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

July 8, 2026

PRESENT:
Trish Gonzales, Board President
Preeti Subramaniam, Treasurer
Bill Stewart, 1st VP
Phillip Loi

STAFF:
Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD and RDDF

ABSENT:
Julie Chetney, Secretary

GUESTS:
Nada Saleh
Richard Centeno

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 2026 in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>
Trish Gonzales, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm. A quorum was established.

- The committee reviewed the agenda, and the following item was added: B- 5 Contract Amendment.
  (M/S/C Gonzales & Loi) The Executive Finance Committee approved the amended agenda.)

- The committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes of June 10, 2026.
  (M/S/C Subramaniam & Loi) The Executive Finance Committee approved the 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-5 Amendment, operations allocations are projected to meet expenditure projections. These projections include continuation costs and expenditures carried forward from the prior fiscal year. The FY 2025–26 operations B-5 allocation totals $57,773,373, with projected expenditures equal to the full allocation. Year-to-date expenditures are $49,345,065, with projected remaining expenditures of $8,428,308, 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 $1,252,121, 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-5 Amendment totals $588,702,805. Year-to-date service expenditures are $520,018,627, with projected remaining expenditures—including late billings—estimated at $68,684,178. 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 $924,940 for placement. Additional allocations for start-up projects are anticipated in the B-5 Amendment.

- B-5 Amendment – The committee reviewed the B-5 Amendment Allocation and approved the allocation along with the Board President's signature.

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

E. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trish Gonzales, Board President, provided the following updates: The July 22, 2026 Board of Directors meeting will be dedicated to training and will not be a public board meeting. No Board actions or business will take place.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented the following:

Federal and State Budget Updates

- Jesse Weller, Executive Director, provided updates regarding federal and state budget matters. He shared that the Governor indicated the state budget has sufficient reserves to help offset potential impacts from federal changes, while noting that circumstances could shift depending on future federal decisions. He also discussed concerns related to the Early Start Program, which serves infants and toddlers from birth to age three. Mr. Weller explained that Early Start has historically been administered through the Office of Special Education and that the federal administration's decision to move oversight to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has raised concerns within the community regarding maintaining specialized expertise.
- Mr. Weller reported that the FY 2026/27 State Budget was approved and discussed several budget-related items, including the rejection of proposed In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) changes. He also shared that Proposition 56 dental funding was extended through July 2027.
- Mr. Weller discussed changes related to the Medi-Cal asset limit, noting that a proposal to reduce the asset limit to $2,000 was not adopted. Instead, the asset limit will transition to $21,000 beginning July 1, 2027. He shared that additional education and outreach efforts will be needed to inform individuals and families about available tools, such as CalABLE accounts.

Trailer Bill Language

- Mr. Weller provided an update on recent legislative changes affecting regional center Boards. He reviewed changes to Board composition, member qualifications, training requirements, representation requirements, advisory group involvement, and annual Board and Executive Director evaluations

under WIC Section 4622.
- Mr. Weller also reviewed changes related to Board contract review requirements under WIC Section 4625.5, including updates to contract review thresholds and exemptions for certain contracts. He discussed new requirements under WIC Section 4625.6 regarding regional centers retaining independent legal counsel to advise Boards on governance, meetings, compliance, and other Board responsibilities.
- Mr. Weller noted that staff will continue reviewing the requirements and preparing for implementation.

Recruitment Report – There are currently 574 employees and 15 vacancies.

MEETING ADJOURNED
The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on August 12, 2026, at 7:15pm.

CLOSED SESSION – None