

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

May 1, 2025

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson
Sharon Ehrig
Valerie Donelson
Jay Smith
Ookie Voong
Christina Buth
Jaime Currie
Jesse Silva (10:45 am)
Beba Saba
Johnnie Martinez

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Jaime Anabalon, Quality Assurance Specialist
Lisa Cipres, Housing Specialist
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Elba Moreno, Assistant Communications
Department

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alyssa Zubia
Theresa Jones Zarour
Janee Blackburn

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the meeting on April 3, 2025, were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Ehrig & Donelson) The Vendor Advisory committee approved the minutes.

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

None

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

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

Adult Day – Johnnie Martinez: The subcommittee did not meet; their next meeting will be held on the end of May 2025.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – (1 Vacancy)

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared that in Loma Linda ambulance services are no longer accepting government insurance. The Department of Managed Care may assist the consumer with this matter or anything similar if a claim is filed, they will investigate why the services are not being covered. She also shared the concern regarding individuals that are losing their Medi-Cal coverage due to their increased wages, Medicare has state programs that they may qualify for through a Dual Advantage Plan.

SLS Services – Jesse Silva was not present.

Residential Services

Specialized – Janee Blackburn was not present.

CCF – Jay Smith reported that the vacancy report was received and reviewed. The subcommittee was reminded about the upcoming deadline to register for the Provider Directory. It was also noted that some providers are receiving IPP's disclosing the authorized dollar amounts.

ICF- Ookie Voong: the subcommittee met, they were reminded that LAG funding is ending at the end of June, if vendors are experiencing billing or payment issues it is important they reach out to the managed care plans. There was concern with managed care plans dropping some individuals' IPA in the beginning of the year delaying health care services. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025, at

10:00 AM.

Other Vendored Services- Beba Saba: The subcommittee discussed AB-617, the Provider Directory, the Medicaid Rally, the subcommittee would like a contact for questions regarding PT, OT and SLP providers and discrepancies in bill rates for codes.

At Large- Jaime Currie reported that there's questions regarding the new DDS regulations no longer requiring parent participation to provide behavior analysis services however in the BA code of ethics parent participation is required. Although services are not contingent to parent participation it is not being communicated properly to families, especially when there's also a language barrier.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Currently recruiting for the following for FY 24/25:

- Vocational (1)
- Infant Development Program (1)

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jamie Currie met with the Department of Managed Health Care's Executive Director regarding the issue of the disparity gap for children receiving behavioral therapy, speech therapy, PT, OT through Medi-Cal plans, especially L.A. Care. A capacity ratio formula is being worked out to help reduce the number of individuals on waiting lists due to panels being closed. In the meantime, families can file a complaint with the Department of Managed Health Care, if they are experiencing difficulty receiving services.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented the following:

- The May Revise on the budget will be coming out of the Governor's office soon.
- Communication and Support Pathway for Service Providers
- Autism Registry concept will not be moving forward.
- Disability Week of Action

SG/PRC UPDATES

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director:

- Multi-Family Housing Project in Pomona
- Statewide Provider Directory
- Rate Reform Implementation
- Waiver of fees for Licensed Facilities damaged in fires in LA and Ventura Counties
- Remote Services
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) Internship Program
- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule
- HCBS Trainings
- Future HCBS Projects
- Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Update
- Payment Assistance for ICFs during transition to Managed Care
- DSP Training Stipend Program

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on June 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.