

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

February 5, 2026

The following committee members attended said meeting:

PRESENT:

Kelly Privitt, Chairperson
Jay Smith
Sharon Ehrig
Johnnie Martinez
Christina Buth
Beba Saba
Christopher Trevilla
Ookie Voong
Jaime Currie
Mario Escobedo
Jazmine Ulibarri

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Janee Blackburn
Theresa Jones Zarour
Valerie Donelson
Jazmyne Robinson

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

GUEST:

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 December 5, 2026, were reviewed and approved. **M/S/C (Ehrig & Buth) The Vendor Advisory Committee approved the minutes.**

B. MOST PRESSING CONCERNS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

C. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – Christopher Trevilla shared that Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) is hosting a 2026 Kick-Off OSG District Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRP) Meeting, East San Gabriel Valley SELPA hosted the 3rd Annual Employment Expo, and Association of People Supporting Employment First APSE calling for Proposals for 2026 National APSE Conference. Detailed notes can be found in meeting materials.

Adult Day – Christina Buth and Johnnie Martinez shared that concerns about I.C.E. raids continue to affect attendance to programs. They shared that staff and individuals received training on the Red Cards which come in several languages. Ms. Buth shared that the Abilities Expo will take place March 27-29 at the Long Beach Convention Center. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2026.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Jazmine Ulibarri shared that the next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026, at 9:30 AM.

Transportation

Theresa Jones Zarour was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS – Sharon Ehrig shared that through National CORE, and San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center the application process is open for the lottery of the Prisma affordable housing project. Ms. Ehrig also shared that starting in June 2026 benefit recipients will have to either work 20 hours a week or volunteer 85 hours per month to continue to receive benefits.

SLS Services – Mario Escobedo shared that he attended a training last week for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV). Mr. Escobedo reminded providers to register with Sandata as soon to ensure that they get the full rate of the QIP. The next SLS subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Residential Services

Specialized – Janee Blackburn was not present.

CCF – Jay Smith shared that the two QIP survey deadlines have been moved to February 26, 2026. Meal breaks strategies have been discussed to minimize exposure and implications for noncompliance.

ICF- Ookie Voong shared that the ICF subcommittee has joined the CCF and Specialized subcommittee meeting. Ms. Voong shared that ICF vendors are still experiencing billing or payment issues with managed care plans. Dara Mikesell, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, Chief Financial Officer requested a list of the barriers that the vendors have encountered, so she may continue to escalate them to Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Other Vendored Services- Beba Saba shared that during the last Other Vendored subcommittee meeting they discussed how The Public Records Act will affect vendors, staff shortages and retention. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026.

At Large- Jaime Currie shared that she attended Department of Developmental Services (DDS) meetings. They're going to be streamlining the self-determination, mandatory certificate, where it's only going to be one provider now, and that's going to be the state council on developmental disabilities. Ms. Currie attended the DDS (Department of Developmental Services) meeting on the standardization of vendorization process. One of the updates states that there needs to be mandatory reporting if there's addendums to the spending plan or the budget that is larger than \$20,000.

RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Currently not recruiting for FY 24/25:

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jamie Currie reported that ARCA's Tony Anderson was appointed to the Medi-Cal Commission Advisory Group.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Jesse Weller, Executive Director–

- Trailer Bill Proposed Language
 - Rate reform with the current provider, to push that through December of 2030.
 - All regional centers need to move towards this new system of technology that the state is working towards creating, known as Life

- Outcomes Improvement System (LOIS).
- Continue remote service delivery indefinitely for day programs, look alike day programs, ILS, behavioral therapy, clinical assessments for Lanterman eligibility, and other services as determined by the department.
 - End courtesy vendorization by March 1, 2028.
 - January 1, 2027, vendors would not have to maintain a physical location in a regional centers area to be vendored with them unless a physical location is needed.
- Guadalupe Magallanes-Angel, Associate Director, Early Childhood Development has retired after 25 years of service at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center. Susana Barrera, Division Manager, Early Childhood Development will be the point of contact.
 - Irwindale location opening tentatively in March.
 - Staff Directory and Org chart will be available on the website soon.

SG/PRC UPDATES

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director:

- SG/PRC Multi-Family housing opportunity: Prisma Artist Lofts
- DDS QIP – Provider Eligibility to Earn Quality Incentive Rate for FY 2026-27
- DSP Collaborative LA County
 - DSP Collaborative Job Fair
- Standardized Vendorization
- Statewide Provider Directory
- Training on Electronic Visit Verification
- Rate Reform
- New Hold Harmless Policy Training
- Reminder for Residential Facilities and Requirements for Consultant Hours
- Swimming/Drowning Prevention
- American Sign Language Training Support
- Direct Support Professional (DSP) Internship Program
- Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule
- Future HCBS Projects
- Payment Assistance for ICFs during transition to Managed Care

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on March 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.