

February 2nd, 2016

Angela Avelar
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San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
75 Rancho Camino Drive
Pomona, CA 91766

Via Certified Mail

Re: Cavan Argila & Gerardo Argila – Legal Representation

Dear Ms. Avelar,

The purpose of this letter is to assure that your agency understands and will comply with our request regarding legal representation for Cavan and Gerardo with the San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center (SGPRC).

We request that you provide us with a Notice of Action as necessary.

Background

Last Friday, 1/29/2016, during our quarterly review meeting, you advised me that your agency had secured the signatures of Cavan and Gerardo for the 3/27/2015 Individualized Program Plan (IPP) document without my knowledge or authorization.

Cavan and Gerardo tell me that they have been forced to sign documents which were presented to them and told they “had to sign.” They did not understand what they were signing nor was a certified interpreter present to explain what was being signed. Cavan and Gerardo were intimidated by the authority of your agency and did what they were told.

Please recall that the issue of authorized representation for Cavan and Gerardo was discussed at the 7/17/2015 quarterly review meeting. You were provided with copies of Powers of Attorney for Cavan and Gerardo and you were advised that “Cavan and Gerardo...are not to sign any documents or forms presented to them...” (See attached).

Cavan and Gerardo have made an informed decision that they wish to be represented in all matters with the SGPRC by their father.

Regarding the 3/27/2015 IPP document, that IPP is not agreed-to by Cavan and Gerardo. I offered to meet with you so that we could modify that document; to date that has not happened. At last Friday’s quarterly review meeting Cavan specifically informed you that he was not in agreement with the service provider.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Very Truly Yours,

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Carl A. Argila

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cavan Argila", written over a horizontal line.

Cavan Argila

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerardo Argila", written over a horizontal line.

Gerardo Argila

Attachment

To: "Christian, Aaron" ACHristian@sgprc.org
From: Support Services for the Deaf info@ssdeaf.com
Subject: For Aaron Christian -- Powers of Attorney
Cc: "Avelar, Angela" <AAvelar@sgprc.org>, "vewilsservice@hotmail.com" <vewilsservice@hotmail.com>, Aimee Delgado, <Aimee.Delgado@disabilityrightsca.org>

Hello Aaron,

Per our discussion last Friday (7/17), Cavan and Gerardo have completed Powers of Attorney designating me as their representative for various programs and services, notably services provided by the San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center (SGPRC). Please see attached.

For your information, these documents were prepared by the Law Office of Christopher A. Poulos. Paralegal and notary, Carolyn Sanchez, met with Cavan and Gerardo and explained each section of these documents in detail. Joyce Linden, Certified American Sign Language interpreter and Deaf Education Professor Emeritus, interpreted and explained these documents for Cavan and Gerardo; please see her statement on the Notary Acknowledgement page.

Please assure that I am present for any contact the SGPRC might have with Cavan and/or Gerardo. Please assure that all communication with Cavan and/or Gerardo is directed to me. Cavan and Gerardo understand that they are not to sign any documents or forms presented to them and are to ask that I be called. However, as you know, Cavan, and especially Gerardo, can be easily manipulated, particularly under intimidating circumstances.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Carl Argila