

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

June 5, 2025

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson
Sharon Ehrig
Valerie Donelson
Jay Smith
Ookie Voong
Christina Buth
Beba Saba
Johnnie Martinez
Janee Blackburn

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:

Theresa Jones Zarour
Jaime Currie
Jesse Silva

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 May 1, 2025, were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (Ehrig & Smith) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved the minutes.

B. ELECTION OF VAC CHAIRPERSON FY 25/26

The Vendor Advisory Committee unanimously approved to re-elect Kelly Privitt as

Chairperson for Fiscal Year 25/26.

M/S/C (Smith & Donelson) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved the re-election of Kelly Privitt as Chairperson for FY 25/26.

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

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

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

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

- Jay Smith for a final term as VAC member
- Christina Buth for a final term as VAC member
- Theresa Zarour for a final term as VAC member

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

C. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

There has been some confusion regarding the Provider Directory. The Department of Justice background turn-round time has caused some staffing issues with a couple vendors. The possibility of a staffing pool was discussed.

D. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – (2 Vacancies)

Adult Day – Johnnie Martinez: The subcommittee did not have anything to report; their next meeting will be scheduled for June 26, 2025 where they will discuss the Artisan Craft Fair.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – (1 Vacancy)

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared that Governor Newsom is proposing adding an “asset test” for applicants for Medi-Cal and In-Home Supportive Services. The test would

mean individuals would not be eligible if their assets total more than \$2,000. It was also mentioned that individuals who are homeless and have SSI are not considered homeless because they have a resource, causing difficulty with assisting the individuals.

SLS Services – Jesse Silva was not present.

Residential Services

Specialized – Janee Blackburn inquired about adding FHA vacancies on the residential report, but because the FHA numbers are low it is manageable without having to add them to the report.

CCF – Jay Smith reported that the subcommittee discussed the Service Provider Directory. When the QIP payment for participating in the Provider Directory and guidance on how to bill for that was also a topic of conversation. The process of notifying San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center of vacancies was brought up again during the subcommittee meeting, it was learned that unfortunately the residential vacancies email address is not being used by providers.

ICF- Ookie Voong: moving forward the subcommittee will meet along with the CCF subcommittee due to low meeting attendance, 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.

Other Vended Services- Beba Saba: The subcommittee had low attendance, the next meeting will be scheduled at a new date and time. The new San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center location was discussed; it will add more access to families and the community. They also touched on the upcoming Provider Fair and service acknowledgment forms. Beba spoke with Mr. Travis regarding PT, OT and SLP providers and discrepancies in bill rates for codes.

At Large- Jaime Currie was not present.

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 was not present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer, on behalf of Jesse Weller, Executive Director, provided an overview of the new website, www.sgprc.org.

SG/PRC UPDATES

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director:

- Multi-Family Housing Project in Pomona
- Community Needs Survey 2025-2026
- 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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on July 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.