

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
Executive/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 9, 2025

PRESENT:

Trish Gonzales, Board President
Preeti Subramaniam, Treasurer
Julie Chetney, Secretary
Phillip Lio

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Bill Stewart, 1st VP

GUESTS:

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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 May 2025 in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. These expenditures are for services paid through April 30, 2025.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. Call to order

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

- The committee reviewed the agenda.
- The committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of June 11, 2025.

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

Abstain: Loi

B. Public input: None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Report

Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following:

In regional center operations, the allocation based on the A-2 Amendment is projected to meet expenditure projections. Projections include operating continuation costs and expenditures from the prior fiscal year. The operations A-2 allocation for fiscal year 2024-25 is currently at \$54,947,125 with projected expenditures of \$54,947,125. The year-to-date expenditure is \$45,925,843 with projected remaining expenditures of \$9,021,4282. This results in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

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 Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion program has a current allocation in the amount of \$1,330,372, staff expect to spend the full amount.

The Community Placement Plan (CPP) and DC ongoing Workload operations were allocated at 100% in the A-2 amendment.

The Purchase of Service allocation is based on the A-2 amendment in the amount of \$511,473,895. The current month's expenditure amounted to \$45,343,337 bringing the year-to-date expenditure for services to \$435,972,947. The projected remaining expenditures, including late bills, are estimated at \$75,500,948, resulting in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

CPP/CRDP POS is a separate line item, SG/PRC is allocated \$100,000 for placement. Staff are expecting additional allocations in A-3 for Start-up projects.

(M/S/C Chetney & Subramaniam) The committee approved the Financial Report.

D. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Trish Gonzales, Board President, provided the following updates:

- A. Upcoming Board Meeting Agenda – July 23, 2025: Board Training – Board Governance & Conflict of Interest, Proposed Bylaws
- B. Upcoming Executive Finance Committee meeting agenda – August 13, 2025 – Same agenda items.

E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported the following:

- A. *Community Message from Jesse*: He acknowledged the concerns and fears about the recent federal bill passed by the House and its potential impact on individuals, families, and the community once signed into law. He reassured the community that the regional center remains a source of support and that no one is alone. He encouraged everyone to take care of themselves and reminded them that we are a strong, united community
- B. *Protecting Access for ALL Californians* – DDS provided a message to the community that CMS reportedly shared Medicaid data, including from California, with the Department of Homeland Security. The exact details of what was shared are unknown. Governor Newsom and CHHS Secretary, Kim Johnson, emphasized their commitment to community trust, dignity, and legal protections.

California’s developmental services remain an entitlement for *all* eligible individuals, regardless of immigration status. The state reaffirmed its strict privacy laws and shared multilingual resources, including:

- Legal and immigration support
- Privacy protection fact sheets
- Mental health and trauma resources
- Food and housing assistance
- Guardianship and advance directive templates

Regional centers are being directed to:

- Proactively support affected families
- Continue services despite guardianship changes
- Prioritize urgent IPP/IFSP updates
- Allow remote meetings and services where possible
- Expedite housing/transportation help

The Department encourages selfcare and urges families to contact service coordinators if needs change.

- C. *Federal Uncertainties Updates* –

- Some of the main impacts of this bill, over a period of ten years, will result in over \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid (what we call Medi-Cal) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- It includes a reduction of \$490 billion in Medicare funding and cuts ranging from \$186 to \$300 billion in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Covered California estimates that as many as 660,000 of the approximately 2 million people enrolled in the program may lose their coverage or choose to drop out due to increased costs and the burdensome new mandates for remaining enrolled. Those who decide to stay could face an average monthly premium increase of up to 66%
- It is too soon to know how big the cuts will end up being to California's budget and what strategy California will take in navigating this major divestment in these important programs. This could take months and even into 2026 and beyond to fully know the impact.

D. Public Records Act Request – coming soon - As a result of Assembly Bill 1147, regional centers will become subject to Public Records Act Requests effective January 1, 2026. DDS has allocated funding to help support these functions for regional centers. As such, SG/PRC will release a position that will be responsible for overseeing, coordinating, analyzing, processing, evaluating, and responding to public records requests for the center.

E. Recruitment – There are currently 532 employees and 22 vacancies.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on August 13, 2025, at 7:15pm via video conference.

CLOSED SESSION – Legal/Personnel