual POS Expenditure PowerPoint. All these documents were translated in Spanish, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean. In Feb, staff used the Language Line with a usage amount totaling \$1018.32. The languages that were interpreted by using Language Line were: Cantonese, Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Khmer. The LACC Specialists continue to oversee the tracking of all translation and interpretation invoicing and ensure vendors receive timely payment.

	Feb 2025	Total To date
Translations	14	118
Interpretations	28	51
Language Line Usage	\$ 1018.32	\$ 1975.89

> Outreach Event:

In February, Luz attended the 2nd Annual Arcadia Lunar New Year Event on 2/2/2025 with SG/PRC Community Outreach Specialists. During this event, the specialist shared community awareness with regards to

Developmental Disabilities and what SG/PRC does to support individuals. In addition, our team was able to meet several families that are currently with SG/PRC and expressed interest in SDP services and the upcoming Community Information Forum (CIF) and Special Education Parent Trainings for 2025. Families also took SG/PRC Resource Guides from the informational table. Specialists also met with several vendors of services for individuals with Developmental Disabilities and they too expressed interest in upcoming trainings. The event was very successful and very well attended.



> Case management support and Bridging Family back to Case Management

The LACC Specialists continue to provide support to Service Coordinators and Staff to find translation/interpretation resources or need to look for SG/PRC translated materials. Tiffany also supported Appeal team to interpret in the informal meeting as needed.

	Feb 2025	Total to Date
Case Management Support	4	6
Bridging Family	1	3

> DDS Grant Vantage Reporting

The LACC Specialists are responsible for planning, implementing and reporting on all LACC grant related activities. In Feb, the team submitted the final report on measures & activities and all financial transactions for FY 22-23. Luz and Tiffany will continue to track monthly activities and expenses for the next reporting period.

Community Information Forum

The Community Information Forum is a platform to address important, new or current issues that support individuals and families served by SG/PRC. The LACC Specialists planned 7 CIF in the year 2025. In Feb, the LACC team hosted the first CIF--"Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy". Our speaker is the Client's Right Advocate Aimee Delgado. The workshop is well received by the community.

Maria Vargas, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager North and Wendy Hemminger, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager South

North	South
Total volunteers: 51	Total volunteers: 44
Individuals served: 100	Individuals served: 76
Total hours served: 4,549	Total hours served: 3,901.50

In the month of February, we had a total of 95 volunteers serving 176 individuals for both FG/SCP programs. Both managers completed background checks and provided pre-service on-boarding training the new volunteers that will be joining our respective programs. There was no training for SGPRC-North program due to room limitations, however in-person training will resume in the month of March. SGPRC-South program manager provided 3 hours of training to volunteers on Fall Prevention: Preventing Falls in Your Home and Fall Prevention Checklist. Additionally, volunteers watched "Health Volunteers/Stronger Communities" and held a discussion of how volunteering and remaining active positively impacts their physical and emotional well-being. SGPRC-South celebrated February volunteers' birthdays at the end of their volunteer training. Site visits took place throughout the month and managers met with DDS during our monthly meeting as well as individually to discuss program updates for the upcoming grant year. Program manager will be working individually and with DDS to make necessary program policy changes to remain in compliance with federal law. Managers from both programs will also begin planning our annual recognition event for the volunteers in the upcoming month.

SGPRC-North February Birthdays:





Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialists:

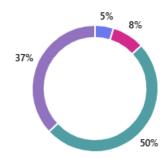
Winter ASL Classes for Families

On 2/11 the latest ASL Course for SGPRC families began. This is a 5-week session that teaches basic communication skills that are beneficial to caregivers, parents and individuals who have alternative communication needs. This class is targeted towards parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals who want to communicate better with their children. This is also beneficial to parents of Non-verbal individuals as well as caregivers that support our community. Topics include Greetings, Emotions, Family, Food, Emergency signs, self-care and more.

In addition to the opportunity to attend class, students have access to email the teacher and receive a weekly recording of the class for their review.

Total Registration (Winter): 88





Consultations and In-house support, Misc. support

February 13:

Partnership with Five Acres. Jessica met with a valuable community resource, Five Acres Mental Health Services. They provide therapy services to the community and specifically have a Deaf and Hard of Hearing program to support individuals who are Deaf. Jessica met to develop a partnership and secure an additional resource.

February 16:

Jessica met with the DHH service coordination team to discuss current needs in the community and how to provide specialized support. Jessica will work on communication cards for emergencies and a project to provide advocacy for interpretation and effective communication at Hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.

In addition, Jessica provided individualized support to service coordinators in the following areas:

- Provided training and resource to SC on interpretation procedures for IPP meetings
- Provided follow-up resources from an IDT meeting including ASL classes, Deaf Events and assistive technology support
- Shared resource for parent training opportunity

Training and Development

- 2/07 Building awareness of the unique needs of Deaf Plus Individuals
- 2/20 Audiology: A Deaf Perspective Webinar
- 2/26 Deaf Specialist Collective

Special/upcoming projects:

- In Person Gathering for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals and Families
- Vendor Training Workgroup for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialists
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resource Guide
- Housemate Matching Tool Statewide Workgroup

2023-24 SG/PRC SAE Grant Equity Partners

Regional Center Recommendations and Plan to Promote Equity

Organization Name/Project Title	Project Project Description/Contact Information Award		Population Focus/Language
Access Nonprofit Center	Increase intervention services & supports for black babies in NICU & clinical settings. Contact: Ardena Bartlett; ardenab@accessnonprofit.org	\$150,000/ 18 months	African American (English)
Being Built Together	Community connector program to expand services access for Korean-speaking families. Contact: Jinsook Baek contact@bbtus.org	\$475,000/ 24 months	Korean (Korean)
Chasing 7 Dreams	Increase early intervention awareness to minority, low income, and BIPOC parents and caregivers. Contact: Tenika Doyle tenika@chasing7dreams.org	\$275,000/ 24 months	African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Hmong, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mien, Native American, Pacific Islander, Vietnamese, Sri Lanken, Hawaiian, Samoan, Arabic, Caucasian.
Children's Hospital Los Angeles	÷ ·		African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Hmong, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mien, Native American, Pacific Islander, Slavic, Vietnamese.
Disability Voices United	Education and training program in leadership for people with disabilities and their families Contact: Judy Mark judymark@dvunited.org	\$325,000/ 18 months	African American, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hispanic, Hmong, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mien, Native American, Pacific Islander, Ethiopian Vietnamese.
Seesaw Communities, Inc.	Cultural pathway for competitive employment for self-advocates in the Korean community. Contact: Rachel Lee rlee@thesc.us	advocates in the Korean community. Contact: Rachel Lee 5250,000/ 18 months	
USC UCEDD Children's Hospital Los Angeles Peer-Mentorship & Technical Assistance for Parent & Self Advocate Led CBOs	Peer mentor program to provide technical assistance for CBOs to collaborate and share resources. Contact: Olga Solomon solomon@usc.edu	\$350,000/ 18 months	African American, Hispanic, Native American, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Mixteco Indigenous.

Yaned Busch and Jessi Romero, Specialized Services I and II:

Enhanced Service Coordination

The Budget Act of 2021/2022 allocated funding for Enhanced Service Coordination (ESC) with a specific caseload ratio of 1 service coordinator (SC) to 40 individuals in underserved and diverse communities with low and no purchase of service (POS). With smaller caseloads, specially trained SCs provide focused support and increased service coordination to the individuals served and their families.

The primary role of the ESC SC is to provide individuals served and their families valuable training opportunities to understand their diagnosis, the regional center system, the role of their service coordinator, the IPP process, and SG/PRC's various service delivery models - Traditional Funding services, Participant Directed services, and Self-Determination Program. This is achieved with increased communication, quarterly meetings, and accessibility to community outreach events.

Enhanced Service Coordination Outreach

The ESC program emerges as a comprehensive and strategic approach to service coordination, resource allocation, and community empowerment, ultimately contributing to improved outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities. As such, SG/PRC strategically centralized the five Enhanced Service Coordination (ESC) positions allocated by DDS within two Specialized Services units. The selection process for the first 200 individuals served was based on a Department of Developmental Services (DDS) list identifying those with zero-to-low POS (less than \$2,000 of regional center funded services). Individuals and their families were notified of their transfer to Specialized Services, accompanied by information that the ESC program is voluntary and spans a 12-month service period. The voluntary nature of the ESC program ensures that the individuals and their families are active participants in the decision-making process regarding their services.

ESC participants are identified in a database generated by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Participation in the program is voluntary, with individuals and their families agreeing to a 12-month service period aligned with SG/PRC's fiscal year. They also commit to quarterly visits with their ESC. Through a person-centered approach and enhanced communication, ESCs provide valuable training opportunities, helping individuals and families better understand their diagnosis, the regional center system, the role of their service coordinator, the Individual Program Plan (IPP) process, and the various service delivery models available, including Traditional Funding services, Participant Directed services, and the Self-Determination Program. On July 2024, a new cohort of 200 individuals joined the ESC program. Enrollees in fiscal year 2023-2024 returned to traditional service coordination. Once a participant returns to traditional service coordination, both the ESC and traditional service coordinator maintain communication throughout the year to sustain continuous support for participants.

The efficacy of the ESC program is evident in the significant increase of authorized services. Authorizations indicated what the IPP team agreed to and authorized on behalf of the individual served. SG/PRC has served 400 individuals since the inception of the program in April 2022. Purchase of service authorizations for fiscal year 2023-2024 yield \$1,826,090.31. The authorized amount for ESC participants in the fiscal year 2023-2024 increased significantly from a baseline of \$252,234.90 to \$1,826,090.31. These figures highlight the program's success as the ESC team focuses on empowering the individuals served and their families with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate and access essential services and support.

Enhanced Service Coordination 2024-2025

Effective July 2024, SG/PRC selected a new group of 200 individuals to participate in the Enhanced Service Coordination (ESC) program. ESC SCs aim to empower individuals and their families with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate and readily access the services and support they need. Participation in SG/PRC community events is a key component of this effort. These events connect individuals and families to various services, support groups, social and recreational activities, SG/PRC staff, and other families served by SG/PRC. An example of this engagement is the Empowerment Conference: Enhanced Services hosted by the ESC team on May 23, 2024. Three previous Enhanced workshops were held during the fiscal year 2023-2024, designed to increase awareness of services and resources available at SG/PRC and within the community.

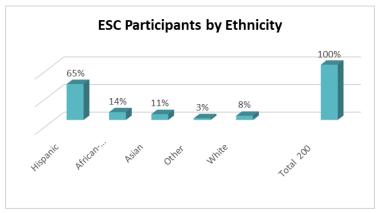
During these workshops, families had the opportunity to enjoy a light breakfast while getting to know the SG/PRC Service Access and Equity team. They also became more aware of how to navigate the Regional Center and access Regional Center-funded services, which can be a critical aspect of providing comprehensive support to individuals and families with developmental disabilities. These efforts help ensure that all individuals have the information and resources they need to access the services and support they require more effectively.

The ESC team is taking proactive steps to ensure families' participation in the upcoming Enhanced Service Workshops. They plan to use a combination of mailing, emails, and text reminders to engage with the participants. This communication strategy demonstrates a commitment to inclusive and accessible outreach, ensuring that families from diverse backgrounds are well-informed and can actively participate in these valuable workshops and events.

- 1. Mailing, Emailing, and Hand Delivering Flyers: The team will mail, and hand deliver a flyer containing information about the upcoming workshops to all 200 participants. This allows for physical reminders and reference material for the events.
- 2. Text Reminders: Amos Byoun, the Community Outreach Specialist, will send out text reminders to notify participants about the workshops. Text messages can serve as a quick and convenient way to keep families informed.
- 3. Multilingual Support: To ensure effective communication, the team has made flyers and texts available in multiple preferred languages. LACC Specialists, Luz Rodriguez and Tiffany Loong have translated the materials into Spanish, Mandarin, and Vietnamese, accommodating a diverse group of participants.

Upcoming Enhanced Service Conference:

• June 5, 2025- Conference





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Self-Determination Program:

As of February 28, 2025, SG/PRC has successfully enrolled 240 participants into the Self-Determination Program (SDP). SDP is an alternative funding model to traditional services and became accessible to all regional center clients on July 1, 2021. SG/PRC SDP Team develops and promotes training opportunities to further enhance the implementation of SDP for all individuals served by SG/PRC. Additionally, the SDP Team aims to bridge any disparities for underserved communities. Training and support groups are offered in English, Spanish, Chinese, American Sign Language (ASL), and other languages, as needed. The charts below depict data collected by diagnosis, language, and ethnicity. Below you will see data on enrolled cases in SDP as of 02/28/2025.

SG/PRC individuals served in SDP by diagnosis and ethnicity

Enrollees by Diagnosis	# of Enrollees	Percentage
Autism	157	65%
Intellectual Disability	55	23%
Cerebral Palsy	17	7%
Epilepsy	9	4%
Other	2	1%
Grand Total	240	100%

SG/PRC individuals served in SDP by departments as of 02/28/2025

Department	Total	Percentage
Preschool (3 to 6yrs old)	7	3%
Family (6 - 14yrs old)	89	37%
Transition (14 to 25 years old)	68	28%
Adult (25yrs +)	76	32%
Grand Total	240	100%

SDP Participant Enrollment 11/1/2019 through 02/28/2025

SDP Enrollees	Total	SDP Year
November 1, 2019	1	
January - December 2020	12	6 th year
January - December 2021	28	5 th year
January - December 2022	52	4 th year
January – December 2023	51	3 rd year
January – December 2024	87	2 nd year
January 2025 – February 2025	9	1 st year
Grand Total	240	

Below you will see the Table: SG/PRC Fact Sheet of individuals served by diagnosis and ethnicity as of 12/01/2024.

SG/PRC Fact Sheet							
Diagnosis	# of Clients	%					
Autism	6,444	48%					
Cerebral Palsy	1,372	10%					
Epilepsy	1,823	13%					
Intellectual Disabilities	8,144	60%					
Other Dev. Disabilities	1,228	9%					
SGPRO	Client by Ethnicity # of Clients 9/						
		%					
Client by Ethnicity	# of Clients 2,200	% 12%					
	# of Clients						
Client by Ethnicity Asian w/Filipino	# of Clients 2,200	12%					
Client by Ethnicity Asian w/Filipino African American	# of Clients 2,200 807	12% 5%					
Client by Ethnicity Asian w/Filipino African American Multi-Cultural	# of Clients 2,200 807 1,515	12% 5% 9%					
Client by Ethnicity Asian w/Filipino African American Multi-Cultural Native American	# of Clients 2,200 807 1,515 22	12% 5% 9% 0%					
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SG/PRC SDP Team

The Self-Determination Program at SG/PRC has undergone remarkable development since its inception in July 2021, when it first became available to interested and eligible participants. The program's enrollment has grown at an impressive rate, necessitating an increase in the number of subject matter experts to address the specialized needs of SDP participants.

With the steadfast support of SG/PRC's Executive Director and the SAE Director, as of July 1, 2024, the centralization of the SDP expanded further by growing the SDP team by two additional positions. Including modifying the role of the SDP SC and Participant Choice Specialists. The roles within the program were enhanced to match the complexities and intricacies of SDP. SDP Service Coordinators transitioned to Self-Determination Support Specialists, and the Participant Choice Specialist-System Analysts became Lead Self-Determination Program Support Specialists. This strategic reorganization underscores SG/PRC's commitment to providing exceptional support and resources to SDP participants, ensuring the continued success and growth of the program.

The role of the SDP team is to provide ongoing training and support to SG/PRC staff in navigating the SDP process. Training is delivered via 1:1 with budget and spending plan meetings, revising spending plans, training Independent Facilitators on the SG/PRC system, attending meetings to support families in understanding the role of the Independent Facilitator and/or FMS, and attending meetings to support with SDP-IPP.

The team receives daily calls from SG/PRC staff and daily emails via the SDP Workgroup email system requesting support with the SDP process. These calls vary from assisting SCs with access to SDP material, training on the SDP process, and/or general information in understanding the SDP process, how to explain the SDP process to the individuals served; and accessing SDP material.

Specialized Services (SPS) Managers host Manager Collaboration Meetings with SG/PRC Managers to review DDS directives and SDP trends. SPS Managers present SDP updates and promote training opportunities, support groups, and training tools at the monthly Vendor Meetings, Community Meetings, and the Board Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families, including attendance for the DDS bi-monthly meetings with the DDS SDP Manager and staff. Through all these meetings and trainings discussed above, the SDP team collects data on individuals served and their families who are interested in learning more about SDP and potentially enrolling in the program. The list of those interested in exploring SDP averages over 100 individuals. Of the interested-list, 5-10 individuals successfully transition to SDP monthly.

DDS Meetings and Trainings

SG/PRC SDP-Team attends bi-monthly meetings with DDS for further guidance on DDS directives and to discuss progress in the SDP service delivery model. The last meeting with SG/PRC SDP Team, DDS, Frank D. Lanterman, and Inland Regional Center was held on December 10, 2024.

The last directive released was in July 2024: <u>DDS SDP Program Directives</u>

DDS continues to update their website with the approved FMS Employer's burden. Action FMS and GT Independence FMS are still pending to be approved and updated to the website. DDS shared they are working

with FMS providers who may have "other" rates and will provide regional centers an update with the outcome.

- DDS SDP FMS Contact List
- DDS Summary of Approved FMS Employers Burden

DDS continues to hold PCS Office Hours for Q &A. They also reviewed SDP SANDIS Data collection and for regional centers to continue updating as needed. DDS is working on releasing information on budget thresholds and will release a directive as soon as it's ready. Regional Centers will also receive a directive for their implementation funds for 2024-2025. The next scheduled DDS meeting will be in April 2025.

SDP Statewide Meeting with ARCA

The SDP Team participates in quarterly SDP Statewide Meetings with ARCA and SDP Leadership Team representatives from all 21 regional centers. This meeting was held on February 12, 2025, to review the further implementation of DDS directives and other topics such as common trends, spending plan revisions, and resolutions of Notice of Actions. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2025.

California State Assembly

June 11, 2024, the California State Assembly reviewed two Senate Bills to enhance the Self-Determination Program:

Senate Bill 1281- Advancing Equity and Access in the Self-Determination Program Act-would establish an administrative process to simplify and streamline the procedures for enrolling participants and assisting them in remaining in the Self Determination Program (SDP).

Senate Bill 1463 – the bill would require the Governor to appoint a Deputy Director of Self-Determination, responsible for overseeing the successful implementation and operation of the program.

Self-Determination Implementation Funds

Welfare and Institution Code section 4685.8(f), allocated funds to regional centers to support implementation of the Self-Determination Program. Specialized Services Managers, Yaned Busch and Jessi Romero, and the Director of SAE work collaboratively with the Local Voluntary Advisory Committee (LVAC) to develop training opportunities and support groups to enhance the implementation of SDP. The LVACs play an important role in the implementation and oversight of the SDP. The regional centers and LVAC work collaboratively to prioritize the use of available funds to meet the needs of participants in their local area. Funds may only be expended after agreement is reached on local needs.

Self-Determination Implementation Funds

2022-2023 Self-Determination Program Implementation Funds-Special Projects \$93,152.28

Project Name	Provider	Contact Person	Brief Description	Contract Dates	Contract Cost	Balance
						\$93,152.28
SDP Training and Coaching Services	Healed Women Heal	Tracy Evanson	Supplemental training for SDP orientation	8/1/2023 to 3/15/2025	\$30,960.00	\$62,192.28
SG/PRC SDP Video Voice Overs	Education Spectrum	Cathy Gott	SDP training video voiceovers	11/01/2023 to 3/15/2025		\$31,392.28
The Waiting Room	Education Spectrum	Cathy Gott	SDP Support Group	12/04/2023 to 3/15/2025	\$20,832.00	\$10,560.28
SDP Conference Material	Pasadena Promos	Priya Raghuram	SDP Conference Material	10/18/2024	\$10,560.26	\$0
				Balance		\$0

SDP Training and Coaching Services

Training will be provided by Healed Women Heal. This training is a supplement to SDP orientation. Many of our families require additional training after attending the SDP orientation. The training will focus on bridging the gap in understanding the SDP enrollment process. Many families complete the orientation and find themselves having more questions about the SDP process. The participants will increase their understanding of SDP which will further empower them to manage their relationships with their Independent Facilitators, the Regional Center, and the financial management services. This training course is a 4-week series. Healed Women Heal completed three training series. The first series took place 1/22/24 through 2/14/24 and the second series 6/1/24 to 6/24/24. The third English series began 10/7/2024 and concluded on 11/04/24. The Spanish series began 10/09/24 and ended on 11/06/24. Training is held on Mondays in English with Chinese interpretation and on Wednesdays in Spanish. Spanish training sessions are held by Spanish speaking trainers. However, training sessions are offered in various languages. SG/PRC community members and individuals served by other regional centers were in attendance.

SG/PRC SDP Video Voice Overs

The SDP Team continues to collaborate with Cathy Gott of Education Spectrum to continue the SDP Training video voiceover translations. Education Spectrum has completed all four videos in Spanish, Vietnamese and Mandarin. The Korean and ASL videos are currently being translated.

Waiting Room by Education Spectrum 2023-2024

Education Spectrum held their final 2024 monthly parent support group on December 19, 2024. They had a total of 12 participants attending their meeting. Translation services were provided in Spanish and Chinese. SG/PRC staff do not attend this meeting so that families can support one another and openly share their experiences with SDP and SG/PRC staff. Cathy Gott, founder of Education Spectrum, provides SG/PRC with a monthly report to further enhance the SDP program at SG/PRC and shares resources with SDP participants.

SG/PRC SDP Conference

In collaboration with the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee, SG/PRC held their first SDP Conference using SDP Implementation Funds. The SDP Conference was held on October 18, 2024, at Le Meridien in Arcadia, CA. There were 305 guests in attendance, which included SDP participants and their families, individuals interested in learning more about SDP, and those going through the enrollment process. Individuals served and their families had an opportunity to meet other SDP participants and network with one another. The conference highlighted success stories and video testimonials from parents of SDP participants. Families also connected with SG/PRC staff to share experiences and resources, fostering a supportive community. Key presentation by Deputy Executive Director Lucina Galarza informed the SDP community on the "Background and History of Self-Determination" and the Director of Client Services Daniela Santana enlighten the audience with "Initiation of Self-Determination at SG/PRC." Managers of Specialized Services- Special Projects Yaned Busch and Jessi Romero presented an overview on the "Transitioning into Self-Determination Program" and valuable information on available supports from the SDP Team. Lead Specialists Yvette Espinoza and Marlene Alvarez shared an overview of their role within the SDP program. The audience also received valuable information on the appeals and resolution process from the Manager of Appeals and Resolutions, Daniel Ibarra. Other presenters included Aimee Delgado from the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy and the Department of Rehabilitation Office. A panel of parents and the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee shared their personal experience with SDP. They also encouraged families to connect with one another and their regional center to fully experience the benefit of available resources and support. The conference attendees received a special treat with an afternoon of laughter from an SDP Participant Comedian who has a successful career in the comedy world. The SDP conference is one of many events funded by SDP Implementation Funds. SG/PRC is committed to further enhance the implementation of SDP and continues to foster a supportive community for SDP participants.

2023-2024 Self-Determination Program Implementation Funds-Special Projects \$92,951.39

Project Name	Provider	Contact Person	Brief Description	Contract Dates	Contract Cost	Balance
SDP Conference 2024	Le Meredian Hotel		SDP Informational Conference	10/18/2024	\$30,590.71	\$62,360.68
SDP Conference 2024	Blue Dragon Video Production		SDP Interviews Video Production	10/18/2024	\$23,419.00	\$41,528.68
				Balance		\$41,528.68

2024-2025 Self-Determination Program Implementation Funds-Special Projects $\$92,\!377.13$

Yvette Espinoza and Marlene Alvarez, Lead SDP Support Specialists

The focus of the Lead SDP Support Specialist is to provide outreach and training for staff and community members. They support SG/PRC staff and individuals served to understand and access Participant-Directed Services and the Self-Determination Program. The Lead SDP Specialists are the central point of contact for staff and the community for support, training, and advocacy for individuals accessing these two programs. They collaborate with multiple departments within the agency including Client Services, Community Services, and Accounting. They also engage with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) by providing monthly information and attending bi-monthly meetings. They engage in Person-Centered planning meetings with individuals, families, and independent facilitators as needed. They also participate in the development, review, and certification of individual budgets, review spending plans, and Individual Program Plans.

Case-management Support: The Lead SDP Support Specialists host weekly consultations with staff called SDP office hours, where service coordinators sign up to ask case-specific questions. SDP office hours are now being held three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to support case management staff and the

community. The support may vary from developing an SDP Budget, reviewing SDP spending plans, writing SDP IPPs, and securing SDP authorizations.

The Self-Determination team also meets every week or as necessary to disseminate information from DDS and discuss ways to streamline the process for all parties. Additionally, managers may invite The Lead SDP Specialists to attend their unit meetings for further training.

Lead Specialists, Yvette and Marlene, support SG/PRC staff in transitioning families into SDP. They also provide support to SDP Support Specialists with those enrolled in the program. Their support extends to answering questions about the difference between Participant-Directed services and Self-Determination, the process of the program, the development of budgets (unmet needs), accessing generic resources if necessary, and reviewing SDP spending plans with SDP definitions, and attending meetings with families and IFs when requested. The Lead SDP Specialists participate in quarterly Statewide meetings related to the Self-Determination Program. They meet with the rest of the Regional Centers alongside the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA). They also attend and participate in monthly Self-Determination Community meetings such as the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee held every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Lastly, they meet with DDS bi-monthly for updates and to share current trends within the Self-Determination Program.

Community Outreach Events: 1/23/2025: Resource & Recovery Event

Additional SG/PRC training/presentations: Yvette Espinoza, Lead SDP Support Specialist, and Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist received certification as SG/PRC's Person-Centered Planning (PCP) Coaches as of June 30, 2023. This meets a performance measure outlined by DDS. The outcome is for all case management staff including managers to be trained in person-centered planning skills. They continue to meet monthly with Helen Sanderson Associates for support in disseminating training for staff. Staff training will consist of video recordings uploaded to eLearning Modules and in-person workshops for practice.

On August 8, 2024, Yaned Busch, Specialized Services Manager I; Jessi Romero, Specialized Services Manager II; and Marlene Alvarez, Lead SDP Support Specialist received certification as SG/PRC's Person-Centered Planning (PCP) Coaches.

The Financial Management Service (FMS) Providers

Individuals served/families may choose the FMS provider of their choice. The SDP team provides a list of providers upon request. Individuals served/families may also visit the DDS website to obtain a list of FMS providers. At SG/PRC, GT Independence has the highest numbers of individuals enrolled in SDP, followed by Ritz. The highest percentage of SDP participants are in the Adult Services Department (25 years +), followed by those in the Family Services Department (5-15 years). The Financial Management Services (FMS) providers report a significant waiting period to enroll SDP participants. FMS providers may have waiting lists that vary between three to six months. The SDP team encourages individuals served/families to contact and interview FMS providers in the early stages of the SDP process.

For additional information on the FMS models, please click below: https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/FMS_Directive_20181221.pdf

For the FMS model comparison chart:

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FMSModelsComparisonChart 04272021.pdf

For the DDS list of FMS providers:

https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/financial-management-service-contact-list/

FMS Providers Vendored with SGPRC

Name	FMS Models	Language	Phone	Email
ACCURA	Bill payer, Sole- Employer, Co- employer	English	510-386-1399	Vidhya Govindaraju <u>Vidhyags83@gmail.com</u>

Referral Process:

- **❖** Accepting Referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must contact FMS minimum 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Budgets over \$120,000 may require additional review.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Name	FMS Models	Language	Phone	Email
ACE FMS	Bill payer & Sole- Employer	English	833-344-7272	sara@acefms.com or peyman@acefms.com

Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting Referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must contact FMS minimum 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Budgets over \$120,000 may require additional review.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Action FMS	Bill Payer & Co- employer	English	(310)867-8882	contact@actionFMS.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting Referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must contact FMS minimum 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Acumen Bill payer & Sole Employer	English, Spanish	(424) 210-8810	yvettet@acument2.net
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Referral Pocess:

- **❖** Accepting Referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact Acumen a minimum 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Aveanna, formerly Bill payer known as Premier Empl		(310) 215-1730	FMSInfo@aveanna.com
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Referral Process:

- **❖** Accepting referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum of 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Cambrian	Bill payer, Sole- Employer & Co- Employer	English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Farsi	(877) 390-4300	Paulq@cfms1.com davide@cfms1.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Community Interface Services (CIS)	Bill Payer	English & Spanish	(760) 729-3866	CSheppard@communityinterfaces ervices.org
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Referral Process:

- **❖** Accepting referrals.
- A Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum of 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Essential Pay	Bill Payer	English & Spanish	(833) 268-8530	contact@essentialpay.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum of 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

Fact Family	Bill payer, Sole- Employer & Co- Employer	English	(310) 475-9620 ext. 298	FMS@factfamily.org
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Referral Process:

- Accepting referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum 30 to 60 days before start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

FMS Pay LLC	Bill Payer	English & Spanish	(858) 281-5910	connect@fmspay.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum 30 to 60 days before start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

GT Independence	Bill payer, Sole- Employer & Co- Employer	All languages	(877)659-4500 ext.356	tjones@gtindependence.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals.
- A Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum 30 to 60 days before start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.
- **As of June 2024, GTI placed a hold on accepting Co-Employer Model referrals.**

Home of Guiding Hands Bill Payer English (619) 938-2853 Ems@guidinghands.org
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Referral Process:

Servicing San Diego RC only

	Bill payer, Sole-			
Mains'l	Employer & Co-	English & Spanish	(866) 767-4296	JMBergquist@mainsl.com
	Employer			

Referral Process:

* Accepting referrals

- ❖ Must complete Mains'ls Meet & Greet orientation to start the process for enrollment.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.
- **❖** Mains'l will continue to support the individual in the Co-Employer Model through 9/30/2024.
- **Effective 10/01/2024, Mains'l will no longer offer Co-Employer Model.**

Public	Bill pover & Sole			
Partnerships LLC	Employer	English & Spanish	(844)902-6665	pplcalifornia@pplfirst.com
(PPL)	Employer			

Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals.
- A Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum 30 to 60 days before start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.
- ❖ No budget limits; however, internal alerts are set for budgets exceeding \$225k
- Upon enrollment, participants are assigned a Supports Broker as their 1:1 contact for enrollment and case-specific questions.

Ritz Vocational Bill Payer & Co- Employer English, Spanish & Mandarin (833) 748-9888 info@ritzfms.com
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Referral Process:

- ❖ Accepting referrals with budgets under \$120,000.
- A Participant/family must verbally contact Ritz a minimum 30 to 60 days before starting SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.

	Payer, Sole bloyer & Co- bloyer	English		Brian Torum btorum@sentinelfour.com
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Referral Process:

- * Accepting referrals.
- ❖ Participant/family must verbally contact FMS a minimum 30 to 60 days before start SDP.
- ❖ Must have signed budget and draft spending plan when completing referral.
- ❖ Authorizations must be submitted, approved, and processed on e-Billing by no later than the 15th of the previous month.



Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Videoconference Meeting

ZOOM Meeting ID: 191 486 135 Password: 681356

Committee Members:		Staff:
Phillip Loi, Chairperson Preeti Subramaniam Mary Soldato Sam Yi Ricardo Centeno	Jovenal Malonzo Jaye Dixit Adele Zimmermann Diana Ramirez Pete Rodriguez	Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Dir. G. Daniela Santana, Dir. of Client Services Elba Moreno, Assistant, Comm. & Public Engagement Department

6 PM	1.	Public Meeting Call to Order A. Review of Agenda B. Review Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025
6:05 PM	2.	Public Comment - Please email elba.moreno@sgprc.org to sign up
6:10 PM	3.	Special Presentation — Quality Assurance Team by Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Dir.
6:40 PM	4.	 Future Training Topics April 23, 2025 – Self-Determination Program May 28, 2025 – Foster Grandparents June 25, 2025 – CAPTAIN
6:45	5.	SG/PRC Information A. Updates by Daniela Santana, Director Client Services B. Updates by Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director C. Self Determination — Yaned Busch Mgr. of Specialized Services I and Jessi Romero, Manager of Specialized Services II D. Advocacy Liaison Updates — Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison
7:00	6.	Adjournment

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

February 26, 2025

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Phillip Loi, Co-Chair Richard Centeno

Jaye Dixit

Preeti Subramaniam

Jovenal Malonzo Jr.

Pete Rodriguez

Diana Ramirez

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director Zorahida Preciado, Associate Director, Adult &

Residential Services

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and

Equity

Elba Moreno, Department Assistant,

Communications

ABSENT:

Adele Zimmermann Sam Yi Mary Soldato

GUESTS:

ITEMS DISCUSSED

CALL TO ORDER

Phillip Loi, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was established.

• The minutes from the January 22, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

PUBLIC INPUT - None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION –

The special presentation was postponed for the following month's meeting.

Future Training Topics:

- o March 26, 2025 Quality Assurance Team
- o April 23, 2025 Self-Determination Program
- May 28,2025 Foster Grandparent Program
- o June 25, 2025 CAPTAIN

Updates and Information by SG/PRC Staff

- Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director, presented an updated on the efforts that the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center has made in response to the wildfires that are affecting Altadena since they broke out on January 7, 2025, and that entities that have provided SG/PRC with assistance:
 - o The World Institute on Disability donated \$50,000, assisting 100 families.
 - o Anthem Blue Cross donated a grant of over \$1,000.
 - SG/PRC was able to obtain a grant from the Richard D. Davis Foundation of \$20,000. The community has donated \$40,000 in cash and gift cards to the Eaton Wildfire Fundraiser through the foundation as well.
 - The donation and distribution center that was opened to obtain essential goods to assist individuals served and their families that were affected, has recently been closed.

Rate Reform for all SG/PRC vendors is a project that is currently being focused on as increases/adjustments need to be completed by the end of June 2025.

- Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, reported that SG/PRC held a Resource & Recovery Fair on February 23, 2025, in the City of Industry for families that were evacuated or lost their homes due to the fire, where they were able to access approximately 25 different programs like FEMA and the Department of Mental Health.
- Jessi Romero, Manager, Specialized Services- Special Projects II- reported on the following regarding Self Determination:
 - There are currently 252 individuals enrolled.
 - o The SDP Team currently has four SDP projects:
 - 1. LVAC continues to meet every second Tuesday of the month. The committee votes on future projects/trainings for community regarding the Self-Determination Program. One of those programs is the SDP support group The Waiting Room hosted by Education Spectrum.
 - 2. SDP training and coaching series in collaboration with Healed Women Heal will resume with one more four-week training session

- in late March.
- 3. On October 18, 2024, the first SDP conference was held in the city of Arcadia, which attracted over 300 attendees and are in the planning stages for another conference in 2025.
- Elisa Herzog, Advocacy Liaison gave a brief history of her background and experience and made the following announcement: The Advocacy Connection is designed & intended for adult individuals served by San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center. The next meeting is on Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 5:00 PM 6:00 PM. The topic will be "Being Safe in the Community & During Natural Disasters" Presented by Jane Singer & Jessica Masser, Professional Safety Instructors with a Special Presentation on Emergency Preparedness. No RSVP is required and no Zoom Password is required. A copy of the flyer is located in the meeting materials folder and on sgprc.org in the calendar of upcoming events.

ADJOURN

Chair, Phillip Loi adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025, via videoconference at 6 P.M.

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

March 6, 2025

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson

Sharon Ehrig

Valerie Donelson

Jay Smith

Ookie Voong

Christina Buth(late)

Theresa Jones Zarour

Wanda Averhart-Collins

Jaime Currie

Jesse Silva

Beba Saba

Johnnie Martinez

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director

Jaime Anabalon, Quality Assurance Specialist

Lisa Cipres, Housing Specialist

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public

Engagement Officer

Elba Moreno, Assistant Communications

Department

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alyssa Zubia

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the meeting on February 6, 2025, were reviewed and approved. M/S/C (Donelson & Ehrig) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved the minutes.

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

None

C. <u>VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS</u>

Adult Programs

Vocational – (1 Vacancy) Alyssa Zubia was not present.

Adult Day – Johnnie Martinez: the subcommittee met two weeks prior in-person, the concerns that were discussed were the DDS provider directory and DSP Internship Program. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Wanda Averhart-Collins: the subcommittee held a meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, via Zoom. The topics that were discussed were communication challenges with the regional center, Gallagher, rate changes, the difficulties that small service providers face with the referral process, and consistency with information from service coordinators. The next meeting will be held in late March.

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour shared concerns about when the new rate models would take effect.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig reported that individuals that have obtained increases in their SSA and SSDI and/or who have transitioned from subminimum wage to minimum wage are being terminated from housing assistance and Medi-Cal. She also mentioned the VITA program, a resource that provides free tax services for individuals that make \$64,000 a year or less. A VITA location can be found by entering the zip code on the IRS website.

SLS Services – Jesse Silva mentioned that SLS vendors still have questions about the rate reform, the provider directory, rising rent prices, and the referral process with the regional center.

Residential Services

Specialized – (1 Vacancy)

CCF – Valerie Donelson shared that there is also concern among the CCF vendors about the rate reform.

Jay Smith reported that the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center and licensing are working closely with facilities that were impacted by the Eaton fire to ensure that the individuals and providers are supported.

ICF- Ookie Voong reported that the subcommittee met on February 13, 2025. The meeting was poorly attended and will meet again in May. There was concern with managed care plans dropping some individuals IPA in the beginning of the year delaying health care services.

Other Vendored Services- Beba Saba: the subcommittee met on February 20, 2025; it was well attended. The topics that were discussed were the new vendor training- explaining the billing process and when to bill, a go to SG/PRC directory list for vendors, and expectation on response and rate reform. At the April subcommittee meeting a guest from the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center will attend to explain the authorization process from start to finish. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

<u>At Large-</u> Jaime Currie: the At Large Subcommittee will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 AM. Some families have reported that they are having trouble finding Financial Service Managers on the Self-Determination Program, especially for larger budgets. They also expressed confusion about traditional services while transitioning to SDP. Providers accepting SDP have concerns about consistency in the rate models.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The following applicant was interviewed and recommended to the VAC for membership:

• Janee Blackburn for Specialized Residential M/S/C (Smith & Donelson) The Vendor Advisory committee approved the membership of Janee Blackburn, effective immediately.

Currently recruiting for the following for FY 24/25:

• Vocational (1)

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jamie Currie attended a few hearings, including for the Department of Managed Health Care hearings, she sat in their financial committee hearing. Trying to figure out a way to collect to assist the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported on the following:

- Grassroots Day in Sacramento, mentioning Senate Bill 422 which will help provide more support on rates and needs for Direct Service Professionals and the service provider community was one of the agreed upon topics this year.
- Response times for San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center is twenty-four hours or next business day, workflows and FAQs are being developed to improve the process.
- Timely authorizations- Efforts are being made in reorganizing the workflow with pathways for vendors to connect with SG/PRC staff when issues arise.
- Proactive timely billing, there have been situations where San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center is receiving billing past the 90-day window, causing challenges in processing.

SG/PRC UPDATES

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director:

- Statewide Provider Directory
- Rate Reform Implementation
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) Internship Program
- HCBS Trainings
- Future HCBS Projects
- Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Update
- Coordinated Career Pathways (CCP)
- Payment Assistance for ICFs during transition to Managed Care
- DSP Training Stipend Program

Hortencia Tafoya, Clinical Director & Sonia Saavedra, Health Care Support Specialist, reported on Managed Care Plans dropping individuals from their assigned IPA's. To assist, SC's must complete a form to be assigned as their case managers, authorizing them to call member services on behalf of the individual served to request changes. If vendors have any questions, they can reach out directly to Ms. Saavedra.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on April 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.



STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, March 26, 2025 6 P.M.

VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING ZOOM Meeting ID: 988 615 875

Password: 667011 Join by **ZOOM link**

COMMITTE	STAFF	
Julie Chetney, Interim	Trish Gonzales,	Jesse Weller, Executive
Chairperson	Board Secretary	Director
Bill Stewart, Board	Gisele Ragusa,	Erika Gomez,
Treasurer	Committee Member	Liaison- BOD & RDDF
Natalie Webber,	Yan Li,	
Committee Member	Committee Member	

6 PM	1.	Public Meeting Call to Order A. Review of Agenda B. Review Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025* C. Public Comment
		Public Comment - Please email egomez@sgprc.org to sign up
6:10 PM		Strategic Plan Update by Jesse Weller A. Community Survey - Deadline is 3/27 B. ATLAS Case Management Software Pilot Update Beta (New) C. Website Preview by Yvonne
	3.	Board Composition – <i>Interviews</i>
6:25 PM		A. L. Kwari
6:45 PM		в. L. Nguyen
7:00 PM	4.	Adjournment

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 26, 2025

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

MEMBERS:

STAFF:

Julie Chetney, Board President Bill Stewart, Board Director Trish Gonzales, Board Director Yan Li, Committee Member Natalie Webber, Committee Member Gisele Ragusa, Committee Member Jesse Weller, Executive Director Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD & RDDF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS:

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A) CALL TO ORDER –Board President, Julie Chetney, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. A quorum was established.

B) AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVAL

- The agenda was reviewed.
- The minutes from the January 22, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved *M/S/C* (*Gonzalez/Yan*) The committee approved the minutes. Abstain: Ragusa

C) **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

D) STRATEGIC PLAN

Executive Director, Jesse Weller, provided the following updates

Implementation Updates

- SG/PRC continues to collaborate with Michelle Ware, Consultant, Forward Focus, to manage and streamline processes using Monday.com.
- Mrs. Ware attended a leadership meeting this month. She will conduct oneon-one alignment meetings with leaders. She plans to bring in an assistant and provide training sessions for leadership. She also provided Jesse with an outline of her implementation steps.
- A survey assessing the organization's progress as a regional center has been completed and translated. It was originally scheduled for release earlier but delayed due to the recent fires. The new launch date is Monday, March 3, 2025.
- The Board approved Atlas Case Management Software. The Initial launch was planned for February 12, 2025, but staff faced some technical glitches.
- The pilot program initiated with select divisions within the agency. There's an onsite launch scheduled for next week. If successful after a 30-day trial, the software will be made available organization-wide.
- The SG/PRC website development is on track, targeting a launch in March or April.

E) **BOARD COMPOSITION**

The committee transitioned to a closed session to conduct interviews with potential committee members.

F) ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned. The next Strategic Development Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

For materials shared at meetings, please go to www.sgprc.org, click on the calendar and look for an event by date. There you will find a link to the materials for each meeting.

