

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA **REGIONAL CENTER**

NOTICE OF TRAINING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc. will hold their monthly Board meeting on the following date and at the listed location:

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2022

TIME: 7:15 p.m.

**PLACE: San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
75 Rancho Camino Drive
Pomona, CA 91766**

**THE TRAINING SESSION
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Program of San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc.

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA
REGIONAL CENTER
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MEETING AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
(Meets 4th Wednesday of each Month)

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:15 p.m.

Videoconference Meeting

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sheila James, Interim Board President

Shannon Hines, 2nd Vice President

Preeti Subramaniam, Secretary

Bill Stewart, Treasurer

Gisele Ragusa, Immediate Past President

Susan Stroebel, VAC Chairperson

Natalie Webber

Mary Soldato

ACTION MATERIAL COLOR

7:15 - 7:25	CALL TO ORDER (Sheila James, Interim Board President)	None	None	None
	• Roll Call	Quorum	None	None
	• Review Agenda	Info	Attached	White
	• Minutes of March 23, 2022	Consent	Attached	White
7:25 – 7:30	GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (To sign up, please email @egomez@sgprc.org)	Info	None	None
7:30 – 7:35	EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE (Anthony Hill & Staff) Review of Contracts – Lucina Galarza Integrated Living Partners	Consent	Attached	White
7:35 – 7:45	Special Presentation – Grassroots Day – Yvonne Gratianne - Manager of Communications & Public Relations	Info	None	None
7:45 – 8:45	Board Training - Understanding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) - Pawan Gill is the Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for Kern County	Info	None	None

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

8:45	EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – None	Info	None	None
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SAN GABRIEL/POMONA DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
***DRAFT* Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**
(A California Corporation)

March 23, 2022

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Directors were present at said meeting:

PRESENT:

Sheila James
Shannon Hines
Bill Stewart
Gisele Ragusa
Preeti Subramaniam
Julie Lopez
Susan Stroebel

ABSENT:

Mary Soldato
Natalie Webber

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Roy Doronila, Chief Financial Officer
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance
Raquel Sandoval, Human Resources Director
Joe Alvarez
Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist
Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist
Hortencia Tafoya, Specialized Services Manager-Special Projects
Edith Aburto, Manager of Family Services
Maria Casian, Service Coordinator, Adult Services 1
Chrissy Huyler, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Coordinator
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications & Public Relations
Erika Gomez, Exec. Assistant BOD
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Victor Campos, CLAP
Vanessa Chay
Sofia Benitez
Nikisia Simmons

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Sheila James, Interim Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

- The agenda was reviewed.
- The minutes for the January 26, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.
M/S/C (Subramaniam & Lopez) The Board approved the minutes.
- The minutes for the February 23, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.
M/S/C (Ragusa & Hines) The Board approved the minutes.
Abstain: Stroebel

B. PUBLIC INPUT:

- Staff gave an overview reminder of the guidelines for Public Input.
- Carl Argila, parent, gave notice that he was recording his public input and that the recording will go on his blog. He then gave an update on his son, an individual served by SG/PRC, and his wishes pertaining to his conservatorship.

If anyone wishes to provide public input, please email egomez@sgprc.org

C. EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Report

Roy Doronila, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the following:

In regional center operations, the allocation based on the C-2 amendment is expected to meet expenditure projections. Projections include ongoing operating cost and estimated cost for traditional initiatives and the current year's spending plan. The operation's C-2 allocation for fiscal year 2021-22 is currently at \$35,207,155 with projected expenditures of \$34,282,135. The year-to-date expenditures is \$17,839,374 with projected remaining expenditures of \$16,892,761. This results in unencumbered balance of **\$925,020** in regular operations.

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 \$1,218,040, it is expected that the full amount will be spent.

The Community Placement Plan (CPP) and DC ongoing Workload operations funds are allocated in the C-2 amendment. Continuation funding this year in the amount of \$1,708,988 is expected and the full amount will be spent.

The Purchase of Service allocation is based on the C2 amendment in the amount of \$318,032,645. The current month's expenditure amounted to \$23,040,149 bringing the year-to-date expenditures for services to \$151,322,108. The remaining projected expenditures and late bills are in the amount of \$156,761,495 leaving a surplus, **\$9,949,042**.

CPP POS is in a separate line item (see attached), SG/PRC is allocated a total of \$320,868 for placement, assessment and start-up.

Please note that the prior year (FY 20/21) information is included in the graph for comparison only.

Review of Contracts:

Presented by Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services:

- *Elwyn – Novarro*
- *Kaiser – Glendora*
- *Inclusion Specialized*
- *Inclusion Services*

The Board reviewed the contracts based on their policy for contracts over \$250,000.

M/S/C (Ragusa & Subramaniam) The Board approved the contract.

Abstain: Stroebel & Stewart

D. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Julie Lopez was having technical difficulties but shared the following information via staff:

- Salvador Gonzalez and the Community Outreach Specialists provided the monthly Community Outreach report.
- Mr. Hill encouraged that during the month of March, we wear orange for National Disability Awareness Report.
- Mr. Hill explained the legislative process.
- Yvonne Gratianne gave an update on the delegation that will represent at Grassroots Day, which is scheduled for April 5th.

E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES

Shannon Hines reported that the committee reviewed the Social Recreation/Camp and Non-Medical Therapies Policy and provided input. The committee recommended the policy to the Board for approval.

M/S/C (Stewart & Subramaniam) The Board approved the Social Recreation/Camp and Non-Medical Therapies.

Abstain: Stroebel & Stewart

F. VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

Susan Stroebel shared that providers continue to struggle with hiring qualified staff. She also shared the vendors now have an additional challenge with the new COVID 19 sick pay requirements as they are not getting additional funding for it. Lastly, the VAC meeting will have a presentation titled, “Compassion Fatigue,” that everyone is invited to attend, via videoconference.

G. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Gisele Ragusa reported that the committee is undergoing a review of the Strategic Plan as it is up for renewal on July 1, 2022. The committee will switch from adapting the SWOT Analysis method to SOAR, which is more forward thinking. The Board can expect to receive the questionnaire/survey soon. She also talked about having to adjust the Board’s training plan to include the Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest Policies.
- The committee interviewed the following applicants for Board Committee membership and were recommended to the Board for their approval:
 - Wendy Lai – Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families
M/S/C (Stewart & Hines) The Board approved Wendy Lai for membership on the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families.
 - Flor Tolley – Community Relations/Legislative Committee
M/S/C (Subramaniam & Stewart) The Board approved Flor Tolley for membership on the Community Relations/Legislative Committee.

- *15.04 - Nominations of Officers - A Director may be nominated for an office only by the Strategic Development Advisory Committee in accordance with section 21.02, or by a written nomination, signed by at least one (1) Director, listing the names of a total of five (5) Directors who support the nomination, and that is submitted to the Board’s Executive Assistant at least ten (10) days before the election is to be held.*
 - Last month, the Board was given notice of intent to conduct an election for the office of President. The Nominating Committee nominated Sheila James
The Board, unanimously, approved the nomination of Sheila James for the office of President, effective immediately.

H. BOARD OVERVIEW

Sheila James shared the following information:

- Penelope Fode, former President, resigned from the Board and the Community Relations/Legislative Committee
- ARCA Board Delegate Update - the following topics were discussed at the meeting, which was held via videoconference:
 - Conservatorship
 - Fair Hearings
 - ARCA Webinar – Integration into Community

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director, discussed the following:

- ARCA meeting overview:
 - The meeting was held on March 18, 2022, and the following was discussed:
 - Expansion of Self Determination –
 - African Americans and Hispanics are underrepresented.
 - Financial Management Systems – a lot have waiting lists
 - Policy Related to Caseload Ratios – the system is underfunded. ARCA secured Devon Mathis as a sponsor.
 - Acceleration of Rate Implementation – the first phase will go into effect on April 1, 2022. The second phase will start on July 2023. There’s an initiative so that the second phase starts on July 2022 as provides are struggling hiring

and retaining staff.

- Annual Family Fee Program and Family Cost Participation Program – ARCA is seeking a sponsor to end both.
- Mr. Hill shared words of appreciation to commemorate Women’s History Month.
- Mr. Hill encouraged the attendees to wear orange this month in acknowledgement of Disabilities Awareness Month.
- In the materials, there’s information about an upcoming event for Aging Caregivers.
- Brief COVID 19 Update:
 - There is currently an uptick of positive cases among the individual served
 - Critical functions are at optimal level, with most staff working remotely but critical function staff are in the office 3-5 days a week.
 - Governor Newsom mandated that Healthcare workers be boosted by March 1, 2022. SG/PRC is in full compliance.
 - SG/PRC continues to serve as testing site, and in partnership with the Department of Health, every person that tests will receive a \$20 gift card incentive each time they test, for 6 weeks.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were two Executive Sessions regarding and Individual Served and a Personnel Matter.

Next meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23, 2022 MEETING

Submitted by:

Sheila James, Board President

Date

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA
REGIONAL CENTER

Committee Reports & Information



March - April 2022

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

April 13, 2022

PRESENT

Sheila James, 1st VP, Interim President
Shannon Hines, 2nd VP
Preeti Subramaniam, Secretary
Gisele Ragusa, Immediate Past
President
Natalie Webber, Director

GUESTS:

None

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director of
Community Services
Roy Doronila, Chief Financial Officer
Willanette Satchell, Executive
Assistant
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant -
BOD

ABSENT:

Bill Stewart, Treasurer

**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 2022 in the Fiscal Year 2021-22. These expenditures are for services paid through March 17, 2022.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. CALL TO ORDER

Sheila James, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm. A quorum was established.

The committee reviewed the agenda.

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 9, 2022, meeting, with the following changes: Sheila James called the meeting to order, and Preeti Subramaniam's name spelling to be corrected.

(M/S/C Subramaniam & Hines) The committee approved the minutes.

B. PUBLIC INPUT:

None

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

Roy Doronila, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the following:

Financial Report

In regional center operations, the allocation based on the C-3 (estimated) amendment is expected to meet expenditure projections. Projections include ongoing operating cost and estimated cost for ongoing initiatives and the current year's spending plan. The operation's C-3(est.) allocation for fiscal year 2021-22 is currently at \$35,296,155 with projected expenditures of \$34,505,940. The year-to-date expenditures is \$19,820,621 with projected remaining expenditures of \$14,685,319. This results in unencumbered balance of **\$790,215** in regular operations.

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The Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion program has a current allocation in the amount of \$1,218,040, staff expect the full amount to be spent.

The Community Placement Plan (CPP) and DC ongoing Workload operations funds are allocated in the C-2 amendment. Staff expect continuation funding this year in the amount of \$1,708,988 and will spend the full amount.

The Purchase of Service allocation is based on the C2 amendment in the amount of \$318,032,645. The current month's expenditure amounted to \$23,718,141 bringing the year-to-date expenditures for services to \$175,040,249. The remaining projected expenditures and late bills are in the amount of \$129,875,987 leaving a surplus, **\$13,116,409**.

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

D. CONTRACTS FOR REVIEW

Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services presented the following contracts:

- *Integrated Living Partners (ILP)*

(M/S/C – Subramaniam & Hines) The committee approved to recommend to the Board the review of this contract.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Ms. Galarza also shared that DDS has awarded SG/PRC the following community resource development projects (CRDP) as follows:

In January- awarded 2 ongoing projects

- 4 bed home for individuals who abuse illegal substances and alcohol - \$150,000 has been awarded
- Workshop series for ASL – intermittent level - \$60,000 has been awarded

In April- awarded 4 projects

- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) - \$400,000 – to be built on an existing property owned by SG/PRC’s Housing Development Organization (HDO)- Staff are hoping to get additional monies so a 2 bedroom home for at least 2 adults served can be built
- Social Connection Workshop Series for Adults - \$60,000
This is a workshop series with the desired outcome for this project is to develop a workshop series covering various topics that will improve social skills and assist these adults in enhancing social connectedness. A request for proposal will be posted on SG/PRC’s website
- Specialized Residential Facility for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - \$200,000
This will be a community care licensed home which will specialize in serving adult individuals who are deaf and / or hard of hearing who may also have mental health or behavioral challenges. A request for proposal will be posted on SG/PRC’s website

- Psychiatric Navigation- \$70,000

For this project, navigation and advocacy will consist of contracting with a provider that has a qualified background and understanding of individuals with I/DD to provide advocacy & supports in several areas, training of mental health professionals, collaborating with regional center case management staff, actively participating with discharge planning to the home setting or step-down programs, developing a tracking system for all psychiatric hospital admissions, discharges, and treatment outcomes. A request for proposal will be posted on SG/PRC's website

E. BOARD OVERVIEW

Sheila James, Board President, led the following conversation:

- Julie Lopez resigned from the Board and the committees she was involved with because she is moving outside SG/PRC's catchment area
- Agenda for Board Training – April 27, 2022 - *Understanding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)*
- Agenda for Executive Finance Committee Meeting – May 11, 2022 –
 - Financial report
 - Strategic planning meeting/training with Mary Beth
 - President's report
- Strategic Development Meeting – The meeting for April 13, 2022 was rescheduled to April 20, 2022.
- There was a discussion about making an exception for new committee members that could be shifted to Board membership as the Board is currently struggling with maintaining its required composition. The Board's practice (not a bylaw) is to wait at least a year before a committee member can move on to the Board. There was a consensus that this exception should be made.
- There was a discussion about having a Saturday training with Mary Beth on May 21, 2022. Mr. Hill will work with Raquel on this.

F. INFORMATION - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Hill, Executive Director, reported the following:

- New Contract Language –Mr. Hill asked the Contract Negotiation Committee to consider amending the contract to align fiscal with calendar dates.
- ARCA Public Policy Talking Points – the following is what ARCA is focusing on:

- Rate Reform Implementation – the first phase went into effect on April 1, 2022. The second phase will start on July 2023. There’s an initiative so that the second phase starts on July 2022 as providers are struggling hiring and retaining staff. It seems there will be legislative sponsors for this.
- Annual Family Fee Program and Family Cost Participation Program – ARCA is seeking a sponsor to end both.
- Core Staffing Formula – There’s an ask for an additional \$21 million for all regional centers. Blanca Rubio has agreed to be a sponsor.
- SB882 – Would create an advisory council to look at ways to improve interactions between law enforcement and people with developmental disabilities.
- AB2378 - Would increase options for people served by the regional centers who want, and actively seek, employment.
- Caseload Ratio Allocation Survey – SG/PRC, along with all the other regional centers is out of compliance. SG/PRC is required to submit a plan of correction when caseload ratios are not met for two consecutive reporting periods. The plan of correction must be developed with input from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, local organizations representing the individuals served, their family members, regional center employees, including recognized labor organizations, service providers, and other interested parties. SG/PRC will hold a community meeting to meet this requirement on April 26, 2022.
- Behavior Health Treatment Policy – SG/PRC received the letter and while the policy is ok, it failed to include exemptions language. Mrs. Santana and her team will have a policy to be reviewed by the Advisory Committee of Individuals Served and Their Families soon.
- Sirens of Silence – SG/PRC will host this event on April 30, 2022, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to help individuals served and their families learn how to interact and engage with first responders.
- The Aging Caregiver Conversation event is scheduled for tomorrow. An update will be provided soon.

COVID-19 Update.

- Critical functions are at optimal level, with most staff working remotely but critical function staff are in the office 3-5 days a week. This will remain in place until the new fiscal year.
- Governor Newsom mandated that Healthcare workers be boosted by March 1, 2022. SG/PRC is in full compliance.

- SG/PRC continues to serve as testing site, and in partnership with the Department of Health, every person that tests will receive a \$20 gift card incentive each time they test, for 6 weeks.
- Although the mask mandates have eased, because SG/PRC employees are considered health care worker, staff must continue to wear a mask while in the office.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on May 11, 2022, at 7:15 p.m. via videoconference.

CLOSED SESSION

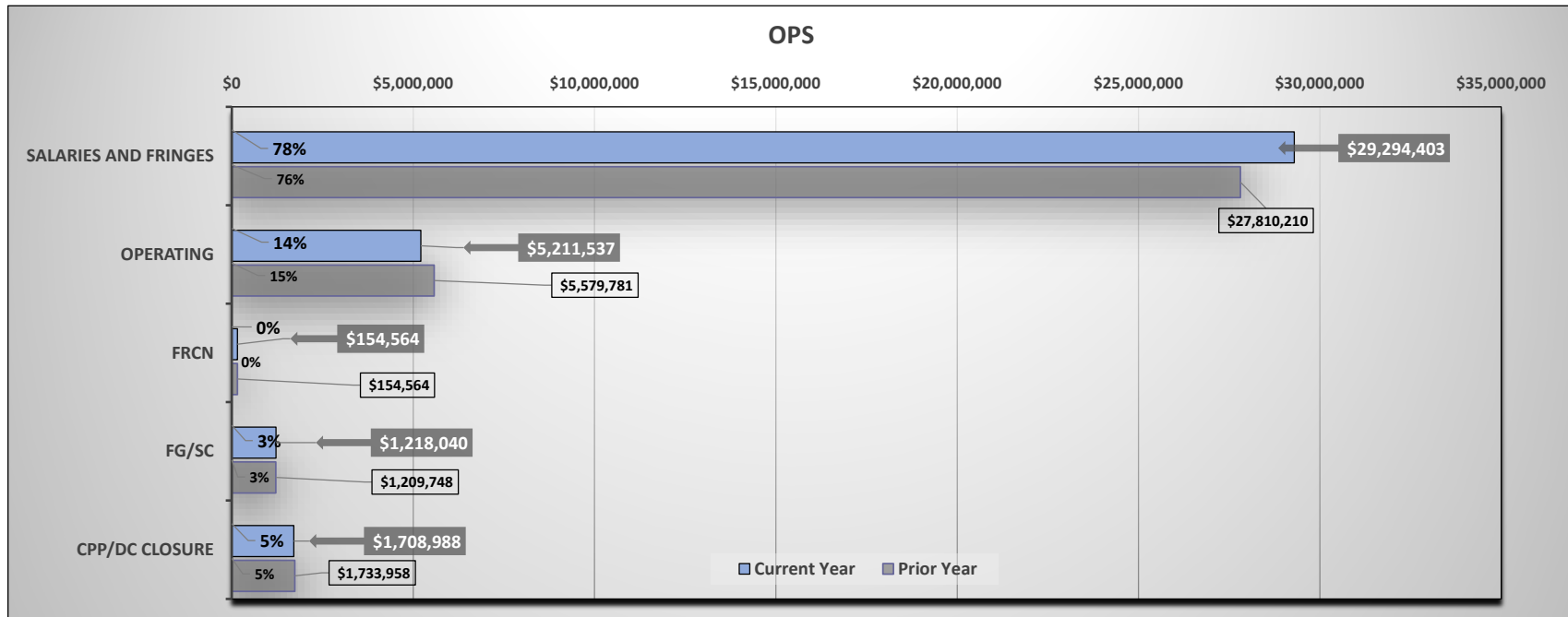
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**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

PAYMENTS THROUGH MARCH 17, 2022 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022

OPERATIONS (OPS)

REGIONAL CENTER	MTD	YTD	Remaining	Total	<i>FY 20/21</i>
Salaries and Fringes	\$1,972,123	\$16,565,607	\$12,728,796	\$29,294,403	\$27,810,210
Operating Expenses	\$459,123	\$3,255,014	\$1,956,523	\$5,211,537	\$5,579,781
Total	\$2,431,247	\$19,820,621	\$14,685,319	\$34,505,940	\$33,389,991
Allocation (C-3) estimate				\$35,296,155	\$33,389,991
Surplus/(Deficit)				\$790,215	\$0
RESTRICTED OPS FUNDS					
Family Resource Center	\$11,963	\$86,794	\$67,770	\$154,564	\$154,564
Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion	\$29,570	\$423,882	\$794,158	\$1,218,040	\$1,209,748
CPP and DC Closure Ongoing	\$134,785	\$1,219,998	\$488,989	\$1,708,988	\$1,733,958
Total	\$176,317	\$1,730,674	\$1,350,918	\$3,081,592	\$3,098,270
Allocation (C-3) estimate				\$3,081,592	\$3,098,270
Surplus/(Deficit)				\$0	\$0

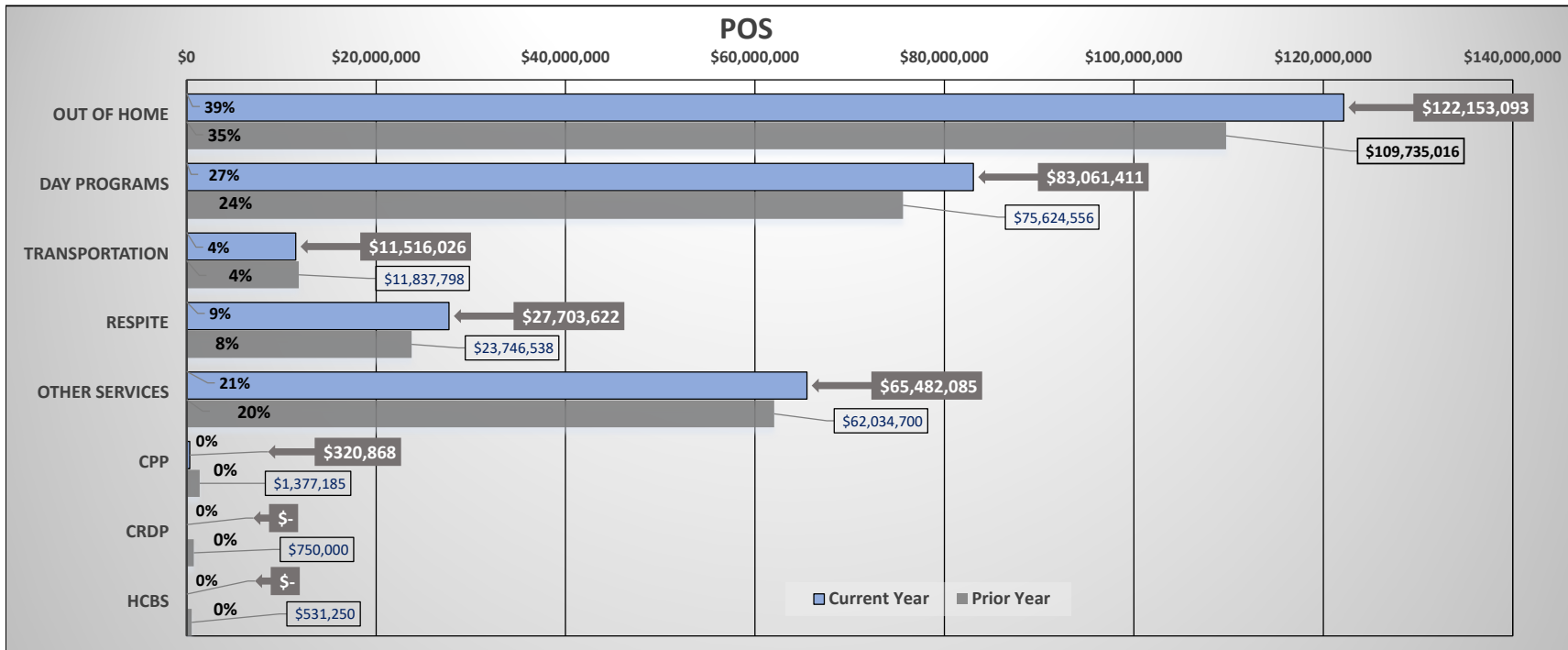


SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

PAYMENTS THROUGH MARCH 17, 2022 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022

PURCHASE OF SERVICES (POS)

REGIONAL CENTER	MTD	YTD	Remaining	Total	FY 20/21
Out of Home	\$9,375,146	\$72,725,507	\$49,427,586	\$122,153,093	\$109,735,016
Day Programs	\$6,661,149	\$47,617,414	\$35,443,996	\$83,061,411	\$75,624,556
Transportation	\$964,288	\$7,253,033	\$4,262,993	\$11,516,026	\$11,837,798
Respite	\$2,203,376	\$13,578,627	\$14,124,995	\$27,703,622	\$23,746,538
Other Services	\$4,905,564	\$36,867,073	\$28,615,012	\$65,482,085	\$62,034,700
SPA/ICF Reimbursements	(\$391,382)	(\$3,001,405)	(\$1,998,595)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,501,448)
Total	\$23,718,141	\$175,040,249	\$129,875,987	\$304,916,236	\$277,477,161
Allocation (C-3) estimate				\$318,032,645	\$283,327,207
Surplus/(Deficit)				\$13,116,409	\$5,850,046
RESTRICTED POS FUNDS					
CPP	\$0	\$5,868	\$315,000	\$320,868	\$1,377,185
CRDP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000
HCBS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$531,250
Total	\$0	\$5,868	\$315,000	\$320,868	\$2,658,435
Allocation (C-3) estimate				\$320,868	\$2,508,435
Surplus/(Deficit)				\$0	(\$150,000)



SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

February 28

2022

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	52,388,887
Receivable - State Regional Center Contracts		57,059,020
Receivable - Intermediate Care Facility Providers		2,120,938
Other Receivables		77,498
Prepaid Expenses		191,797
Deposits		12,459
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	111,850,597

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	22,172,266
Advance - State Regional Center Contracts		88,593,889
Accrued Salaries and Payroll Taxes		962,018
Other Payables		22,424
Reserve for Unemployment Insurance		100,000

Total Liabilities \$ 111,850,597

Net Assets

Without Donor Restriction		0
With Donor Restriction		0

Total Net Assets

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 111,850,597

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
PURCHASE OF SERVICES FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

PAYMENTS THROUGH MARCH 17, 2022 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022

67% OF YEAR ELAPSED

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CONTRACT ALLOCATIONS	Regular POS	CPP	HCBS	Total			
Preliminary Allocation (Regular POS)	250,025,837			250,025,837			
C-1	68,006,808	100,000		68,106,808			
C-2		220,868		220,868			
C-3 (estimate)							
Total Contract Allocation	318,032,645	320,868	0	318,353,513			
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		Current Month Expenditures	Year-to-Date Expenditures	YTD Actual as percent of Allocation	Projected Remaining Expenditures	Total Projected Expenditures	YTD & Projected as percent of Allocation
Total POS Actual & Projected Expenditures		23,718,141	175,046,117	55.0%	130,190,987	305,237,104	95.9%
OUT OF HOME CARE							
Community Care Facilities		9,361,630	72,597,263	22.8%	48,961,620	121,558,884	38.2%
ICF/SNF Facilities		13,516	128,243	0.0%	465,966	594,209	0.2%
Total Out of Home Care		9,375,146	72,725,507	22.9%	49,427,586	122,153,093	38.4%
DAY PROGRAMS							
Day Care		1,715,527	9,743,960	3.1%	13,000,290	22,744,249	7.2%
Day Training		4,304,981	32,775,580	10.3%	19,004,557	51,780,137	16.3%
Supported Employment		461,461	3,805,559	1.2%	2,551,949	6,357,508	2.0%
Work Activity Program		179,181	1,292,316	0.4%	887,200	2,179,516	0.7%
Total Day Programs		6,661,149	47,617,414	15.0%	35,443,996	83,061,411	26.1%
OTHER SERVICES							
Non-Medical: Professional		765,244	5,182,126	1.6%	4,365,767	9,547,893	3.0%
Non-Medical: Programs		1,364,189	9,790,454	3.1%	7,121,120	16,911,574	5.3%
Home Care: Programs		262,455	1,592,464	0.5%	1,184,946	2,777,409	0.9%
Transportation		452,965	3,384,054	1.1%	2,190,420	5,574,474	1.8%
Transportation Contracts		511,323	3,868,979	1.2%	2,072,573	5,941,552	1.9%
Prevention		1,016,164	8,125,599	2.6%	4,940,743	13,066,342	4.1%
Other Authorized Services		1,153,221	9,550,178	3.0%	6,484,744	16,034,921	5.0%
Personal and Incidentals		14,476	104,665	0.0%	62,714	167,379	0.1%
Hospital Care		0	239,866	0.1%	2,003,263	2,243,130	0.7%

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
PURCHASE OF SERVICES FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

PAYMENTS THROUGH MARCH 17, 2022 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022

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		Current Month Expenditures	Year-to-Date Expenditures	YTD Actual as percent of Allocation	Projected Remaining Expenditures	Total Projected Expenditures	YTD & Projected as percent of Allocation
Medical Equipment		60,796	80,005	0.0%	56,925	136,930	0.0%
Medical Service: Professional		142,935	1,130,471	0.4%	1,778,702	2,909,173	0.9%
Medical Service: Programs		126,085	1,071,245	0.3%	616,088	1,687,334	0.5%
Respite: In Own Home		2,203,376	13,551,501	4.3%	14,072,798	27,624,300	8.7%
Respite: Out of Home		0	27,125	0.0%	52,197	79,322	0.0%
Camps		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Total Other Services		8,073,228	57,698,733	18.1%	47,003,000	104,701,733	32.9%
Total Estimated Cost of Current Services		24,109,523	178,041,654	56.0%	131,874,583	309,916,236	97.4%
<u>OTHER ITEMS</u>							
HCBS	0	0	0		0	0	
Total Other Items		0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Total Purchase of Services		24,109,523	178,041,654	56.0%	131,874,583	309,916,236	97.4%
Deduct: Estimated Receipts from Intermediate Care Facilities for State Plan Amendment Services		(391,382)	(3,001,405)	-0.9%	(1,998,595)	(5,000,000)	-1.6%
Expenditures Regular POS (Net of CPP)	318,032,645	23,718,141	175,040,249	55.0%	129,875,987	304,916,236	95.9%
Projected Allocation Balance (Deficit) Regular POS						13,116,409	4.1%
<u>COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN</u>							
Community Placement Plan (inc. CRDP)	320,868	0	5,868	1.8%	315,000	320,868	100.0%
Allocation Balance (Deficit) CPP and CRDP						0	0.0%
Total Projected Allocation Balance (Deficit) Regular & Community Placement Plan POS						13,116,409	4.1%

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	Regular	CPP/CRDP DC Ongoing	Family Resource Center	Foster Grandparent Senior Companion	Total					
CONTRACT ALLOCATIONS										
Preliminary Allocation	27,967,990				27,967,990					
C-1	6,756,979		154,564	1,218,040	8,129,583					
C-2	482,186	1,708,988			2,191,174					
C-3 (estimate)	89,000				89,000					
Total Operations Contract Allocation	35,296,155	1,708,988	154,564	1,218,040	-	38,377,747				
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	Current Allocation	% of Allocation	Current Month Expenditures	Year-to-Date Expenditures	YTD Actual as % of Allocation	Projected Remaining Expenditures	Total Projected Expenditures	Projected Balance Amount	Remaining Percent	
Total Operations - Actual and Projected Expenditures	38,377,747	100.00%	2,607,564	21,551,295	56.2%	16,036,237	37,587,531	790,216	2.06%	
PERSONAL SERVICES (REGULAR OPERATIONS)										
Salaries	24,068,889	68.19%	1,599,081	13,315,555	37.7%	10,681,591	23,997,146	71,742	0.20%	
Temporary Staff	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%	
Retirement (includes 403B)	2,948,439	8.35%	198,218	1,660,006	4.7%	1,162,282	2,822,288	126,151	0.36%	
Social Security (OASDI)	348,999	0.99%	22,712	166,966	0.5%	137,028	303,995	45,004	0.13%	
Health Benefits/Long Term Care	2,106,028	5.97%	135,089	1,240,246	3.5%	613,415	1,853,662	252,366	0.71%	
Worker's Comp Insurance	192,551	0.55%	10,721	100,427	0.3%	90,914	191,340	1,211	0.00%	
Unemployment Insurance	49,343	0.14%	(0)	24,145	0.1%	24,145	48,289	1,054	0.00%	
Non-Industrial Disability/Life Insurance	132,379	0.38%	6,302	58,262	0.2%	19,421	77,682	54,697	0.15%	
Clinical Consultants - Consumer Services	89,000	0.25%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	89,000	0.25%	
Total Personal Services (Regular Operations)	29,935,627	84.81%	1,972,123	16,565,607	46.9%	12,728,796	29,294,403	641,225	1.82%	
OPERATING EXPENSES (REGULAR OPERATIONS)										
Equipment Rental	54,000	0.15%	1,318	41,532	0.1%	8,306	49,838	4,162	0.01%	
Equipment Maintenance	34,000	0.10%	1,775	19,353	0.1%	9,676	29,029	4,971	0.01%	
Facility Rent	2,628,000	7.45%	219,000	1,971,000	5.6%	657,000	2,628,000	0	0.00%	
Facility Maintenance	284,000	0.80%	9,620	22,092	0.1%	261,046	283,138	862	0.00%	
Communications (postage, phones)	412,000	1.17%	22,915	218,513	0.6%	186,379	404,891	7,109	0.02%	
General Office Expense	304,182	0.86%	25,993	198,764	0.6%	99,382	298,146	6,036	0.02%	
Printing	22,000	0.06%	1,596	8,756	0.0%	9,378	18,135	3,865	0.01%	
Insurance	300,000	0.85%	80,014	299,566	0.8%	0	299,566	434	0.00%	
Data Processing	121,368	0.34%	8,175	50,684	0.1%	69,342	120,027	1,341	0.00%	
Data Processing Maintenance / Licenses	298,000	0.84%	520	166,721	0.5%	128,361	295,082	2,918	0.01%	
Interest Expense	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%	
Bank Service Fees	2,000	0.01%	30	329	0.0%	1,564	1,893	107	0.00%	
Legal Fees	110,000	0.31%	2,753	45,333	0.1%	62,381	107,714	2,286	0.01%	
Board of Directors Expense	5,000	0.01%	0	585	0.0%	293	878	4,122	0.01%	
Accounting Fees	65,000	0.18%	0	0	0.0%	65,000	65,000	0	0.00%	
Equipment Purchases	360,000	1.02%	58,461	75,304	0.2%	197,652	272,956	87,044	0.25%	

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	Current Allocation	% of Allocation	Current Month Expenditures	Year-to-Date Expenditures	YTD Actual as % of Allocation	Projected Remaining Expenditures	Total Projected Expenditures	Projected Balance Amount	Remaining Percent
Contractor & Consultants - Adm Services	242,520	0.69%	23,152	135,130	0.4%	97,394	232,524	9,996	0.03%
Contract - ABX2 Disparities	0	0.00%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.00%
Travel/mileage reimbursement	65,000	0.18%	6,538	40,269	0.1%	20,782	61,051	3,949	0.01%
ARCA Dues	80,458	0.23%	0	0	0.0%	80,458	80,458	0	0.00%
General Expenses	65,000	0.18%	5,645	24,145	0.1%	31,451	55,596	9,404	0.03%
Total Operating Expenses (Regular Operations)	5,452,528	15.45%	467,505	3,318,077	9.4%	1,985,845	5,303,922	148,606	0.42%
Total Personal Services & Operating Expenses (Regular Operations)	35,388,155	100.26%	2,439,629	19,883,684	56.3%	14,714,640	34,598,325	789,831	2.24%
OTHER INCOME									
Interest & Other Income	(92,000)	-0.26%	(8,382)	(63,063)	-0.2%	(29,322)	(92,385)	385	0.00%
Total Personal Services & Operating Expenses Net of Other Income (Regular Operations)	35,296,155	100.00%	2,431,247	19,820,621	56.2%	14,685,319	34,505,940	790,216	2.24%
RESTRICTED FUNDS									
Family Resource Center Expenses	154,564	100.00%	11,963	86,794	56.2%	67,770	154,564	0	0.00%
Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Expenses	1,218,040	100.00%	29,570	423,882	34.8%	794,158	1,218,040	0	0.00%
Community Placement Plan Expenses	1,708,988	100.00%	134,785	1,219,998		488,989	1,708,988	(0)	
Total Restricted Funds	3,081,592		176,317	1,730,674	99.2%	1,350,918	3,081,592	(0)	
Total Expenses (Including Restricted Funds)	38,377,747		2,607,564	21,551,295	56.2%	16,036,237	37,587,531	790,216	2.10%
Total Allocation Balance (Deficit)								790,216	

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2022

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Julie Lopez

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach
& Compliance
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

GUESTS

ABSENT:

Ardena Bartlett

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Julie Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The minutes from February 16, 2022, were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (Huang & McGrath) The committee approved the minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Community Outreach/Compliance Department staff presented their monthly

report. Updates for the following areas were provided:

- Parent Mentor Initiative Progress
- Bridging families to Case Management
- DDs Culture Specialist Meeting
- ARCA Culture Specialist meetings
- Staff Trainings
- Help Me Grow Pathways Grant
- Outreach Presentation
- Board Recruitment
- Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist - Projects
- Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist - Projects
- Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist - Projects
- Joshua Trevino, Intensive Transition Specialist - Projects
- Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist - Projects
- Maria Vargas and Wendy Hemminger, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager of North and South - Projects
- Equity Partner Resources

*(The report is attached to these minutes)**

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Anthony Hill, Executive Director, and staff reported the following:

- March is National Disabilities Awareness month. The members were encouraged to wear orange.
- Legislation Binder – The legislative process was explained:
 - How it starts – every year on January 10th the Governor is required to issue his proposed budget.
 - Funding - SG/PRC receives funding through taxpayer money allocated to The Health and Human Services Agency.
 - The Health and Human Services Agency – It has 12 departments under it and DDS is one of them.
 - When the Governor puts out the budget, it will show what the Human and Health Services is going to get; It starts there as a proposal, based on projected revenues. In the interim hearings happen. Senators and Assemblymembers hold hearing related to the budget and will use their vote as a negotiation chip.
 - The May Revise comes out close to May 1st.

- Trailer Bills - A bill that's attached to the budget proposal. Trailer Bills don't require a majority process, a lot of things are snuck into law.
- The budget is passed on June 30th, which is when one can see the Trailer Bills.
- Once the budget is out, one can see the allocation. The allocation shows how much money will be available and how it is to be used.
- 40% of dollars comes from Federal moneys. Regional centers don't get to keep money from Title 19.
- Social Recreation Services Survey – A letter for individuals served and their families was sent out to survey their needs. Their information will be used as a guide for the Resource Development Plan.
- Dentistry Programs/Special Needs Population - \$50 million was awarded; SG/PRC will apply for a grant.
- Grassroots Day – This event is scheduled for April 5, 2022. 19 of the 21 regional centers will participate. Yvonne Gratianne is finalizing the details of the delegation representing SG/PRC.
- COVID 19 Update -
 - Governor Newsom mandated that Healthcare workers be boosted by March 1, 2022. SG/PRC is in full compliance.
 - SG/PRC continues to serve as testing site, and in partnership with the Department of Health, every person that tests will receive a \$20 gift card incentive each time they test, for 6 weeks.
 - Although the mask mandates have eased, because SG/PRC employees are considered health care worker, staff must continue to wear a mask while in the office.
- Virtual Dance Party – There was another virtual dance party on March 4, 2022, with a safari theme, through the internship partnership with Azusa Pacific. It was a huge success.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is on April 20, 2022.



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

Community Outreach/Compliance Department Report

March 11, 2022

TO: Anthony Hill, Executive Director

FROM: Salvador Gonzalez
Director of Community Outreach and Compliance

RE: Community Outreach and Compliance

Directors Report:

Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist

- **Parent Mentor Initiative Progress:**

Number of...	February Total	Total to Date
Referral to PMI	7	73
Parent Mentors	7	Job announcement went out to recruit.
Referrals Matched	6	398
Waiting to be Matched	3	
Graduates	5	166
Parents Served	52	253

- **Bridging families to Case Management:** To date 33 families have been supported.
- **DDS Culture Specialist Meeting** held on 2/11/22 to bring awareness of Equity Partner projects. Presentation was University of Irvine, California – [The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders](#) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Part C: Family Wellness Initiative. Meeting with UCI was requested to bring support for SG/PRC families.

- **ARCA Culture Specialist meetings** held on 2/17/22. 4+4 meeting was held to discuss what is working and what is not working with SAE Grant process. Outcomes will be provided to DDS.
- **Staff Training:** At the request of parents from last year’s POS Data Community Meeting and now a goal of SG/PRC equity plan, staff will receive training to increase their knowledge and information to better supports parents.
- **Parent Trainings:** Critical Issues will be the forum to present valuable information to parents. 2/24/22 was Annual POS Expenditure Data presentation for families. Valuable comments were collected and will be a part of the Equity Report.
- **Help Me Grow Pathways Grant:** Documents requested to finalize Scope of Work and Budget were submitted on 2/16/22. Year 1 Agreement Period: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023, with funding amount-120,000 to support outreach, development of web-based referral portal.
- **Outreach Presentation:** Date of presentation was 2/16 to SPA-3 Collaborates in collaboration with Monica Barrios, EI Compliance Specialist. Presentation focused on referral process for Early Intervention and Lanterman referrals.
- **Board Recruitment:** The goal is for team members to assist with outreaching to the community to encourage board participation.

6. Affiliation to SG/PRC

[More Details](#)

● Parent	14
● Client of SG/PRC	1
● Community Member	3
● Sibling of an individual served	1
● Community Based Organizatio...	0

7. Ethnic Group Representation

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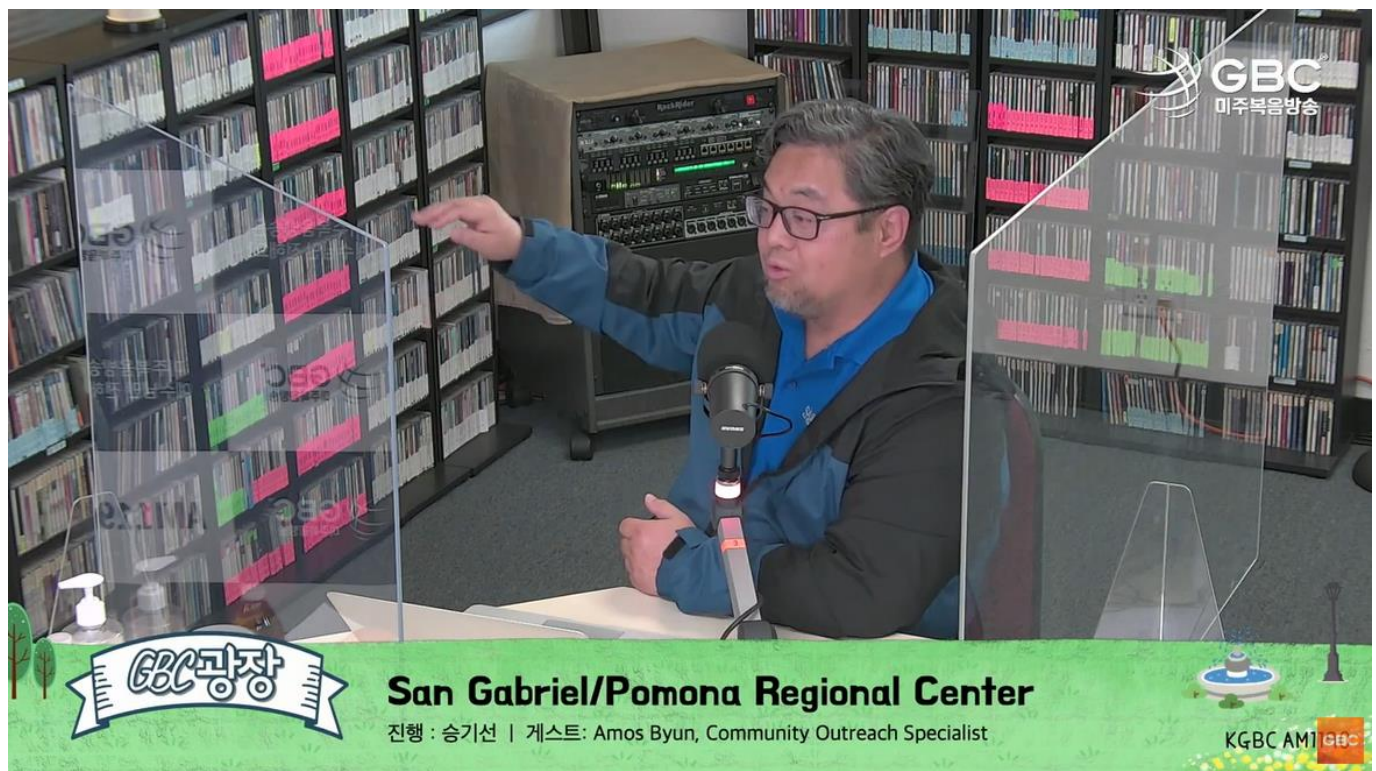
[Insights](#)

● White	0
● Hispanic/ Latin-x	7
● Black/African American	3
● API Community (Asian)	7
● Pacific Islander/Filipino	2
● American Indian	0

Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist

For Outreaching to Asian Community, Amos updated Asian Pediatrician list and had radio live broadcasting on 2/17/22 through KGBC AM 1190. You can also watch the show through YouTube video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpEuRmm6Lgg&list=LL&index=6&t=167s>. He also provided support on Reducing NO POS Client Project by creating 15 Excel data files using NO AUTH data provided by IT team. As well as provided a list of Mandarin Chinese speaking parents for Chinese PMI mentor to contact and provided a referral for Vietnamese mentor to expand PMI service to Vietnamese

families for Parent Mentor Initiative (PMI) SG/PRC Equity Project. All Understanding My Child's Disability (UMCD) Online Series in five languages are available through <https://sgprparent.arcalearn.org>. These UMCD modules were promoted through Person-Centered Conversation, Community Meetings, and other support group meetings. In February, Vietnamese Outreach Specialists (VOS), Tam Nguyen, provided Vietnamese voice message and text message for RCAP and then provided verbal translation for Vietnamese Support Group meeting on 2/19/22. VOS also provided written translation of Navigating Regional Center System (NRCS) presentation slides. Amos had total of 6 Person-Centered Conversations (PCC) for 6 Korean parents. The Vietnamese Support Group (VSG) and American Filipino Support Group meeting was held on 2/19/22 as a combined meeting with two SG/PRC presenters, Benilda Glen and Karen Palacios, provided information about Living Options and Family Home Agency. Total of 30 parents and staff participated. Amos provided verbal translations for three (3) meetings and two (2) written Translations for Korean families in February 2022. Amos continued participating in the Monthly DDS Cultural Specialist and Community Based Organization Meeting on 2/11/22 and ARCA Cultural Specialist Meeting on 2/17/22 to promote better collaboration promoting POS Equity in regional center services. It is reported that four (4) Asian Community Based Organizations, i.e. Being Built Together (BBT), Chinese Parents Association For the Disabled (CPAD), Korean American Special Education Center (KASEC), and Vietnamese Parents with Disabled Children Association (VPDCA) awarded FY2021/2022 Equity Grant. Amos will continue collaborating with all those four Asian CBOs to promote equity in POS services.



Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist

For the month of February, Fair Hearing received five DS1805/Fair Hearing Requests. Fair Hearing Requests consisted of the following: vehicle modification for a wheelchair lift, copayments for speech therapy, Self Determination Budget, and Lanterman eligibility.

Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist, held informal meetings on 2/3/2022 and 2/7/2022. He attended one Mediation for a vehicle modification for a wheelchair lift on 2/22/2022. He also attended four Fair Hearings on the following dates: 2/1/2022, 2/3/2022, 2/9/2022, and 2/17/2022.

He continues providing support and assistance in developing Notices of Proposed Action (NOPA). He reviewed 7 NOPAs submitted for the following issues: dental service, respite, behavioral services, transportation, and daycare.

He participated in two Exceptional Service Review (ESR) meetings. He also communicated with the SoCal Fair Hearing Group on 2/17/2022. Information was shared regarding number of individuals services, WIC 4731 Complaints, active appeals, and trends that the group is observing currently. The team also shared information regarding how their regional center is currently addressing social recreational requests. Daniel is a member of the SG/PRC committee working on developing SG/PRC’s social recreational policy.

Daniel is scheduled to provide training regarding the fair hearing process to SG/PRC staff in March. He also is developing short trainings regarding the different parts of the Fair Hearing Process which will include becoming familiar with the forms involved in the Fair Hearing Process, completing a Notice of Proposed Action, and the various steps of the Fair Hearing Process.

Nora Perez-Given, Education Specialist

The Education Specialist provides support to regional center staff, families, and community partners in two different areas. These areas include providing supports regarding educational matters for students ages 3 and up to include post- secondary school years and in matters related to limited conservatorships including the review of limited conservatorship letters being forwarded to court.

With regards to supports provided in educational matters

Nora is scheduled to provide training in 2022 to SG/PRC as follows:

March 24	IEP basics and your role at school meetings
April 22	Limited conservatorship letters and regional center role
May 26	IEP & 504 plans
July 21	Requesting related services
September 22	Special Education Timelines
October 20	Assistive Technology

*Further trainings to SG/PRC staff, families and school districts will be coordinated for 2022 year.

Consults completed	51
School Meetings attended (IEP's/504/ SST/Resolution type meetings)	13

Outreach/Trainings:

Nora is currently a participant of the Transition Fair Collaborative workgroup which has been meeting regularly and it is focused on preparing the upcoming 2022 Virtual Transition Fair on March 16, 2022. This collaborative work group has members from San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, San Gabriel Valley Workability 1 Partners, and School Districts.

With regards to supports provided regarding limited conservatorship matters

Nora reviewed 19 conservatorship letters from service coordinators before letters can be forwarded to the court for filing. This review is done to assure that what is being forwarded to the court is in alignment with the needs of the client and to assure all the components of a conservatorship assessment letter are contained in letter. Consults are provided to staff when needed.

Other Activity during month of February

Nora is a team member of the “Exceptional Service Review Committee (ESR)” and has participated in two ESR meetings this month.

Nora is a team member of the “After Hours On-Call Team”. Nora provided after hours coverage support during the week of 2/2/2022-2/9/2022.

Joshua Trevino, Intensive Transition Specialist

In the month of February 2022 your SGPRC Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Joshua Trevino, directly supported a total of 18 individuals. A total of 5 individuals served, originated from Regional Centers across Southern California (ELARC, RCOC, NLARC & FDLRC). Of the 18 individuals served, 9 individuals are on the Autism Spectrum and the remaining 9 Individuals are diagnosed with Intellectual Disability. Your SGPRC BCBA supported individuals in private homes, residential group homes, Community Crisis homes & Enhanced Behavior Support Homes. 62% of support in the community setting was utilized in the area of conducting remote & in person Qualified Behavior Modification reviews. These reviews execute Title 17 regulatory monitoring duties specific to SGPRC Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes and Community Crisis Homes. When assessing BCBA support in private & group home settings a total of 5 observations / assessments were completed in the month of February 2022. SGPRC BCBA provided clinical recommendations to the service coordination teams associated with each of the 5 individuals served. In an effort to support our SGPRC geriatric community, your SGPRC BCBA attended a continuing education opportunity via a Master Class series with renowned leading educator on dementia, Dr. Teepa Snow. The four-part series titled “Intellectual/ Developmental

Disability & Dementia: Changing Care to Support Changing Brains” emphasized the need to adapt the delivery of care for individuals with I/DD and dementia to maximize their quality of life and guide behavioral support. The wealth of knowledge shared during this master class will be disseminated in an upcoming SGPRC BCBA lead training amongst our SGPRC service coordination case management teams who are actively serving our adult population.

Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist

For Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Jessica provided advocacy and access to resources for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population. Some current projects Jessica has done in the last quarter include, developing staff and community trainings on the DHH services, weekly meetings with DHH specialists across Regional Centers, consultations with Service Coordinators, meetings with Deaf agencies and advocacy groups, communication assessments, and more. She is available to provide resources, conduct consultation meetings, attend IPP’s and provide general support to our individuals and this community. Here are some of the activities Jessica participated in:

12/15/21- Meeting with GLAD- Greater Los Angeles Agency for the Deaf, Discussed ADA rights, Medical interpreting, Video interpreting services

12/8/21- Collaboration with SCRS- So Cal Resource services for Independent Living for DHH community Training

1/22/22- Meeting with GLAD- Greater Los Angeles Agency for the Deaf, Discussed communication resources, Video Interpreting, communication assessments

2/9/22- Meeting with DDS Liaison, Nikisia Simmons to introduce DHH specialist role

2/6, 2/16, 2/23 -DHH Collective Weekly meetings with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialists across all Regional Centers

Maria Vargas and Wendy Hemminger, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager of North and South

North:

Volunteers were mailed at home at home trainings regarding “food safety” and mailed back quizzes for credit. Grandma Celia and Grandpa Romeo completed 35 Valentine’s Day cards for sites served by the FGSC program as well as SGPRC staff. The cards were mailed or placed on staff mailbox.

2/8/22- Program Managers provided program statistics and updates at SGPRC community meeting.

2/10/22- Grandma Letty and Grandpa Jess participated in the “Friendship Dance put together by SGPRC.

2/15/22- Program Manager participated in monthly meeting with DDS.

2/16/22- Program Manager provided program history, statistics, and updates at board meeting.

2/18/22- Volunteers were provided training on Black History Month and Heart Health Month via Zoom.

2/24/22- FGSCP Advisory meeting was held. Several members were present and provided great input for the program.

South:

Wendy attended a “Defensive Drivers Training” provided by DDS. Wendy provided small group Zoom meeting and check in for volunteers.

2/8/22- Program Manager provided program statistics and updates at SGPRC community meeting.

2/15/22- Program Manager participated in monthly meeting with DDS.

2/16/22- Program Manager provided program history, statistics, and updates at board meeting.

Total volunteers	122
Total hours served	5, 033
Total individuals served	42



Equity Partners Resources

- **Parenting Black Children (PBC) a project of Access Non-Profit** – PBC launched a Professional Development Series on Cultural Humility, a 3-workshop series held on 1/20/22, 1/27/22 and 2/3/22. A symposium will follow on 2/24/22.
- **Creating Leadership Among Parents (CLAP) a project of Familias** - Outreach for English session was done in the month of January. 1000 flyers were sent to families with No POS. The English series will begin February 1, 2022.
- **Parent Navigator Program, a project of CHLA** - A special training- Understanding the Individualized Education Program (IEP) & 504 Plan was offered to SG/PRC Community on 1/20/22. Collaboration meeting with this partner was scheduled for 2/1/22. The goal is to build a partnership to ensure parents being referred to SG/PRC are prepared to ensure equity. CHLA next training to the Community will be held 2/17/22.
- **Vietnamese Parent with Disability Children Association, Inc.** – Medi-Cal Waiver Parent Training was held on 1/15/22, Saturday, was provided remotely through Zoom meeting format.
- **Family Resource Navigators-** is an equity partner in the bay area that supports Arabic speaking families. SC reach out Xochitl for a resource to provide specific support for a family in need. This organization extended their support for this one parent.
- **Chinese Parents Associate for the Disabled (CPAD)** – CPAD continued providing parent trainings and education program in January 2022 for Chinese individuals and families served by SG/PRC and other regional centers.

Respectfully,

Salvador Gonzalez, M.S.

Director of Community Outreach and Compliance



SAN GABRIEL/POMONA
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**Advisory Committee for Individuals
Served and Their Families**

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Videoconference Meeting

ZOOM Meeting ID: 191 486 135

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Committee Members:

Staff:

Shannon Hines, Co-Chairperson

Sheila James, Co-Chairperson

Mary Soldato

Preeti Subramaniam

Herminio Escalante

Michelle Nelson

Jaye Dixit

Louis Jones

Daniel Clancy

Ning Yang (LOA)

Rebecca Wilkins (LOA)

John Randall (LOA)

David Grisey (LOA)

Anthony Hill

Lucina Galarza

Daniela Santana

Joe Alvarez

Erika Gomez

Willanette Satchell

AGENDA

- **Call to Order – Chairperson, Shannon Hines and Sheila James (6:00 – 6:05)
- Approve Minutes of February 23, 2022 Meeting**

- Public Comment (6:05 – 6:10)

- Action Item: None

(6:10 – 6:15) – Eliza Herzog, Client Advocate, Update

(6:15 – 6:45) – Special Presentation – After Hours Response System by After Hours SG/PRC Team

(6:45 – 7:00) Committee Information

Shannon Hines and Sheila James, Chairs, Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services and Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services

Future Training Topics

May 25, 2022 - Low or No POS Enhanced Service Coordination

June 22, 2022 – Updates on: 1) Conversation with of Aging Caregivers and 2) Social Recreation Survey

July 27, 2022 - TBD

- **BHT Service Funding Policy**
- **Social Recreational Services Survey**
- **Self Determination Advisory Committee Meetings & Updates**
- **Coronavirus Update**
- **Agenda for May 25, 2022**

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families

March 23, 2022

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Shannon Hines
Sheila James
Pretti Subramaniam
Herminio Escalante
Jaye Dixit

GUESTS:

Sam Yi
Vanessa Chay
Sofia Benitez

STAFF:

Anthony Hill
Lucina Galarza
Daniela Santana
Salvador Gonzalez
Scott Kelley
Giselle Salas
Jesus Ozeda
Monica Romero
Daniel Ibarra
Xochitl Gonzalez
Willanette Satchell
Erika Gomez

ABSENT:

Michelle Nelson
Mary Soldato
Daniel Clancy
Louis Jones
Ning Yang (LOA)
Rebecca Wilkins (LOA)
David Grisey (LOA)
John Randall (LOA)

ITEMS DISCUSSED

CALL TO ORDER

Shannon Hines called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm
A quorum was established. New member, Jaye Dixit, was introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (James & Subramaniam) The committee approved the minutes.
Abstain: Dixit

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CLIENT ADVOCATE UPDATE

Elisa Herzog, Advocate for Individuals Served, was not present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – SOCIAL RECREATIONAL POLICY

Staff members: Monica Romero, Daniel Ibarra, Scott Kelley, Jesus Ozeda, Giselle Salas and Daniela Santana explained the following information:

- Process of developing the policy
- The definition
- The philosophy and purpose
- Funding criteria
- Service amount and frequency
- Planning team considerations
- Evaluation progress
- Exceptions and appeal process

M/S/C (Hines & Dixit) The committee approved the policy to be recommended to the Board for its approval.

FUTURE TRAINING TOPICS:

April 27, 2022 – After Hours Response System

May 25, 2022 - Low or No POS Enhanced Service Coordination

June 22, 2022 – Updates on: 1) Conversation with of Aging Caregivers and 2) Social Recreation Survey

SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND UPDATES:

- Approximately 58 more individuals have transitioned.
- SG/PRC now has an official service coordinator for Self Determination. Their caseload ratio is 1:50.
- \$77,520 was allocated to SG/PRC. The advisory committee and staff will partner next month to decide how this money will be used.

- Meet and greets continue to take place on the second Saturday of the month.

COVID 19 UPDATE:

- There is currently an uptick of positive cases among the individual served
- Critical functions are at optimal level, with most staff working remotely but critical function staff are in the office 3-5 days a week.
- Governor Newsom mandated that Healthcare workers be boosted by March 1, 2022. SG/PRC is in full compliance.
- SG/PRC continues to serve as testing site, and in partnership with the Department of Health, every person that tests will receive a \$20 gift card incentive each time they test, for 6 weeks.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Mr. Hill shared words of appreciation to commemorate Women's History Month.
- Mr. Hill encouraged the attendees to wear orange this month in acknowledgement of Disabilities Awareness Month.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Shannon Hines adjourned the meeting.

The next Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 via videoconference.

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

April 7, 2022

The following committee members were in attendance at said meeting:

PRESENT:

Susan Stroebel, Chairperson
Valerie Donelson
Grace Kano
Olaf Luevano
Brenda Baldeon
Jeanette Cabrera
Nicole Mirikitani
Nancy Bunker
Jose Mendoza

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services
Dara Mikesell, Associate Director of Community Services
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications and Public Relations
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant – Management
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant – Board of Directors

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Baldo Paseta
Vanessa Besack
Charmayne Ross

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

THE VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Susan Stroebel called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The minutes from the March 3, 2022, meeting were approved.

M/S/C (Bunker & Luevano) The committee approved the minutes.

B. VAC VACANCIES

There are vacancies in the following categories:

- Residential (Specialized)
- CCF

Anyone interested can email egomez@sgprc.org for an application.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Compassion Fatigue

Sylvia Rodriguez, Community Health Trainer, shared on the following:

- What compassionate fatigue is
- The difference between fatigue and burnout
- How to do a self-assessment of fatigue
- Physical and emotional symptoms
- Red flags
- Impact of covid
- How to maintain positive mental health
- Where to start to restore one's passion
- Tips for managing compassion fatigue
- How to develop a self-care plan

D. IMPACT OF COVID 19 – AREAS OF CONCERN

Nothing was reported.

E. SG/PRC STAFF UPDATES

Anthony Hill, Executive Director, and staff provided the following updates:

- Staff are in talks with the Boy Scouts to arrange to use their campsites in Monrovia for the individuals served for a nature/social program.
- Providers should see their rate adjustments in May as they went into effect on April 1, 2022.
- The new Residential Referrals data was reviewed. The information is from data captured since November 2021. It is broken down by referrals received month to month, referrals by age group, reason for placement and recommended service level.
- DDS has awarded SG/PRC the following Community Resource Development Projects (CRDP):
 - *In January- awarded 2 ongoing projects*
 - 4 bed home for individuals who abuse illegal substances and alcohol - \$150,000 has been awarded
 - Workshop series for ASL – intermittent level - \$60,000 has been awarded
 - *In April- awarded 4 projects*
 - Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) - \$400,000 – to be built on an

existing property owned by SG/PRC's Housing Development Organization (HDO)- Staff are hoping to get additional monies so a 2-bedroom home for at least 2 adults served can be built

- Social Connection Workshop Series for Adults - \$60,000. This is a workshop series with the desired outcome for this project is to develop a workshop series covering various topics that will improve social skills and assist these adults in enhancing social connectedness. A request for proposal will be posted on SG/PRC's website
- Specialized Residential Facility for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - \$200,000. This will be a community care licensed home which will specialize in serving adult individuals who are deaf and / or hard of hearing who may also have mental health or behavioral challenges. A request for proposal will be posted on SG/PRC's website
- Psychiatric Navigation- \$70,000. For this project, navigation and advocacy will consist of contracting with a provider that has a qualified background and understanding of individuals with I/DD to provide advocacy & supports in several areas, training of mental health professionals, collaborating with regional center case management staff, actively participating with discharge planning to the home setting or step-down programs, developing a tracking system for all psychiatric hospital admissions, discharges, and treatment outcomes. A request for proposal will be posted on SG/PRC's website

F. VENDOR CATEGORY REPORTS

Adult Programs

Vocational – Olaf Luevano shared that they will plan a subcommittee meeting soon. There are a lot of job openings right now for individuals served but it requires a lot of follow up from staff and he encourages staff to continue with these efforts.

Adult Day – Jose Mendoza announced his resignation from the committee as his new job role will not allow him to continue. The members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Mendoza for the time he served. Jose Meraz was then introduced as the new (but not replacement) representative for this category. He shared that the LA County Fair, and the Renaissance Fair are hiring. He would like to have a subcommittee soon and asked that other Day Program providers email him.

Infant & Children Services

Infant Development Program – Charmayne Ross was not present.

Transportation

Baldo Paseta was not present.

Independent Living Services

ILS Services – Nicole Mirikitani asked if ILS providers can add Social Recreation back as part of their goals. Mr. Hill said they can. The Board approved the policy; staff are awaiting DDS's approval and then it will be shared.

SLS Services – Nancy Bunker initiated brief discussions with staff about the following:

- Changes with program managers
- Medical consents and advance directive guides
- Payeeship and the impact on ILS vendors
- Uptick of applications being received

Residential Services

Specialized – **One vacancy in this category**

CCF – Valerie Donelson (**one vacancy in this category**). Nothing to report.

ICF- Grace Kano thanked Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, for putting together and presenting the Referrals Data. She also shared that CMS issued information on the expiration of the pandemic waivers. Lastly, she announced that there will be a subcommittee soon.

Other Vendored Services- Jeanette Cabrera reported that individuals served have transitioned back to campuses as they reopened. The families of those that transitioned were surveyed and the feedback was positive in spite of the challenges. They're seeing an improvement in socialization.

At Large- Brenda Baldeon and Susan Stroebel are looking forward to the LICA meeting for Early Intervention that is scheduled for next week. Susan shared that she, alongside others, formed part of the delegation for ARCA's Grassroots Day. She encouraged her peers to do advocacy with her and asked that those interested email her.

Recruitment Subcommittee

A recommendation was made for membership in the VAC:

- Chris Schlanser for Residential – Specialized
- M/S/C (Mirikitani & Donelson) The committee approved the membership of Chris Schlanser, representing Residential - Specialized, effective immediately.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following topics were discussed briefly by members of the public/committee:

- Disabilities Collaborative Event and Spring Fling – flyers were posted in the chat.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next regular meeting will be held on May 5, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

March 9, 2022

The following committee members were present at said meeting.

MEMBERS:

Gisele Ragusa
Bill Stewart
Shannon Hines
Julie Chetney

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

GUESTS:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bruce Cruickshank
Ethel Gardner

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

**THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT
THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

None.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. CALL TO ORDER

Gisele Ragusa, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The Minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting were approved with the following change: Committee member interested in Board membership cannot be considered at this point because she works for a vendor.

M/S/C (Stewart & Chetney) The committee approved the minutes.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

None

C. STRATEGIC TIMELINE

The committee decided to switch gears regarding their Strategic Timeline, as a result of the Board training. They will adapt SOAR instead of SWOT. SOAR

stands for Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results. SOAR allows more breakthrough thinking. Ms. Ragusa will send a draft and will include staff. The draft will be reviewed at the next meeting. There will be one for Board/committees, staff and community. Social demographic variables will be added for the community survey.

D. BOARD INTERVIEWS

The members conducted the following two interviews:

- F. Tolley
- W. Lai

Staff logged off.

E. ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned.

The next Strategic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2022.



**San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center**

April 20, 2022

TO: Sheila James, Board President & Board of Directors
San Gabriel / Pomona Valleys Developmental Services, Inc.

FROM: Anthony Hill, M.A. J.D. Esq.
Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report

Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) welcomes April 2022, as autism awareness and acceptance month. Through this recognition, we are encouraging all to read and learn more about autism. Specifically, understanding the condition, and finding ways that each of us can support, empower, and include people with autism and developmental disabilities within the vibrant mural of people living their fullest life within our communities. When we envision inclusion, we see a society where our love, care, and empathy for each other demonstrates how we live and connect with each other, every second, every minute, and every hour... during every day.

SG/PRC's Critical Business Functions

SG/PRC's critical business functions remain unchanged from prior month. SG/PRC is the **only** regional center in the state that kept its business office open throughout the pandemic and has delivered full scope in-person intake, eligibility, early intervention, dentistry, and other clinical assessments and services. Every business day we see children and their parents or guardians spending time with us, waiting in our temporary lobby, and thereafter receiving diagnostic counselling, assessments, and intake services.

SG/PRC recognizes itself as a health care setting tethered to the designation from the State Public Health Officer that all regional center employees are healthcare workers. SG/PRC continues its "abundance of caution" strategy through remote working, weekly COVID- 19 testing for all staff, and temperature screening and face mask wearing for all staff and members of the community that visit the SG/PRC office.

Since April 2021, all SG/PRC employees are required to participate in the SG/PRC COVID-19 testing clinic weekly, and at minimum are required to receive both the rapid BinaxNow Antigen test, and PCR test consecutively. Unvaccinated staff are required to test more frequently. As many of you are aware, during August 2021, all SG/PRC employees are required to disclose their vaccination status when engaged in business activities, upon entering homes of individuals served, residential facilities, skill nursing facilities, supported living arrangements, day programs, schools, jails, and homeless shelters through relying on our electronic confirmation system, verified through our Human Resource team.

Regarding Individual Program Plan and Individual Family Service Plan meetings, SG/PRC Service Coordinators are conducting these meetings in-person at the discretion of the individual served, their legal guardian or conservator while practicing health care guidance, in wearing surgical grade masks, and staying within prescribed boundaries for physical distancing. Service Coordinators are conducting in-person meetings with all individuals served that reside in any residential facility type, skill nursing facilities, adult family homes, psychiatric treatment settings and state operated facilities.

We are getting closer to opening the newly redesigned lobby. We are pleased to report that we have begun, phase two which is the redesign of the temporary lobby space that will transition into a community space for all visitors and staff to enjoy and connect with each other. We imagined this space as an extension of the main lobby.

Intake/Eligibility Data Ending February 2022

Early Intervention/Intake

1585 New Referrals
1514 Eligibility Reviews
1431 Children Found Eligible
53 Reactivations
8 Transfer in

Lanterman/Intake

343 New Referrals
426 Eligibility Reviews
272 Found Eligible
542 Exiting EI (Eligibility Reviews)
261 Eligible (/EI transitions)
54 Provisional Eligible
126 Reactivations
46 Transfer in

(See Attachment A.)

SG/PRC COVID-19 Data

Los Angeles County COVID-19 positivity rate 7-day average reported as of my last report was 0.81% percent, and now the positivity rate is 1.01%, as of April 14, 2022, according to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (*See Attachment B*).

COVID-19 Vaccine Data

As required by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Directive, all regional centers are required to collect COVID-19 vaccine data for individuals served. Regional Centers are collecting the vaccine brand, whether the individual served is fully vaccinated, whether the individual served received a vaccine booster, and whether the individual served demonstrated their choice to decline COVID-19 vaccines. SG/PRC's vaccine data collection efforts remain at the **top** of the list of regional centers according to DDS Data at [www.dds.ca.gov under COVID-19 data](http://www.dds.ca.gov/under/COVID-19/data) updated on April 8, 2022.

SG/PRC's COVID-19 Testing Clinic

The SG/PRC COVID-19 testing clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for individuals served and their families, Service Provider staff and their families, and SG/PRC staff and their families, and general members of the community. The clinic is held at the SG/PRC office from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We are now offering both BinaxNow Covid-19 Antigen test, a rapid test, and the gold standard PCR test to anyone that participates in our clinic.

We have sufficient testing supplies, and SG/PRC staff volunteers are very proud to do their part in supporting the health and safety of our community. We are thankful for the support of our partners including that California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Aveanna Healthcare, Color, and Valencia Branch Laboratories. Effective April 4, 2022, sponsored through our partnership with the California Department of Public Health, any time a person test with us at our clinic, the individual will receive a \$20 dollar gift card with a selection of over fifty merchants (Amazon, Walmart, Target, Starbucks) to choose from. For example, if a person test with us all four days that our clinic is open during the week, the person will receive (4) \$20 dollar gift cards. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that everyone that test at our clinic will receive (2) COVID-19 home test at a retail value of near \$18 dollars through SG/PRC's partnership with the California Department of Public Health.

Personal Protective Equipment

SG/PRC has sufficient supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our Service Providers and individuals served and their families. SG/PRC has partnered with Parents' Place to distribute PPE. You can reach Parents' Place at (626) 919-1091.

Jaimie Anabalon, Quality Assurance Manager coordinates PPE distributions for Service Providers and can be reached at PPE@sgprc.org.

Community Conversation about Future Care Planning Needs

On April 14, 2022, SG/PRC sponsored a community conversation via Zoom in collaboration with Helen Sanderson Associates to listen to the service needs and ideas that parent and family caregivers share to support their loved ones. Helen Sanderson Associates will develop a report for SG/PRC that will be the foundation for future conversations to create a resource development plan and parallel strategies to connect with resources available through the community system of care (*See Attachment C*).

Sirens of Silence

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, encourages the entire SG/PRC community to spend the day with us on April 30, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to meet first responders, including the California Highway Patrol, Pomona Police, Los Angeles County Sherriff, Pomona Valley Hospital, Care Ambulance Service and to connect with staff with San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center. There will be music, sensory stations, dental screening, the LACoFD's support dog, police dogs, fire trucks, police cars, swat vehicles, and other emergency response vehicles. The first three hundred people that register will receive a lunch prepared by Baja Cali. You can register through the QR code within the flyer (*See Attachment D*).

Community Outreach/Compliance Report

The SG/PRC Community Outreach/Compliance Director, Salvador Gonzalez has issued a report dated April 4, 2022, that includes SG/PRC's community outreach activities occurring during prior months covering the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companions Programs, Cultural Specialists, Board Certified Behavioral Analyst, Educational Specialist, Fair Hearings Specialist, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist, and Equity Partnerships (*See Attachment E*).

National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)

The NASDDDS and Green Mountain Self-Advocates began a partnership in 2021 to ensure that the advocates' voices reach diverse forums. Max Barrows is the Outreach Director for Green Mountain Self-Advocates, and Mr. Hasan Ko is a professional at Green Mountain Self-Advocates (GMSA) and he represents their national projects. On February 10, 2022, Mr. Barrows and Mr. Ko met with more than sixty self-advocates from at least twenty-five states. They had a conversation regarding what works and what does not work when receiving service delivery remotely. They stated the benefits of remote service delivery are the flexibility in the location where services are provided.

They agreed that remote services have many drawbacks. They describe that remote service delivery gets in the way of communicating true feelings, limits one to one interactions with Direct Support Professionals (DSP), disengagement when the DSP or program participant has their camera off, unreliability of technology or internet connectivity, and it is difficult to participate in Zoom services for long hours and being required to sit for many hours. They agreed that at times many felt isolated, lonely, and they agree it is necessary to get out in the community. If you are interested in reading the entire story you can find it at www.nasddd.org.

SG/PRC's Budget Expenditures FY 21/22

SG/PRC's Operations allocation is \$35,296,155 with projected expenditures of \$34,505,940. An OPS allocation reserve is projected. SG/PRC's POS allocation is \$318,032,645, with year-to-date expenditures \$175,040,249 aggregating expenditures projected and late billings reflecting \$129,875,987. A POS reserve is projected.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Social Recreation Services Directive

On October 7, 2021, DDS issued a directive to all regional centers regarding the restoration of regional center funding for camping services and associated travel expenses, and social recreation services. SG/PRC was required to implement a community outreach plan and engage in activities to increase awareness of this beneficial change. On December 16, 2022, SG/PRC sent a letter in threshold languages to all individuals served and their families. Further, SG/PRC was required from DDS to update its purchase of service policy and obtain Board approval and submit its Board approved policy to DDS for review and approval. The SG/PRC Board has approved the SG/PRC Social Recreation/Camp & Non-Medical Therapies Policy. DDS is currently reviewing this policy. In the interim, SG/PRC is fulfilling its obligation to fund social recreation services, camp and associated travel, and non-medical therapies as guided through the Individual Program Planning needs assessment process (*See Attachment F*).

SG/PRC Caseload Ratio Compliance

DDS issued SG/PRC a letter dated March 21, 2022, finding that SG/PRC did not meet caseload ratio requirements for individuals served on the Home and Community Based Services Waiver; children under the ages of three; individuals served over the age of three; and individuals moved from the developmental center over the past 12 months and over the past 24 months. SG/PRC caseload ratios were within caseload ratio thresholds for individuals served with complex needs. SG/PRC is required to create a plan of correction, obtain input from the public, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Disabilities Rights of California.

On April 26, 2022, during the weekly SG/PRC community meeting, SG/PRC staff will present the SG/PRC plan of correction and encourage feedback. DDS acknowledges in their letter that the Governor's Budget includes funding for the upcoming fiscal year 2022/2023 to close the caseload ratio gap between compliance. However, the gap has widened since the last survey during March 2021. This trend is as a perpetual outcome of the broken core staffing formula that underfunds the cost for Service Coordinators salaries and other regional center positions. A key Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA) proposal is for California lawmakers to fix the core staffing formula. We are pleased to inform the SG/PRC community that several lawmakers have agreed to propose legislation to modernize the core staffing formula (*See Attachment G*).

On March 22, 2022, DDS issued a Directive: Extension of Waivers and Modifications and Directives Due to COVID-19 (See Attachment H).

Health and Safety Waiver Exemption

Regional Center Executive Directors' authority to grant adjustments to residential service rates is extended under Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 4681.6, 4689.8 and 4691.9 until May 1, 2022, excluding Executive Directors' authority to do so for Service Code 109.

Day Programs

Day Programs service delivery is permissible in person but must be provided in accordance with local public health orders and guidelines issued from the California Department of Public Health. This Directive is extended until May 7, 2022.

Presumptive Eligibility

The regional center may determine that an individual is presumptively eligible for services under a reasonably certain standard if circumstances prevent the regional center from making a definitive determination. This Directive is extended until May 14, 2022.

Additional Participant-Directed Services

Additional Participant-Directed Services includes Personal Assistance, Independent Living Services and Supported Employment. This Directive is extended until May 19, 2022.

Residential Facility Payments

Regional Centers shall report all current and approved payments for temporary residential service absences. This Directive is extended until May 5, 2022.

Extension of Early Start Services

Regional Centers may fund Early Start services as a transitional bridge to cross over to Part C Services. This Directive is extended until May 6, 2022.

Half Day Billing

The Half Day Billing requirements are waived, until April 25, 2022.

Self-Determination Program

This Directive waives the requirement that the cost of the financial management service is paid by the Self-Determination Program participant from his or her individual budget. This Directive is extended until May 13, 2022.

On March 17, 2022, DDS issued a Directive: Self-Determination Program; Home and Community-Based Services Setting Assessment.

This Directive provides regional centers and Self-Determination Program Participants guidance and a list of settings that must be assessed by the Planning Team prior to the delivery of regional center funded services under the Self-Determination Program (*See Attachment I*).

Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Updates

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) represents the twenty-one non-profit regional centers that advocate on behalf of and coordinates services for California's over 380,000 people with developmental disabilities. The Association functions as a leader and advocate in promoting the continuing entitlement of individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential and highest level of self-sufficiency. The Association participates in the development of public legislative policy that impact individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

ARCA Supports - Senate Bill 387

ARCA supports Senate Bill 387-Anthony Portantino, requiring local educational agencies to increase staff training to be prepared to manage and be more responsive to behavioral health challenges. This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2025, that local educational agencies certify that 75% of both its classified and certificated employees have received youth behavioral health training (*See Attachment J*).

ARCA Supports- Senate Bill 987

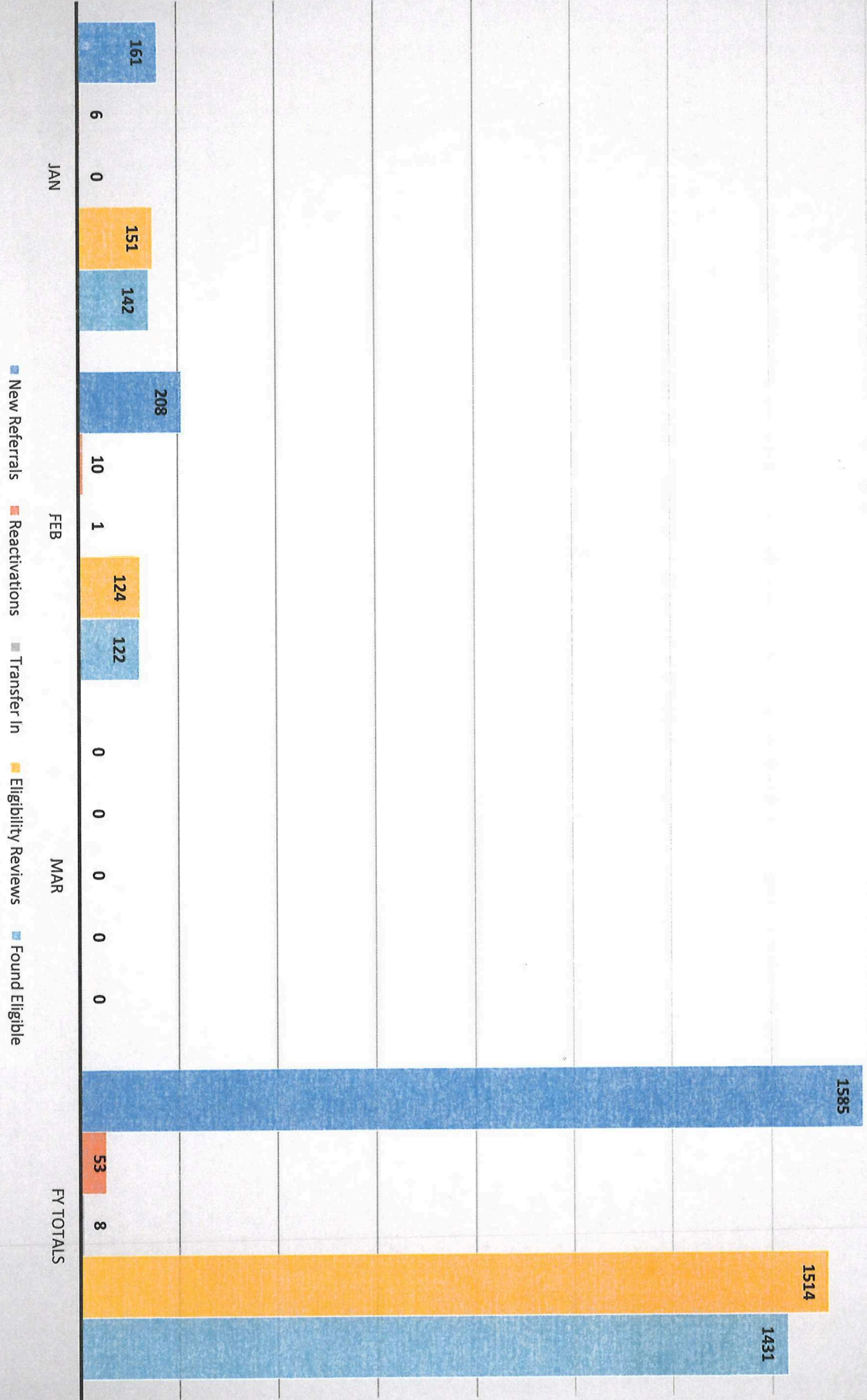
ARCA supports Senate Bill 987-Anthony Portantino, requiring that Medi-Cal managed care plans include in its contractor provider network at least one National Cancer Institute (NCI) Designated Cancer Center. This Bill will ensure that Medi-Cal managed care plans ensure access to effective treatment for cancer, including diagnosis, timeliness of intervention, choice of therapy, collaboration among experts, and access to appropriate clinical trials or emerging therapies (*See Attachment K*).

Grassroots Day

Grassroots Day occurred on April 5, 2022, through Zoom meeting format. SG/PRC's delegation including individuals served, their families, Service Providers, and SG/PRC staff, met with lawmakers representing Districts within SG/PRC's service area. We are so very proud of the SG/PRC delegation and their advocacy. They prepared and delivered compelling rationale and achievable beneficial outcomes flowing from key budget policy adjustments. They covered modernization of the core staffing formula, acceleration of the Service Provider rate reform, and SB 882 (Eggman) that is vital to improve outcomes from interactions between law enforcement and individuals with developmental disabilities (*See Attachment L*).

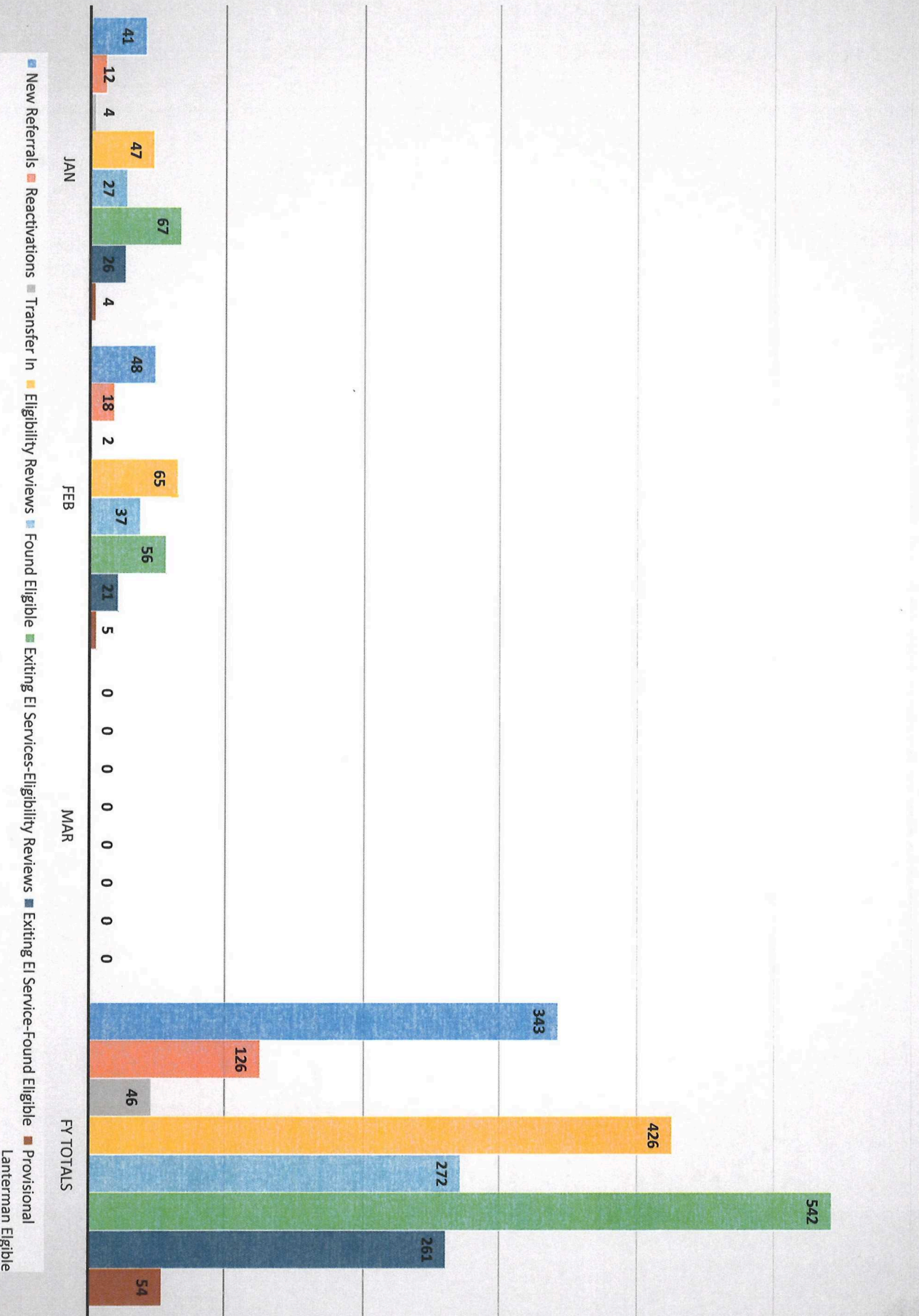
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Early Start Referrals & Eligibility Reviews Third Quarter 2021-2022



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Lanterman Intake Referrals & Eligibility Reviews Third Quarter 2021-2022





Attachment B

LA County Daily COVID-19 Data

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Data through 6:00pm 04/14/2022

NOTE: We will no longer report metrics on the weekends. When we report on Monday, we will separately present the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday metrics.

Cases

1,355

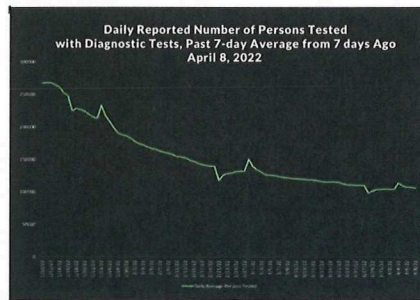
New Cases Reported (04/15)*

2,850,480

Total Cases Reported*

*including cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena Health Departments

Testing



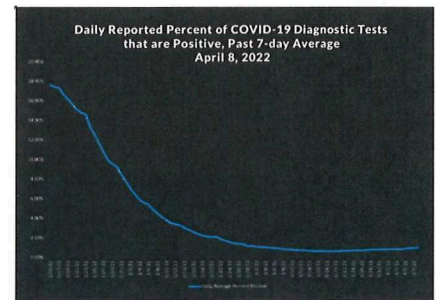
7-Day Daily Average: 106,074

Total Number of People Tested*: 11,777,005

*may include unduplicated negative test results or out of jurisdiction negative test results

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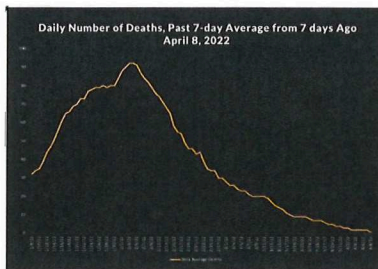
Testing Positivity Rate



7-Day Daily Average: 1.01%

[What This Means](#)

Deaths



New Deaths Reported (04/15)*: 13

Total Deaths Reported*: 31,852

*including deaths reported by Long Beach and Pasadena Health Departments

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Death Rate

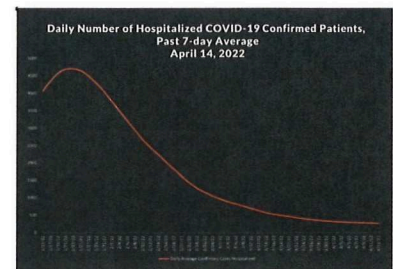
Age-Adjusted Death Rates due to COVID-19 per 100K April 14, 2022

	Mortality Rate
Los Angeles County Total	290
Race/Ethnicity	
Asian	193
Black/African American	307
Hispanic/Latino	451
White	176
Area Poverty	
<10% area poverty	171
10% to <20% area poverty	299
20% to <30% area poverty	389
30% to 100% area poverty	520

by Race, Ethnicity and Poverty Level

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Hospitalizations



Current Hospitalizations (04/14): 228

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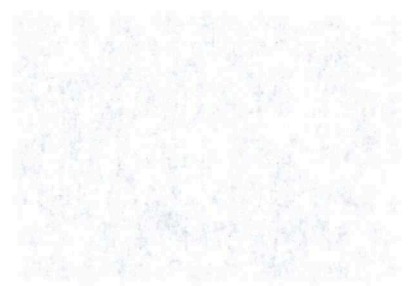
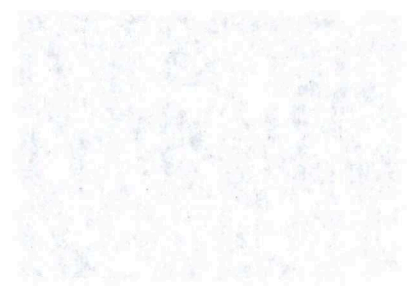
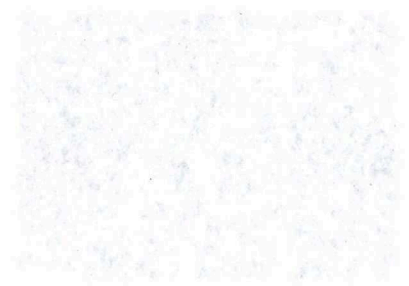
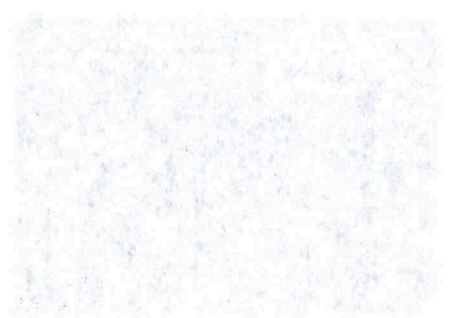
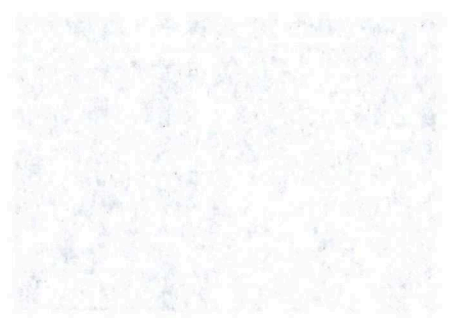
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JOIN US

San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center, in collaboration with Helen Sanderson Associates, will host a Community Conversation via ZOOM to learn from the families served by SGPRC on:

**Thursday April 14, 2022
10:00 am to 11:30 am**

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP FOR THIS FREE EVENT](#)

You are invited to a Community Conversation about Future Care Planning Needs.

Thinking about the future housing, care, and support needs of a family member can be overwhelming.

You might be wondering...

“What will happen to my loved one when I am no longer able to care for them?”

“Where will my family member live and how will they get the care and support they need?”

“Who will support them to make healthcare and financial decisions?”

Lets explore what you need to find peace of mind for the future.

Join other families to share your questions, concerns and ideas for new approaches to services and supports for the future. The regional center will use your input to develop resources to meet your needs.

Please come and share:

- Your questions and concerns about the future care of your family member
- Your ideas about housing arrangements, services and supports that could be considered for future development to address the needs of your family

Interpretation will be available for Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese.

For more information contact Julie@helensandersonassociates.com



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In partnership with Los Angeles County Fire Department invite you to:



SIRENS OF SILENCE



A Special Day with First Responders:

Giving a new meaning to ASD and other special needs.

All individuals attending are required to register, first 300 registered individuals will receive a free lunch.

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COME AND MEET FIRST RESPONDERS IN A SENSORY-FRIENDLY SPACE:

- See * Touch * Try – Check out first responder apparatus and equipment!
- Interact and engage with first responders, and share how to best approach your loved one with special needs!
- Learn how to protect your family in emergencies!
- Meet LACoFD's support dog, Echo!
- Sensory stations, interactive displays, giveaways!

A SIRENS OF SILENCE event hosted by the Los Angeles County Fire Department in partnership with the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center and other public safety & health agencies.



SATURDAY

APRIL 30, 2022
9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

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Local COVID-19 public health guidance will be implemented.

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE MONTH!



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Community Outreach/Compliance Department Report

April 4, 2022

TO: Anthony Hill, Executive Director
FROM: Salvador Gonzalez,
Director of Community Outreach and Compliance
RE: Community Outreach and Compliance

Director Reports

Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist

- **Understanding My Child's Disability (UMCD) Online Series** on SG/PRC Parent Portal (<https://sgpreparent.arcalearn.org>) – Flyers in English, Spanish and Korean were created and will be promoted through Staff training and other DDS Equity Projects.
- **Outreaching to Asian Community** – Amos participated TET Festival invited by VPDCA (Vietnamese Parents with Disabled Children Association) on 2/12/22. Asian pediatrician/physician list was updated. Registered WSGV SELPA Student with Disabilities Resource Fair on 4/16/22 and started recruiting staff. Participated Fiesta Educativa Autism Conference organizing meetings and registered for the conference on 4/26/22 and 4/27/22.
- **POS Expenditure Data Presentation for Asian Communities** – Community Meetings for Chinese Community (3/12/22), Vietnamese Community (3/19/22) and Korean Community (3/24/22) were provided with SG/PRC staff presentation and translation.
- **Reducing NO/LOW POS Client Project** – Amos participated in Virtual Chart Training on 3/31/22.
- **Supporting DDS Equity Project** – Recruiting Vietnamese mentor and provided technical support for utilizing SG/PRC parent training modules for Parent Mentor Initiative (PMI) project.
- **Person-Centered Conversation (PCC)** – In March, Amos provided total of 7 PCCs for Korean parents and one PCC with Chinese caregiver with Chinese translation provided by Parents' Place Chinese Outreach Specialist.
- **Translation for Korean Families** – Amos provided total of 1 verbal translation for quarterly meeting and 7 written translations including SOC/REC Survey, Sirens of Silence flyer and UMCD flyer.
- **Collaboration with Asian Equity Partners** – Amos provided 'Regional Center 101' Workshop for 29 Korean parents who have children from age 2-13. This workshop was organized by Being Built

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Together, FY2022 DDS Equity Award recipient. Amos continued participating in the Monthly DDS Cultural Specialist and Community Based Organization Meeting on 3/11/22 and ARCA Cultural Specialist Meeting on 3/24/22 to promote better collaboration promoting POS Equity in regional center services. Amos will continue collaborate with Being Built Together Korean (BBT), Chinese Parents Association For the Disabled (CPAD), Korean American Special Education Center (KASEC), and Vietnamese Parents with Disabled Children Association (VPDCA) which awarded FY2021/2022 Equity Grant.



Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist

For the month of March, Fair Hearing received twelve DS1805/Fair Hearing Requests. Fair Hearing Requests consisted of the following: transportation, daycare, denial of Intake, Lanterman eligibility, dental procedure, vehicle modification/wheelchair lift, copayments for speech therapy, and Self Determination Program budget.

Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist (FHS), held informal meetings on and 3/9/22 and 3/18/22. The appeal reviewed on 3/9/22 was resolved and a Notification of Resolution (NOR) was filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings. FHS is in the process of resolving the appeal reviewed on 3/18/22 pending required documentation. A preliminary meeting with authorized representative and Office of Clients'

Rights Advocate was held on 3/22, to review the Physical Therapist’s consultation note regarding a request for a vehicle modification/wheelchair lift. He attended a Fair Hearing on 2/17. Fair Hearing scheduled for 3/23/22 was resolved informally. Fair Hearing scheduled for 3/9/22 was resolved through mediation. Fair Hearings scheduled for 3/17/22 was withdrawn by authorized representative. And the Fair Hearing scheduled for 3/

He continues providing support and assistance in developing Notices of Proposed Action (NOPA). He reviewed 12 NOPAs submitted for the following issues: genetic testing, fund ABA in school, termination of supplemental rate for residential facility, personal assistance hours for a minor, legal representative to be employee under SDP, copayments for speech therapy, funding for an attorney to support with educational advocacy, SG/PRC individual not being present at the annual meetings, and Early Intervention services.

He participated in three Exceptional Service Review (ESR) meetings. As a member of the Social Recreational Policy, he joined the team in presenting the Social Recreational Policy draft to the Directors on 3/8/22 and to the Advisory Board of Individuals Served on 3/23/22. And now Daniel is part of the team that will be working on developing the Educational Services Policy.

Due to a fair hearing being rescheduled, Daniel had to reschedule his training to the staff to May. He continues working on developing short trainings regarding the different parts of the Fair Hearing Process.

Nora Perez-Given, Education Specialist

The Education Specialist provides support to regional center staff, families, and community partners in two different areas. These areas include providing supports regarding educational matters for students ages 3 and up to include post- secondary school years and in matters related to limited conservatorships including the review of limited conservatorship letters being forwarded to court.

With regards to supports provided in educational matters

Nora is scheduled to provide training in 2022 to SG/PRC as follows:

March 24	IEP basics and your role at school meetings
April 22	Limited conservatorship letters and regional center role
May 26	IEP & 504 plans
July 21	Requesting related services
September 22	Special Education Timelines
October 20	Assistive Technology

*Further trainings to SG/PRC staff, families and school districts will be coordinated for 2022 year.

Consults completed	36
School Meetings attended (IEP’s/504/ SST/Resolution type meetings)	20

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Outreach/Trainings:

Nora along with SG/PRC team members (Rosa Chavez, Josie Martinez, Lihn Lee, Griselda Gastelum, Giselle Salas and Edith Aburto assisted with the 2022 Virtual Transition Fair that took place on March 16, 2022, from 10am-3pm. This virtual transition fair was coordinated by a collaborative work group that had members from San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, San Gabriel Valley Workability 1 Partners, and School Districts. The 2022 Virtual Transition fair had over 500 virtual participants that included transition students, parents, vendors, and community partners. 2022 Virtual Transition participants continue to have access to the resources provided during the fair by accessing the same link they were emailed at time of registration.

With regards to supports provided regarding limited conservatorship matters

Nora reviewed 33 conservatorship letters from service coordinators before letters can be forwarded to the court for filing. This review is done to assure that what is being forwarded to the court is in alignment with the needs of the client and to assure all the components of a conservatorship assessment letter are contained in letter. Consults are provided to staff when needed.

Other Activity during month of March

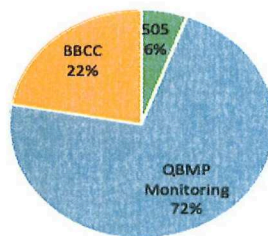
March 24, 2022, staff training session on “IEP Basics & Your Role In Supporting Families/Students with Educational Matters” provided SG/PRC service coordination staff with knowledge in the following areas:

- What is an IEP
- Role of service coordinator when supporting families in educational matters
- Types of IEP meetings
- Components of an IEP
- Special education eligibility
- Placement options & least restrictive environment concept
- Related services
- Consenting to IEP
- Educational resources to share with families

Joshua Trevino, Intensive Transition Specialist

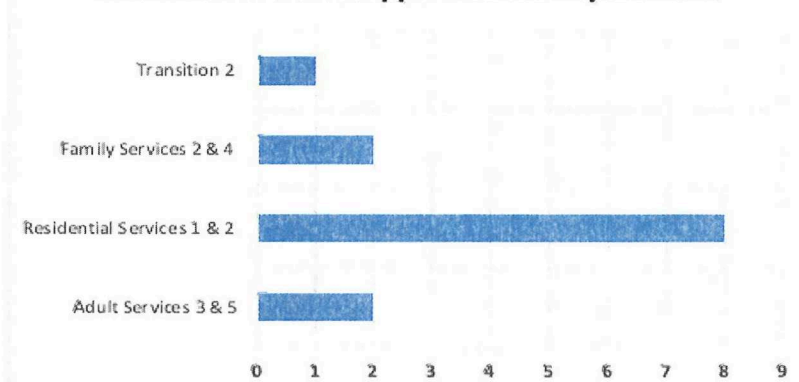
In the month of March 2022 your SGPRC Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Joshua Trevino, directly supported a total of 18 individuals. A total of 5 individuals served, originated from Regional Centers across Southern California (ELARC, RCOC, NLARC & FDLRC). Of the 18 individuals served, 7 individuals are on the Autism Spectrum and the remaining 11 Individuals are diagnosed with Intellectual Disability. Your SGPRC BCBA supported individuals in private homes, residential group homes, Community Crisis homes & Enhanced Behavior Support Homes.

**Allocation of BCBA Support
 March 2022**



72% of support in the community setting was utilized in the area of conducting in person Qualified Behavior Modification reviews (QBMP Monitoring). These reviews execute Title 17 regulatory monitoring duties specific to SGPRC Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes and Community Crisis Homes. A total of 28% of BCBA support was utilized via direct behavioral consultation in your SGPRC Bio Behavioral Consultation Committee (BBCC) and 1:1 parent consultation via 505 requests. The youngest individual served in this reporting period was 6 years of age while the oldest individual served was 61 years of age. Allocation of BCBA support across departments in the month of March 2022 is noted below;

Allocation of BCBA Support Across Departments



Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist March 2022 Report

Providing support to SGPRC's DHH community by developing staff trainings, securing generic resources for DHH, assisting with resource development, IPP, IDT meetings and collaboration with sister Regional Centers to further develop role.

Assistive Technology Conference CSUN- 3/17/22: Attended conference at the Anaheim convention center. Met with various vendors who support the Deaf, blind, and disabled community with technology access. Met with Sorenson Communication, T-Mobile, JAN, Scrip Talk and more.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist Weekly Collective Meetings- 3/23, 3/30/22: Attended meetings to collaborate on development of DHH role and projects. Contributed to the development of support ideas for Deaf Individuals residing in group homes. Discussed Health and Safety waiver, ADA rights, communication aids, Assistive Technology apps, etc.

Generic Resource Secured Sorenson VRS- 3/21/22: Met with Sorenson Communications - a major Video Relay service for the Deaf. Received brief training on how to set up their Video Relay Interpreting Service. They are a free service funded through the FCC. Follow up to set up in Residential Home and Independent Living for DHH.

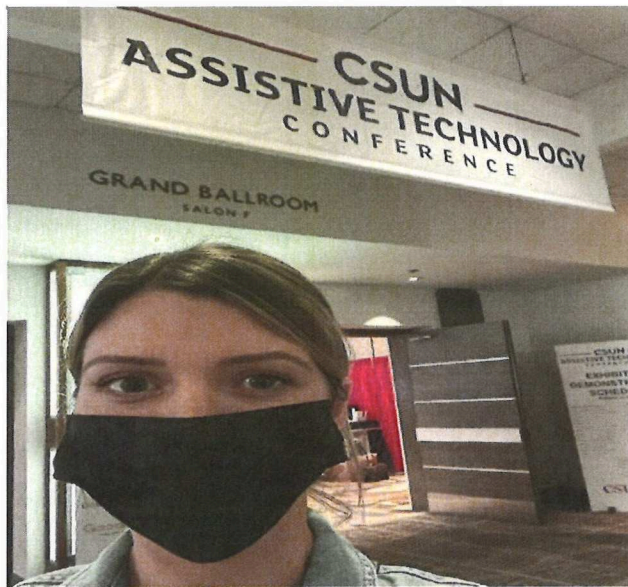
Resource Development Communication Assessment- 3/2/22: Secured vendor Certified Interpreting Services (CIS) to become vendor to provide communication assessments for all DHH.

Vendor Outreach Meeting- 3/2/22, 3/31/22: Met with Easter Seals and provided Deaf friendly Applications for their iPad technology lending library.

Interpreting meetings, SC consultations, Parent support- Assisted Service Coordinators and Individuals Served by providing ASL interpreting/communication to facilitate meetings. Met with Service Coordinators to provide resources for Hearing Aids, Communication Devices and Advocacy Groups. Provided resources to parent of DHH for ASL classes.

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California State University Northridge Assistive Technology Expo Hall 3/17/22



Maria Vargas, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager North

Volunteers were mailed trainings on “Return to Service- COVID Training” and mailed back the quiz corresponding to the material for training hour credit. Volunteers were also provided a Zoom training regarding Women’s History Month. Grandma Celia and Grandpa Romeo created 35 St. Patrick’s Day cards for sites served by the Regional Center as well as staff within the Regional Center. Although most sites continue to be closed to volunteers at this time, some volunteers are slowly returning to serving in person.

3/1/2022- Dignity Adult Day Health Center re-opened and welcomed back volunteers after closing in December due to the COVID spike. On this day, there were 3 volunteers who returned to serving individuals on site.

3/15/2022- Rosita S. began as a new Senior Companion volunteer at Dignity Adult Day Health Center. Rosita will be shadowing a seasoned volunteer to learn her duties within the program.

3/15/2022- Program Manager participated in monthly program meeting with DDS.

3/18/2022- Program Manager held Zoom meeting with volunteers on Women’s History Month.

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Wendy Hemminger, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager South

Volunteers: 48
Hours: 2,891
Individuals Served: 22

Volunteer Trainings:

In March, we sent our scheduled mail-out In-Service Training with materials including National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month information on the Lanterman Act and the Rights of Persons with Developmental Disabilities worksheet. We also provided training materials on Fall Prevention, Pedestrian Safety and a St. Patrick's Day Wordsearch puzzle.

We held 6 separate zoom meetings with small, assigned cohorts for check-ins, with approximately 44 in attendance for those meetings.

Beginning in April, we will resume in person monthly trainings. This will continue as long as it is safe to do so, and the facility allows large group gatherings.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Completed Monthly Reports
- Participated in Monthly Director's Conference Call with DDS.
- Participated in Program Managers Conference meeting.
- Held Advisory Council meeting
- Planning began for Recognition Luncheon in May
- School District Allowed 4 FG volunteers to return to service in March
- Completed FG/SC Station Handbooks
- Completed final MOU for RI

Equity Partners Resources

- **Parenting Black Children (PBC) a project of Access Non-Profit**
- **Creating Leadership Among Parents (CLAP) a project of Familias**
- **Parent Navigator Program, a project of CHLA**
- **Vietnamese Parent with Disability Children Association, Inc.**
- **Family Resource Navigators**
- **Chinese Parents Associate for the Disabled (CPAD)**

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Respectfully,

Salvador Gonzalez, M.S.

Director of Community Outreach and Compliance



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2022 Community Outreach
& Compliance Department
Staff Training Calendar

Training Sessions will be held on the following days from 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Date	Presenter & Training Topic
2/23/2022 Wednesday	Marssia Chutan, LA Care Liaison How to Access ABA & Other Therapies
3/03/2022 Thursday	Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist The Regional Center Purpose
03/10/2022 Thursday	Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist The Regional Center and Family/Individual Partnership
3/17/2022 Thursday	Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist Overview of Fair Hearings and Your Role as a Service Coordinator
3/24/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist IEP Basics & Your Role at School Meetings
4/07/2022 Thursday	Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist How to Utilize Family Education/Training Modules
4/14/2022 Thursday	Joshua Trevino, Board Certified Behavior Analyst An Introduction to Individual Behavior Support Plan
4/21/2022 Thursday	Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist The Access of Regional Center Services and Generic Resources
4/28/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist Limited Conservatorship-Letters & Regional Center Role
5/05/2022 Thursday	Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist Helping Parents engage and feel Empowered

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6/16/2022 Thursday	Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist Overview of Fair Hearings and Your Role as a Service Coordinator
7/21/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist Requesting Related Services
7/28/2022 Thursday	Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist How to Utilize Family Education/Training Modules
8/17/2022 Wednesday	Marssia Chutan, LA Care Liaison ICFs & Medical Equipment
8/25/2022 Thursday	Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist DHH resources and Specialist Role
9/22/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist Special Education Timelines
10/13/2022 Thursday	Joshua Trevino, Board Certified Behavior Analyst Enrichment of ABA Programing: Incorporating Siblings
10/20/2022 Thursday	Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist Assistive Technology

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Celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March is developmental disabilities awareness month. This campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still face in connecting to the communities in which they live. The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) has created a social media campaign that highlights the many ways in which people with disabilities and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities.



From official declarations to social media campaigns to live events, state I/DD systems join in this celebration of diversity each year. In celebration of diversity in all areas of community life, NASDDDS is pleased to present the following schedule of **FREE educational opportunities** during the month of March. All sessions will be presented for the public on the NASDDDS Facebook page. Follow us [@NasdddsUs](https://www.facebook.com/NasdddsUs) and simply open the page at the dates and times listed to access Facebook LIVE! Please join us! 🌟

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NASDDDS March DD Awareness Schedule

Mitigating Trauma	March 24 at 3:00-3:30 pm ET	<i>As the world continues to grapple with the pandemic and worldwide events, hear from an expert on trauma and how to handle its effects on those supported and those who support I/DD services. Originally aired at the NASDDDS 2020 Mid Year Conference.</i>
NASDDDS Forging Ahead	March 28 at 3:00-3:30 pm ET	<i>Join us to explore NASDDDS services and how the association promotes positive systems change and person-centered practices alongside state I/DD systems. Originally aired at the NASDDDS 2021 Annual Conference.</i>



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October 7, 2021

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF CAMPING, SOCIAL RECREATION AND OTHER SERVICES PER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 4648.5

Effective July 1, 2021, changes to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4648.5 restores regional center authority to fund camping services and associated travel expenses; social recreation activities; educational services for children three to 17, inclusive, years of age; and nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, art, dance, and music. Regional centers are advised to take proactive steps to inform their community of the changes to W&I Code section 4648.5.

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) requests that regional centers provide information to service coordinators and conduct outreach to consumers, families, providers and local community organizations to facilitate awareness about the availability of these services. Outreach and information sharing should extend to individuals and families who may not typically use these types of services or other regional center purchased services, but who may benefit from receiving these services. In developing outreach activities, regional centers must consider actions that will increase awareness and facilitate the sharing of information with non-English speaking individuals and communities of color. Service coordinators should discuss the availability of these restored services and related consumer needs during the Individual Program Plan meeting, consistent with W&I Code section 4646(a).

Each regional center must submit an outreach plan to the Department. Additionally, each regional center must revise its purchase of service (POS) policies, as necessary, to reflect restoration of funding for these services and promote compliance with this change in statute and submit them to the Department for review and approval. The outreach plan and revised POS policies are due to the Department by December 15, 2021.

“Building Partnerships, Supporting Choices”

Regional Center Executive Directors
October 7, 2021
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The Department will translate this correspondence into the identified threshold languages and will post the English and translated versions on our website. If you have questions about this correspondence, please contact your Primary Liaison or the Office of Community Operations at (833) 421-0061.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

ERICA REIMER SNELL
Deputy Director
Community Services Division

cc: Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Directors of Consumer Services
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Social Recreation/Camp & Non-Medical Therapies Policy

Definition

Social Recreation/Camp and Non-Medical Therapies are services and supports for individuals served by the regional center that provide integrated participation within community settings. They are intended to develop an individual’s social skills, create social connections, and enhance physical health while ameliorating the impact of the developmental disability.

Social Recreational/Camp and Non-Medical Therapies may include, but are not limited to: swimming, gymnastics, sports club, dance classes, martial arts, creative arts, music therapy, art therapy, equestrian therapy, day camp, overnight camp, or community integration activities. SG/PRC may fund camping services and associated travel expenses that are delivered within the boundaries of the State of California. Consideration of parental obligations, natural supports, and available resources is included to ensure fulfillment of SG/PRC’s obligation to secure the most cost-effective service delivery option.

Philosophy and Purpose

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) encourages access to social/recreation activities; including camp and non-medical therapies (music, art, and equestrian therapy) for children and adults with developmental disabilities because these activities can improve their confidence, encourage independence, foster mental wellness, help them retain emotional stability, increase physical health, establish friendships, expand circles of support, and create diverse circles of friends that include persons with and without disabilities.

The purpose of social recreation/camp and non-medical therapies is to meet the unique service needs of the individual served within the context of objectives and long-range goals described in the Individual Program Plan (IPP). Goals on the IPP are person-centered and guided through the planning team assessment process. These services and supports are essential bridges for encouraging the inclusion of individuals served within all aspects of community living.

SG/PRC’s funding decisions regarding social recreation/camp and non-medical therapies are guided through person-centered choice and decision making within the IPP process. SG/PRC will fund services and supports that ensure optimal participation within integrated community settings. Individuals served often experience a variety of barriers to participation in community social recreation. Environmental, physical, person-related, and task related barriers may require additional supports such as adapted equipment, individualized support, development of professional competence in working with individuals served, and supportive equipment for activities selected.

Community social recreational programs can be highly successful when elements of the environment, individual, and task are all supported. SG/PRC is committed to alleviating barriers to access of social recreation services and may fund additional services and supports to secure access and equity for individuals served.

As an ongoing practice, SG/PRC will encourage publicly and privately funded socialization, leisure, and recreational programs, camps, and non-medical therapy service providers to reimagine, modify, and refine their service delivery models ensuring that people with developmental disabilities are fully included.

Funding Criteria

Individuals served may participate in social/recreation activities, camps, and non-medical therapies through community programs, funded through their families, churches, schools, day programs, and residential services.

To be considered for SG/PRC funding, these person-centered activities should include opportunities and experiences that will improve self-reliance, increase adaptive behaviors, and improve the ability to establish social relationships. These are primary social and recreational benefits.

The social and recreational benefit of each activity or service specified within the IPP shall also be considered when planning and purchasing such services. In some cases, an individual may need services to develop a particular skill to join or participate in a social recreational program. An example is learning to swim to later participate in water sports or pool parties with friends and family. SG/PRC will consider funding additional supports to encourage service equity and access to social recreation, camp, and non-medical therapies.

SG/PRC may purchase social recreation/camp and non-medical therapy services when the following criteria are met:

- The Individual is at least three (3) years of age.
- The Individual resides in their own home or with family, including foster care.
- The parent has made reasonable efforts to identify and use typical community socialization, leisure, or recreation programs to meet the individual's needs, including parental responsibility to fund typical social/recreation programs, camp, and non-medical therapies when applicable.
- The Planning Team has identified and documented social skill challenge(s).
- Social Recreation/Camp and Non-Medical Therapy services are not currently funded through a generic resource.
- The individual has socialization needs that significantly affect social interaction with peers and others. Examples may include limited responses to social engagement from others, excessively friendly advances towards others, excessive shyness or passivity, inappropriate social interactions (e.g., teasing/bullying), difficulty developing friendships, hyperactivity, withdrawal, or other behaviors (easily frustrated, resistive).

Service Amount and Frequency

- Funding for social recreation activity, service, program, or non-medical therapy may be purchased as determined through Planning Team assessments and recommendations.
- Social recreation activities may occur once or twice weekly for 6 hours total per week but is based on the frequency and quantity of services assessed and determined to be needed within the Planning Team process.
- Non-Medical therapies may occur twice a week (hourly sessions) or consistent with the Planning Team assessments and recommendations and service needs determination.
- One session of camp, up to two weeks per year, may be purchased for individuals who meet the criteria for social recreation services.
- The frequency/duration of services should not interfere with the time that families spend together engaging social recreation activities during weekends and vacations.
- Social recreation services and non-medical therapies cannot be used to replace an individual's need for childcare when parents are working.
- Social recreation services may be considered as part of a family support plan to meet a respite need.

Planning Team Considerations

- A parent's responsibility for paying for similar services and supports for a minor child without a disability will be considered. Parents will pay the typical cost of private lessons.
- SG/PRC recognizes that adults served are typically on a fixed income. For this reason, SG/PRC will not require adults that are eligible for social recreation services/camp or non-medical therapies to pay for these services.
- If a child requires additional experience and practice to benefit from the service due to their disability, SG/PRC may consider funding supplemental services and supports, thereby encouraging access to the social recreation activity that is funded by the parent.
- Cost of admission to recreational activities or events in the community will be paid for by the individual or parent.

Evaluation of Progress

- In accordance with the Individual Program Plan, services will be reviewed at regular intervals to monitor progress and to ensure continued need.
- Services may only continue if the individual, parent, legal guardian, or conservator (when appropriate) and the regional center agree and reasonable progress toward IPP objectives and long-range goals has occurred.
- Service Providers will submit progress reports quarterly, semiannually, or required frequency specified within their service delivery design, SG/PRC agreements or where legally required.

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Purchase of Service Policy

Exceptions and Appeal Process

The SG/PRC Executive Director or designee may grant an exemption to this policy as warranted under extraordinary unique individual circumstances. Accordingly, if an individual served or their legal representative disagrees with services offered through implementation of this policy, they retain the right to appeal the Planning Team's and the Executive Director's (or designee's) decision as described within Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4710 et al.

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March 21, 2022

Anthony Hill, M.A. J.D. Esq., Executive Director
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Dear Anthony Hill:

Thank you for your service coordinator caseload ratio survey submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (Department) on February 10, 2022. The data you provided indicates that, as of February 1, 2022, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SGPRC) did not meet all the required caseload ratios mandated by Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code §4640.6(c) and Article IX, Section 2 of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Regional Center Contract. Specifically, SG/PRC did not meet the required caseload ratios for the highlighted categories noted in the table below:

Regional Center	On Waiver*	Under 3 Years	Movers Over 24 Months	Movers Between 12 and 24 Months	Movers Within Last 12 Months	Over 3 Years, Non-Waiver, Non-Mover*	Complex Needs	Low or No POS
W&I Code Required Ratios	1:62	1:62	1:62	1:45	1:45	1:66	1:25	1:40
SG/PRC Number of Individuals Served	4,775	2,074	106	0	1	7,640	48	0
SG/PRC Ratios	1:77	1:78	1:72	N/A	1:51	1:81	1:25	N/A
CA Average	1:79	1:65	1:60	1:52	1:32	1:82	1:23	1:38

*Out of compliance for two consecutive reporting periods

This letter is to notify you that, as specified by W&I Code §4640.6(f), SG/PRC is required to submit a plan of correction when caseload ratios are not met for two consecutive reporting periods. The plan of correction must be developed with input from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, local organizations representing the individuals you serve, their family members, regional center employees, including recognized labor organizations, service providers, and other interested parties. Please include in your plan of correction how you incorporated feedback from all required stakeholders.

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Additionally, the Governor's Budget includes funds in fiscal year 2022/2023 for regional centers with the stated purpose of reducing caseload ratios. In accordance with W&I Code §4640.6(g)(1), SG/PRC is required to hold at least one public meeting to receive stakeholder input to help inform the way the regional center allocates new positions funded through the allocation. The public meeting fulfills SG/PRC's requirement under W&I Code §4640.6(f) to gather input regarding its plan of correction, if the plan of correction is discussed during the meeting.

We encourage you to review your process for determining service coordinator caseload assignments to assist in meeting the required caseload ratios and in developing your plan of correction. The Department is available to provide technical assistance with the development of your plan of correction.

Please email your plan of correction within 60 days from the date of this letter to:

Email: OCO@dds.ca.gov

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Danielle Hurley, Research Data Specialist, Research, Evaluation, and Audit Branch, at (916) 654-3228, or by email, at danielle.hurley@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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March 22, 2022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE 01-032222: EXTENSION OF WAIVERS, MODIFICATIONS AND DIRECTIVES DUE TO COVID-19

Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020, and Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services (Department) issued numerous Directives to regional centers waiving or modifying certain requirements of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the California Early Intervention Services Act, and/or certain provisions of Title 17, Division 2 of the California Code of Regulations. Additionally, the Director of the Department issued several Directives pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 4639.6 to protect consumer rights, health, safety, or welfare, or in accordance with W&I Code section 4434.

Any waivers, modifications or directives contained in the following Directives are extended an additional 30 days from the current date of expiration, and specified sections within certain Directives are amended, as follows:

Date Issued	Directive Subject	Current Expiration Date	New Expiration Date
3/12/2020	<p>Department Directive on Requirements Waived due to COVID-19</p> <p><i>Amendments to Directive (in order by most recent amendment)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section “Health and Safety Waiver Exemptions” will be deleted from the Directive, effective January 2, 2022, rescinding the delegation provided to regional center Executive Directors. Beginning January 2, 2022, any requests for rate adjustments for residential services and/or supplemental services in residential settings must be submitted to the Department through the standard health and safety waiver exemption process. (Amendment effective 1/2/2022) The following paragraph under section “Health and Safety Waiver Exemptions” is hereby amended to read: “The Director of the Department delegates to regional center Executive Directors the authority to grant rate adjustments for residential services and/or supplemental services in residential settings, consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code sections 4681.6, 4689.8 and 4691.9, to protect a consumer’s health or safety as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19. Effective November 3, 2021, this delegation excludes rate adjustments 	4/1/2022	5/1/2022

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	<p><u>for supplemental staffing in residential settings under Service Code 109. Regional centers must request the Department's approval for new and ongoing rate adjustments granted under this delegation for Service Code 109, as described in the Department's August 27, 2021 correspondence, "Health and Safety Waivers due to COVID-19 State of Emergency."</u> The waiver will require supplemental reporting to the Department. Instructions on the required supplemental reporting will be provided in a future directive. This delegation is necessary because the Department finds that high risk health conditions and fear of exposure to COVID-19 may cause consumers to forego activities away from their home resulting in a need for additional residential staffing or supplemental services. (Amendment effective 11/3/2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For section "Early Start In-Person Meetings", the waiver of in-person service coordination meeting requirements is hereby rescinded. <u>Trailer Bill AB 136</u>, effective July 16, 2021, amended Government Code section 95020(c)(1), allowing, until June 30, 2022, individualized family service plan meetings to be held by remote electronic communications when requested by the parent or legal guardian. The waiver of in-person eligibility determination meeting requirements, as provided in this section is extended and remains effective until rescinded. (Amendment effective 7/29/2021) • Effective immediately, section "Early Start Remote Services" is hereby deleted from this Directive. Trailer Bill AB 136 amended Government Code section 95020(d)(5)(A), specifying that early intervention services may be delivered by remote electronic communications. (Amendment effective 7/29/2021) • Effective immediately, section "Lanterman Act In-Person Meetings" is hereby deleted from this Directive. Trailer Bill AB 136 amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 4646(f), allowing, until June 30, 2022, services and supports meetings, including individual program plan meetings, to be held by remote electronic communications when requested by the consumer or, if appropriate, the consumer's parents, legal guardian, conservator, or authorized representative. (Amendment effective 7/29/2021) 		
3/18/2020	<p><u>Department Directive on Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 and Additional Guidance</u> <u>Amendments to Directive (in order by most recent amendment)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following sentence under section "Day Program Services" is hereby amended to read: "To protect public health and slow the rate of 	4/7/2022	5/7/2022

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	<p>transmission of COVID-19, services must be provided in alignment with the guidance issued by CDPH on March 16, 2020. Day program services must be provided in accordance with local county public health orders and relevant guidelines issued by the California Department of Social Services and/or California Department of Public Health. (Amendment effective 5/5/2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following paragraph under section "Day Program Services" is hereby amended to read: "The Department reiterates the March 12, 2020, directive to regional centers, "State of Emergency Statewide," authorizing regional centers to pay vendors for absences that are a direct result of the COVID-19 outbreak, pursuant to Title 17 section 54326(a)(11). <u>As indicated in the Department's July 17, 2020, directive, "Providing and Claiming for Nonresidential Services During the State of Emergency," retention payments to nonresidential providers for consumer absences are authorized through August 31, 2020. The Department will issue a directive outlining the structure for subsequent reimbursement of claims for providing nonresidential services using alternative service delivery approaches during the State of Emergency.</u>" (Amendment effective 8/10/2020) • Effective immediately, section "WIC §4731 Consumers' Rights Complaints" is hereby deleted from this Directive. The 20-working day requirement for investigating and providing a written proposed resolution to a complainant pursuant to W&I Code section 4731(b) is reinstated. (Amendment effective 7/15/2020) • The following sentence under section "Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Self Assessments" is hereby amended to read: "The requested completion date for provider HCBS self-assessment has been extended to June 30, 2020 <u>August 31, 2020.</u>" (Amendment effective 6/8/2020) 		
3/25/2020	<p><u>Department Directive 02-032520: Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 Amendments to Directive (in order by most recent amendment)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective April 15, 2022, the following paragraph under section "Lanterman Act Eligibility" is hereby amended to read: "If the regional center is reasonably certain the individual is eligible for regional center services, but due to the circumstances the regional center is unable to make a definitive determination, the regional center may determine the individual presumptively eligible. If following reassessment, a regional center later determines that an individual found eligible during the effective period of this directive does not have a developmental 	4/14/2022	5/14/2022

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	<p><i>disability as defined in the Lanterman Act, the requirement that the regional center show the original finding of eligibility was clearly erroneous is hereby waived. <u>Effective April 15, 2022, regional centers may not determine a new individual presumptively eligible.</u></i> (Amendment effective 4/15/2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section "In-Home Respite Workers" will be deleted from this Directive, effective May 31, 2021. (Amendment effective 5/31/2021) • The following paragraph under section "In-Home Respite Workers" is hereby amended to read: "To increase available workforce and support consumers and families at home, the Department waives Title 17 section 56792(e)(3)(A) requirements for in-home respite workers to possess first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training prior to employment when the consumer receiving services does not have chronic or presenting health concerns. <u>Training must be obtained within 30 days of starting work.</u>" (Amendment effective 7/15/2020) 		
3/30/2020	<p><u>Department Directive 01-033020: Additional Participant-Directed Services</u></p>	4/19/2022	5/19/2022
4/15/2020	<p><u>Department Directive 01-041520: Requirements Waived due to COVID-19 Amendments to Directive (in order by most recent amendment)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section "Residential Facility Payments" will be deleted from this Directive, effective May 1, 2021. (Amendment effective 5/1/2021) • Section "EBSH/CCH Registered Behavior Technician Certification" will be deleted from this Directive, effective January 10, 2021. (Amendment effective 1/10/2021) • The following paragraph under section "Residential Facility Payments" is hereby amended to read: "The Department hereby modifies any requirements of the Lanterman Act or Title 17 regarding payments to a residential facility when a consumer is temporarily absent. If the temporary absence from the facility is for the purpose of preventing or minimizing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and the regional center is in agreement that the absence is related to this purpose, the regional center shall continue to pay the established rate as long as no other consumer occupies the vacancy or until it is determined the consumer will not return to the facility and the facility retains and continues to pay staff during this time. Any claims made for these absences are subject to audit and review. <u>Regional centers shall report to the Department by December 15, 2020, all current approved payments for temporary absences in accordance with this section. The Department will issue a subsequent communication</u> 	4/5/2022	5/5/2022

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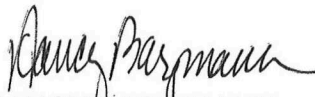
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	<p><u>regarding the process and format for reporting.</u>" (Amendment effective 12/1/2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The following paragraph under section "Vendor Fiscal Audits" is hereby amended to read: "The requirements of Article III, Section 9, paragraph (c) of the Department's regional center contract are waived for Fiscal Year 2019-20. To the extent feasible, regional centers shall continue to conduct fiscal audits in accordance with this paragraph." (Amendment effective 7/15/2020)• The following sentence under section "Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule Compliance Information" is hereby amended to read: "Regional centers shall post this information on their websites by July 1, 2020 <u>August 31, 2020.</u>" (Amendment effective 6/8/2020)		
6/15/2020	Department Directive 01-061520: Extension of Early Start Services	4/6/2022	5/6/2022
10/2/2020	Department Directive 01-100220: Waiver of Half-Day Billing Requirements for Day Services	3/26/2022	4/25/2022
11/19/2020	Department Directive 01-111920: Waiver of Self-Determination Program Budget Restrictions for Financial Management Services	4/13/2022	5/13/2022

The extension of time for these Directives continues to be necessary to protect public health or safety and to ensure delivery of services. All COVID-19 related directives and guidance issued by the Department can be found at: www.dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources.

If you have questions regarding this Directive, please email DDSC19Directives@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



NANCY BARGMANN
Director

cc: Regional Center Board Presidents
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DATE: MARCH 17, 2022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES SETTING ASSESSMENT

The federal Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule requires individuals who receive services be provided full access to the benefits of community living and that services be offered in settings that are integrated in the community. Only services that are HCBS Final Rule compliant can be purchased through the Self-Determination Program (SDP). The purpose of this correspondence is to identify SDP service settings that require an assessment and provide information on how those settings will be reviewed to determine HCBS Final Rule compliance.

Settings that are designed specifically for groups of individuals with developmental disabilities must be assessed prior to beginning the SDP service. A list of those services can be found in Enclosure A. Providers of one of the services listed on Enclosure A who are both vendored with a regional center to provide services through the traditional service delivery system and plan to provide services to a participant in the SDP in the same setting as services in the traditional system are required to complete an assessment. Enclosure B is the assessment tool for this purpose.

There may be services not listed in Enclosure A that are not vendored by regional centers and are provided in settings that are not compliant with the HCBS Final Rule. The regional center, provider, and participant should work collaboratively to ensure compliance with the HCBS Final Rule in all settings where an SDP service is provided, including any not listed in Enclosure A. This may require a setting assessment using the form in Enclosure B. If it is determined the setting is not compliant, the regional center and participant should explore possible changes with the service provider, which would allow the participant to purchase the service using SDP funds. Examples of these types of settings are camps specifically for individuals with developmental disabilities that are used on greater than a temporary or intermittent basis.

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The participant and the service provider must complete the assessment. It may be completed at the same time for all SDP participants interested in using the service. The participant's Financial Management Services provider and the participant will jointly review the initial assessment.

During annual reviews of the individual program plan, the planning team must review the initial assessment and determine if the setting continues to be HCBS Final Rule compliant. If the SDP participant is already receiving services from a setting that needs assessment, the planning team can wait for the next annual review to complete the assessment. Documentation of this review will be maintained by the regional center and may include, for example, documentation in the Individual Program Plan.

The setting must comply with the HCBS Final Rule prior to payment for services.

General information regarding the HCBS Final Rule can be found online at www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations. Information specifically for participants, families and service providers can be found at www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations/training-information.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please contact sdp@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Deputy Director
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cc: Regional Center Administrators
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State Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Self-Determination Program
Home and Community-Based Services Settings**

Settings where a service purchased through the Self-Determination Program (SDP) spending plan, vendored or non-vendored, that is designed specifically for groups of individuals with developmental disabilities require an assessment to determine if the setting meets the Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule.

Providers vendored with a regional center to provide any of the following services in the traditional service delivery system and who plan to provide services to a participant in the SDP in the same setting as traditional services, are required to complete the assessment in Enclosure B.

Service Type	Service Code	Service Code Description
Residential	096	Geriatric Facility (Residential Care Facility for the Elderly)
Residential	113	DSS Licensed Specialized Residential Facility (Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs)
Residential	904	Family Home Agency (Adult Family Home, Certified Family Home, Family Teaching Home)
Residential	905, 915	Adult Residential Facility
Residential	910, 920	Children's Residential Facility; Group Home; Foster Family Home; Small Family Home
Day Program	028	Socialization Training Program
Day Program	055	Community Integration Training Program
Day Program	063	Community Activities Support Services
Day Program	475	Participant-Directed Community-Based Training Service for Adults (Community-Based Training Provider)
Day Program	505	Activity Center
Day Program	510	Adult Development Center
Day Program	515	Behavior Management Program
Day Program	855	Adult Day Care (Adult Day Care Facility)
Employment	950	Supported Employment Program-Group Services
Employment	954	Work Activity Program

Setting Assessment Tool

The federal Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule requires individuals with disabilities be provided full access to the benefits of community living and that services be offered in settings that are integrated in the community. To assist in determining eligibility for service provision in the Self-Determination Program (SDP), this setting assessment tool must be completed according to the guidance provided.

The SDP participant and service provider will complete the assessment together. The assessment can be completed at the same time for all SDP participants interested in using the service. Upon completion of the assessments, the SDP participant and service provider will provide the assessment form to the regional center representative and the participant's Financial Management Services (FMS) provider. The participant and their FMS will jointly review the initial assessment. If the setting does not align with the HCBS Final Rule, the regional center and participant should explore possible changes with the service provider. The goal is for the participant, regional center, and provider to work together so the setting selected by the participant will meet the HCBS Final Rule, which will allow the participant to spend their SDP funds on it.

Questions regarding the completion of this assessment and the assessment process for the SDP should be directed to sdp@dds.ca.gov.

Date of Assessment: _____
 Provider Name: _____
 Contact Phone/Email: _____
 Service/Activity Title: _____

Requirement #1	<p><i>The setting is integrated in, and supports full access of, individuals receiving Medicaid HCBS to the greater community to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.</i></p> <p>Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Requirement #2:	<p><i>The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options including non-disability-specific settings, and if the choice is regarding a residential setting, the individual has an option for a private unit in a residential setting.</i></p> <p>Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Requirement #3:	<p><i>The setting ensures an individual's rights of privacy, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.</i></p> <p>Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Requirement #4:	<i>Optimizes individual initiative, autonomy, and independence in making life choices, including, but not limited to, daily activities, physical environment, and with whom to interact.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #5:	<i>Facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports, and who provides them.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Additional requirements for provider-owned or controlled residential settings:

Requirement #6	<i>The unit or dwelling is a specific physical place that can be owned, rented, or occupied under a legally enforceable agreement by the individual receiving services.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #7	<i>Each individual has privacy in their sleeping or living unit; including doors lockable by the individual, choice of a roommate if sharing a unit, and the freedom to furnish and decorate their sleeping or living units within the lease or other agreement.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #8	<i>Individuals have the freedom and support to control their own schedules and activities and have access to food at any time.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #9	<i>Individuals are able to have visitors of their choosing at any time.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #10	<i>The setting is physically accessible to the individual.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement #11 (Unique to SDP)	<i>The unit or dwelling may be shared by no more than four waiver participants.</i> Does the setting meet this requirement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By checking the box below, I acknowledge that completion of this evaluation is for the sole purpose of determining compliance with the HCBS Final Rule for the SDP service for the participant noted below and does not take the place of future provider assessments that the Department of Developmental Services may require to determine settings compliance with the HCBS Final Rule.

I AGREE

Provider Signature: _____

The setting for this SDP service meets the HCBS final rule.

The setting for this SDP service does not meet the HCBS final rule at this time.

Regional Center Representative

Name and Title: _____

Signature and Date: _____

Participant/Guardian Name: _____

Signature and Date: _____



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February 28, 2022

Senator Anthony Portantino
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RE: SB 387 – SUPPORT

Honorable Senator Portantino:

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) represents the network of 21 community-based non-profit regional centers that coordinate services for, and advocate on behalf of, nearly 400,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. On behalf of ARCA, I wish to share our support for SB 387.

People with developmental disabilities and their families are, like the general population, at risk of mental health crises. But numerous statistics all support the assertion that people with developmental disabilities are **more** likely to have psychiatric challenges than the general population. Requiring local education agencies to increase staff trainings related to behavioral health will help ensure that some of the professionals who spend the most time with students – outside of the family home – can be more responsive to their unique needs.

We thank you for authoring this bill, and hope it receives favorable consideration. If you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Savino in our office at dsavino@arcanet.org or (916) 446-7961.

Sincerely,

/s/Amy Westling
Executive Director

Cc: Tara McGee, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Portantino
Gloria Wong, Executive Director, Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
Melinda Sullivan, Executive Director, Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Lavinia Johnson, Executive Director, Inland Regional Center
Ruth Janka, Executive Director, North Los Angeles County Regional Center
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March 21, 2022

Senator Anthony Portantino
Capitol Annex Swing Space, Ste. 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

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California's regional centers are a network of 21 community-based non-profits, represented by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA). The regional centers coordinate services for, and advocate on behalf of, nearly 400,000 Californians with developmental disabilities.

People with developmental disabilities have unique needs. For over 50 years the state of California has committed to meeting those needs through a community-based regional center service system. With the passage of time, people's needs, the best ways to meet those needs, and our understanding of the philosophies that guide our system have continued to evolve.

Extending current Medi-Cal time and distance standards for another five years, therefore, is part of a long history of changes, refinements, and reforms that both directly and indirectly impact our service system. It will help improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities, and by virtue of benefiting them, it will strengthen our service system. We thank you for authoring this bill, and hope it receives favorable consideration.

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Advocacy - Key Points

- Modernizing Core Staffing Formula – ARCA and SEIU-California are jointly requesting \$21.6M General Fund to reform the “Core Staffing Formula.” It is a budgeting tool that calculates most funding for regional center operations, but has not been updated in many years. This is the reason caseload ratios increase over time. The biggest change being requested would tie the cost of service coordination to a similar state position. These updates would support all the key functions of regional centers – service coordination, intake, community services, and other key policy positions.

When the number of people service coordinators are helping climbs too high, individuals served by regional centers and their families are not given the time and attention they need and have been promised. The goal is to reduce the number of people each service coordinator supports and let them better meet the needs of the individuals and families they serve.

- Repeal of fees on families – The Annual Family Program Fee and Family Cost Participation Program are two fees charged to families receiving regional center services. These fees – perhaps more accurately termed “disability taxes,” – impact Early Start families most. Getting young children services quickly is very important. The fees act as a barrier to needed services, and can create problems between service coordinators and families they are supporting.
- SB 882 (Eggman) – ARCA is co-sponsoring SB 882 (Eggman), which will create an advisory council to look at ways to improve interactions between law enforcement and people with developmental disabilities. SB 882 will also explore ways to improve peace officer trainings. This bill will have direct and positive impacts on the work of law enforcement, and the safety and well-being of people with developmental disabilities.

AB 2378 (Irwin) – ARCA is also co-sponsoring AB 2378 (Irwin). Many people served by the regional centers want, and actively seek, employment. Despite ample research indicating such employees have lower turnover and lower on-the-job accident rates, employment rates remain low. By creating a tax credit for hiring a qualified individual, AB 2378 provides a meaningful incentive to hire a person with a developmental disability.

- Provider rate reform acceleration – The Lanterman Coalition is a group of many of the leading statewide developmental services organizations in California, including ARCA. ARCA joins them in urging acceleration of planned rate increases from July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2022. This investment will improve the stability of the Direct Support Professional workforce and support staff recruitment necessary to achieve a return to greater in-person service delivery options.

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SAN GABRIEL / POMONA REGIONAL CENTER
Fact Sheet

FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 BUDGET ALLOCATION
(through C-2 amendment)

Operations	\$38,288,747	11%
Purchase of Services	\$318,353,513	89%
TOTAL	\$356,642,260	100%

No. of (FTE) Employees:			
Service Coordinators	202.0	56%	
All Other	161.0	44%	
Total	363.0	100%	-0.3%

EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 2020/21*

PROGRAM SERVICES (direct services)	Amount	%
Payroll and admin. exp. for direct services	\$ 32,019,289	10%
Purchase of Services (POS):		
Living out of home	\$ 110,447,382	34%
Day program	\$ 98,374,633	31%
Transportation	\$ 11,794,277	4%
Other purchased services	\$ 63,984,965	20%
Total Purchase of Services (POS)	\$ 284,601,257	89%
Total Program Services	\$ 316,620,546	99%
SUPPORT SERVICES (indirect services)		
Payroll for support personnel	\$ 2,738,381	1%
Admin Support Services	\$ 795,532	0%
Total Support Services	\$ 3,533,913	1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$320,154,459	100%

* per audited financial statements

Individuals Served (as of April 1, 2022)

15,115 including 11 shared in

Clients by Living Arrangement

(incl. 11 shared-in cases)

	Res. Code	# of Clients	%
Out of State	9	1	0%
Living w/ Family	11	12,420	82%
Living Independently or Supported	13, 14	558	4%
Living in Developmental Centers	21 - 23, 31	2	0%
Living in Health Care Facilities	52 - 60	541	4%
Foster/Family Homes	78, 79, 80	360	2%
Other Living Arrangements	40-43, 81-98	46	0%
Living in community care facilities	44-50	1,187	8%
Total Clients (status U,0,1,2,8)		15,115	100%

Clients in Comm. Care Fac. (by size of facility)

Change in 1 mo.

50+ bed	3	0%	0	0%
16-49 bed	99	8%	-1	-1%
7-15 bed	65	5%	0	0%
1-6 bed	934	79%	5	1%
RCF Elderly	86	7%	0	0%
Spcl. Hlth Care Child	0	0%	0	0%
Total CCF Residents	1187	100%	4	0.3%

Clients Living Arrangement by Age

	0-17	18-54	55+
	Minors	Adults	Seniors
Living with family	6,927	4,778	293
Living independently or supported	0	318	238
Living in community care facilities	16	679	493
Living in foster homes/fam.home	278	42	11
Living in health care facilities	17	213	309
Other living arrangements	15	35	10
Living Out of State	2	0	0
TOTAL (status U,1,2)	7,255	6,065	1,354
Living in Developmental Centers	0	2	0

Clients by Gender

Female	5,046	34.5%
Male	9,586	65.5%
Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)	14,632	100%

Clients by Diagnosis

(duplicate count)

	# of Clients	%	Change in 1 mo.
Autism	5,182	42%	56 1.1%
Cerebral Palsy	1,454	12%	-3 -0.2%
Epilepsy	1,898	15%	-4 -0.2%
Intellectual Disability	7,797	63%	14 0.2%
Other Dev. Disability	1,057	9%	2 0.2%
Total Clients w/Diagnosis (Status 2)	12,358		

Clients by Age

Age in Years	# of Clients	%	Minors (0-17):
Infants (<3)	0- <3	2,668	18%
Children (school age)	03-17	4,546	31%
Adults (school age)	18-22	1,429	10%
Adults	23-55	4,730	32%
Seniors	56+	1,259	9%
Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)	14,632	100%	8,643 59%

Active Cases by Status Code

	# Clients	% of Total	Growth in #s & % in 1 month
stus2 In Community (active)	12,358	82%	43 0.3%
stus1 Early Start	2,229	15%	-18 -0.8%
stus8 Developmental Centers	3	0%	-1 -25%
stus0 Intake	472	3%	59 14%
stusU Provisional Eligibility	42	0%	7 20%
Total	15,104	100%	90 0.60%

Clients by Ethnicity

	# Clients	%	Growth in #s & % in 1 month
Asian	1,561	10%	17 1.1%
African American	782	5%	5 0.6%
Filipino	365	2%	0 0.0%
Multi-Cultural	1,252	8%	28 2.3%
Native American	22	0%	1 4.8%
Other & Unknown	396	3%	0 0.0%
Polynesian/Pacific Islands	15	0%	0 0.0%
Hispanic	8,453	56%	39 0.5%
White	2,269	15%	0 0.0%
Total	15,115	100%	90 0.6%

(incl. 11 shared-in cases)

Medicaid Waiver Clients:

4,889 **8** **0.2%**

Clients with funded services:

	# Clients	%	Growth in #s & % in 1 month
Residential Care	1,310	9%	1 0%
Day Care	769	5%	14 2%
Day Training	3,802	26%	20 1%
SEP/WAP	389	3%	19 5%
Transport.	2,860	20%	174 6%
Respite	2,450	17%	10 0%

Total Clients status 1&2

14,587 **Client Growth** **0.2%**

Clients by Language:

	# Clients	%	Growth in #s & % in 1 month
ARABIC	19	0.1%	0 0.0%
ARMENIAN	13	0.1%	1 8.3%
ENGLISH	10,584	72.3%	21 0.2%
FARSI/OTH.INDO-IRANIAN	10	0.1%	0 0.0%
* JAPANESE	6	0.0%	0 0.0%
* KOREAN	69	0.5%	2 3.0%
* VIETNAMESE	144	1.0%	0 0.0%
* MANDARIN CHINESE	311	2.1%	7 2.3%
* CANTONESE CHINESE	184	1.3%	-1 -0.5%
* CAMBODIAN	9	0.1%	1 12.5%
* OTHER ASIAN	22	0.2%	0 0.0%
ASIAN	745	5.1%	9 1.2%
SPANISH	3,118	21.3%	0 0.0%
TAGALOG	51	0.3%	0 0.0%
OTHER LANGUAGES	19	0.1%	0 0.0%
SIGN LANGUAGE	73	0.5%	0 0.0%
TOTAL CLIENTS	14,632	100.0%	Total Clients (status U,1,2,8)

EARLY START NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1, 2022



WHAT IS EARLY START?

The Early Start program is California's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Early Start services are available statewide and are provided in a coordinated, family-centered system.

INTRODUCING THE EARLY START NEWSLETTER

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is introducing a new Early Start Program quarterly newsletter! This newsletter will contain information on upcoming Early Start events, resources and other important material for families, regional centers, and service providers.

UPCOMING EARLY START ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

TRAINING FOR PROVIDERS

**California Early Start Network
Video Conference
May 19, 2022, 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

Meaningful, compliant, & culturally competent IFSPs
([click here to register](#))

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EARLY START PROGRAM

- Visit the [Early Start Page](#)
- Frequently Asked Questions: [FAQs](#)
- View [Resources for Families, Parents & Caregivers](#)
- For questions or concerns please email the DDS Early Start mailbox at earlystart@dds.ca.gov or call the BabyLine at 800-515-BABY (2229)

Early Start Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

The council is comprised of parents of children with disabilities, early intervention service providers, health care professionals, state agency representatives, and others interested in early intervention.

The ICC encourages a family-centered approach, family-professional partnerships, and interagency collaboration, while providing a forum for public input.

For more information on the ICC:

[ICC Overview](#)

Virtual Early Start Partners Symposium

DETAILS COMING SOON

[Home - Early Start Neighborhood \(ning.com\)](http://Home - Early Start Neighborhood (ning.com))

April 21 & 22, 2022

Virtual International Pediatric Feeding Disorder Conference

Educational sessions, updates on research, and collaboration opportunities between healthcare providers and families of children with Pediatric Feeding Disorder (PFD)

[PFD Conference: Feeding Disorder Treatments - Feeding Matters](#)

April 26-28, 2022

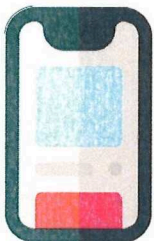
Virtual Developmental Disabilities Public Policy Conference

This conference features nationally known speakers and empowers and educates attendees to become advocates for individuals with disabilities in California.

[CONFERENCE \(thearca.org\)](http://thearca.org)

APRIL	MAY	June
<p>California Autism Awareness Month</p> <p>Bill Text - SCR-69 California Autism Awareness Month.</p>	<p>Drowning Prevention Month</p> <p>Drowning Prevention: CA Department of Developmental Services</p>	<p>National Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Awareness Month</p> <p>National Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Awareness Month CDC</p>

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



Educational Apps

Download these apps for kids, even without Wi-Fi access at home! [Search Apps](#)



Parent's Guide to Choosing Child Care-Tip Sheet

Resources to help select a licensed childcare facility for your children [Fact Sheet](#)

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

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Sesame Street Songs in American Sign Language

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click on the calendar and look for an event by date.
There you will find a link to the materials for each meeting.