



Public Comment to the San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center Board of Directors

by

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1. Background: Cavan Argila lived independently, in his own apartment, for fourteen years and worked as a truck unloader at WalMart for nine years, until the termination of family provided services on February 1, 2015. Since services were transferred to SGPRC vendor V.E.W. Enterprises, Cavan was fired from his nine year employment and evicted twice from apartments.
2. There has been no change in Cavan's living situation since I reported to the Board last month. Cavan remains without any residence. He sleeps at various locations in the apartments of "friends." Cavan's life is now completely controlled by exploiters.
3. V.E.W. has failed to provide any services which are leading Cavan to a stable living situation or to employment.
4. The SGPRC is mandated to provide "Crisis Intervention for Persons With Developmental Disabilities," including "emergency housing" (see attached).
5. As documented in the accompanying e-mail communication, the SGPRC has agreed to provide motel accommodations with financial assistance. Note that there has been no response from the service coordinator since 10/11/2016.
6. I have already communicated to the Board my concern about Cavan's health and safety in the current situation. I have asked the Board to intervene in this case.
7. I request that the URL for my blog, www.SGPRC.net be included in the minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully,

Carl Argila

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES



**CRISIS INTERVENTION
FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES**

MAY 2015

California Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Developmental Services
1600 Ninth Street, Room 240, MS 2-13
Sacramento, CA 95814

The report is submitted to fulfill the mandate of Senate Bill 1038 (Thompson), Chapter 1043, Statutes of 1998, Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 4696.1.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1038 (Thompson, Chapter 1043, Statutes 1998) expressed legislative intent that regional centers and their families have access to mental health services that are appropriate to meet their needs. Among other provisions, this bill required in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code, Section 4696.1, (f) (1)(2)(3) that, by May 15 of each year, the Department of Developmental Services (Department or DDS) provide all of the following information to the Legislature:

1. The status of the memoranda of understanding developed jointly by each regional center and the county mental health agency and identify any barriers to meeting the outcomes specified in this section.
2. The availability of mobile crisis intervention services, including generic services, by regional center catchment area, including the names of vendors and rates paid.
3. A description of each regional center's funded emergency housing options, including the names and types of vendors, the number of beds and rates, including, but not limited to, crisis emergency group homes, crisis beds in a regular group home, crisis foster homes, motel or hotel or psychiatric facility beds, and whether each emergency housing option serves minors or adults and whether it is physically accessible.

This report provides the information specified above. All regional centers and local mental health agencies have entered into memoranda of understanding. The report notes where progress has been made in the development of innovative resources, and how the collaborative effort between the Departments of Mental Health and Developmental Services has been strengthened, as evidenced by co-sponsoring the Mental Health Task Force for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (MHTF). The current barriers include:

- Lack of psychiatric in-patient beds in some counties due to hospital closures.
- Lack of developmental disabilities' knowledge by mental health staff.

Subject: RE: Re: Wayside Motel

From: "Casian, Maria" <MCasian@sgprc.org>

Date: 10/11/2016 3:46 PM

To: 'Support Services for the Deaf' <info@ssdeaf.com>

CC: "Sibal, Esther" <ESibal@sgprc.org>, "V.E.W. Enterprise" <vewilsservice@hotmail.com>

Hello Carl,

We are still currently working on a response for you. Thank you for your patience.

Maria Casian
Service Coordinator
San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center
909/868-7632

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NO RESPONSE
AS OF 10/25/2016

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From: Support Services for the Deaf [mailto:info@ssdeaf.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Sibal, Esther
Cc: Casian, Maria; V.E.W. Enterprise
Subject: Fwd: Re: Wayside Motel

Hello Esther,

I'm still waiting for a reply to the following e-mail. Your response would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Carl Argila

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: Re: Wayside Motel
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2016 15:12:33 -0700
From: Support Services for the Deaf <info@ssdeaf.com>
To: Sibal, Esther <ESibal@sgprc.org>
CC: 'V.E.W. Enterprise' <vewilsservice@hotmail.com>, Casian, Maria <MCasian@sgprc.org>

Hello Esther,

Thank you for this additional information. I am not Cavan's representative payee. I understand that we can pay the Wayside motel in cash and that no credit card will be required. How will the additional \$80 be transferred from the SGPRC to the Wayside Motel?

Thanks for your help,

Carl Argila

On 10/7/2016 2:38 PM, Sibal, Esther wrote:

Hello Carl,

As C.A.'s SSI representative payee the expectation is that you provide payment for his motel stay. The Wayside motel accepts cash payment with no credit card requirement. As I mentioned in a previous email, SGPRC will provide payment for the remaining \$80 balance at the Wayside Motel.

I hope this addresses your concerns. I'd also like to mention that we are currently in the same position as you are as we are also waiting for APS to assess C.A.'s situation.

Regards,

Esther Sibal
Client Services Manager, ASUI
(909) 706-3612