

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

**April 8, 2026**

**PRESENT:**

Trish Gonzales, Board President  
Bill Stewart, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Preeti Subramaniam, Treasurer  
Julie Chetney, Secretary  
Phillip Loi

**STAFF:**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director  
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director  
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer  
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer  
Maria Nuñez, Public Records and Policy  
Compliance Manager  
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD and RDDF

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:**

Nada Saleh  
Cathy Gott  
Mark  
Ann

**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 February 2026 in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The actions taken by the Executive/ Finance Committee at this meeting were:

**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

- The committee reviewed the agenda and added “Recruitment Report.”

- The committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of March 11, 2026.  
*(M/S/C Subramaniam & Loi) The Executive Finance Committee approved the amended agenda and minutes.)*  
*Abstain: Stewart*

**B. PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**D. CONSENT AGENDA** Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer:

- ***Review of Financial Report -  
Regional Center Operations***

Based on the B-4 Amendment, operations allocations are projected to meet expenditure projections. These projections include continued costs and expenditures carried forward from the prior fiscal year. The FY 2025–26 operations B-4 allocation totals **\$57,281,470**, with projected expenditures equal to the full allocation. Year-to-date expenditures are **\$34,571,437**, with projected remaining expenditures of **\$22,710,033**, resulting in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

*Family Resource Center*

The Family Resource Center allocation is projected to fully meet expenditures, resulting in a zero remaining balance. The current allocation is **\$169,611**, with projected expenditures totaling **\$169,611**.

*Lanterman Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program*

The program's current allocation is **\$1,346,917**, and expenditures are projected to fully utilize the allocation.

*Community Placement Plan (CPP) and Developmental Center (DC)*

*Ongoing Workload Operations*

CPP and DC ongoing workload operations were allocated at 100% under the B-4 Amendment.

*Purchase of Services (POS)*

The POS allocation under the B-4 Amendment totals **\$588,702,805**. Year-to-date service expenditures are **\$360,836,875**, with projected remaining expenditures—including late billings—estimated at **\$227,865,930**. This results in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

*Community Placement Plan/Community Resource Development Plan*

Purchase of Service is reflected as a separate line item with a current allocation of **\$110,000** for placement. Additional allocations for start-up projects are anticipated in the B-4 Amendment.

*(M/S/C Chetney & Stewart) The committee approved the items on the Consent Agenda.*

**E. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Trish Gonzales, Board President, provided the following updates:

- Upcoming Board Training 4/22/26 - Training for Board of Directors and Committee Members: Understanding the Role of the Department of Developmental Services and Association of Regional Center Agencies

**F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported the following:

*Irwindale Office Opening:*

Leadership visited the new Irwindale office location to review workspace arrangements. Staff are expected to begin working from the site the week of April 20, 2026. Appreciation was expressed to the Board for their support. The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, with Board members and local legislators invited. This milestone coincides with the organization's 40th anniversary celebration.

*Futr Artificial Intelligence (AI) Secure Chat Platform – Pilot Program:*

Cathy Gott, vendor representative and parent, introduced the Futr AI secure chat platform as part of a pilot program with SG/PRC and NLACRC. The platform is designed to enhance communication by offering 24/7 availability, support in over 100 languages, and reduced response wait times.

It was reported that the platform complies with DDS and state requirements related to technology and AI, as well as confidentiality and HIPAA standards, and aligns with SG/PRC's strategic goals and objectives.

*Community Survey: Strategic Plan Progress Check-In:*

Staff reported the release of a community survey to assess progress and gather feedback on strategic plan implementation. The survey is available in multiple languages for accessibility. The deadline has been extended to May 4, 2026, to increase participation.

*Case Management & Fiscal System Data Collection (C-2026-Reporting Requirements-001):*

Staff discussed a state directive requiring regional centers to improve data

accuracy, including key demographic and identifying information. The importance of maintaining clean and reliable data was emphasized, particularly in the context of potential fiscal challenges.

*Federal Executive Order – Task Force to Eliminate Fraud:*

Mr. Weller referenced a federal executive order establishing a task force focused on eliminating fraud.

*Recruitment Update:*

The current headcount is approximately 560 employees, with a turnover rate of 2.1%. Recruitment efforts have generated significant interest, with approximately 1,400 clicks on posted positions. A new Senior HR Generalist has been hired to support ongoing recruitment efforts.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on May 13, 2026, at 7:15pm via video conference.

**CLOSED SESSION** – Legal