

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 10, 2018

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT:

Gisele Ragusa
Joseph Huang
Daniel Rodriguez
Natalie Webber

STAFF:

Keith Penman, Executive Director
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant to BOD
Xotchil Gonzales, Comm. Outreach Specialist

ABSENT:

Georgina Molina
Cindy Tamburello
Rachel McGrath

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

- None

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Daniel Rodriguez, on behalf of Georgina Molina, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes from the November 8, 2017 meeting were approved.

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

B. PUBLIC INPUT:

None

C. COMMUNITY OUTREACH MONTHLY REPORT *

Xotchil Gonzales, Community Outreach Specialist, presented the monthly Outreach Report for November, 2017 and December, 2018. (please see the detailed reports, attached). The following was discussed:

- POS Equity Project Progress
- POS Equity Related Activities
- Family Support/ Training
- Outreach/ Events Participation
- Other major activities of the Compliance and Outreach Department

Mr. Penman shared with the committee the following information:

- “Pictures with Santa” took place in December. About 350 families benefited from this event. This event was sponsored by the Richard D. Davis Foundation.
- The “Holiday Reach Out” program benefited 800-1,000 individuals. This project was sponsored by the Richard D. Davis Foundation and from contributions from SG/PRC staff and vendors.

D. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Keith Penman, Executive Director, reported on the following:

Disparity Information Seminar from SCDD: There was a flyer on the table inviting the community to an informative seminar regarding disparities in regional centers.**

POS Expenditure Data: SG/PRC has scheduled a series of meetings to review the information posted on our website regarding equity in POS authorized and utilization. The meeting will include information of ongoing equity projects and to gather comments and concerns from our community.**

Stakeholder Meeting: SG/PRC hosted a stakeholder meeting last Friday to discuss the process of the Health and Safety Waiver proposals. Board members, Victor Guzman, Nicole Mirikitani and Sheila James attended this meeting.

Taskforce Meeting: The Developmental Services Task Force met on 12/14/17 at the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) office in Sacramento. They discussed Developmental Center Closures, Disparity Funding, Safety Net, Self Determination, and the HCBS Waiver.**

Intake Data: The data shows that most referrals are made due to a delay in speech in children.**

Legislative Analyst's Office Report on Early Intervention: On January 10, 2018, the LAO released a report regarding services for infants and toddlers with special needs.**

Respite Policy: With the repeal of Welfare and Institutes Code (WIC) Section 4686.5, each regional center had the responsibility to revise their Board Approved Respite Policy. The SG/PRC Board made the needed changes and approval, then modified the

*Attached to these minutes.

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approval in a subsequent meeting. DDS sent a letter on December 29, 2017 regarding additional specifications to the policy. The current Board approved policy took effect on January 1, 2018 and can be implemented for up to 90 days. Staff will present a revised policy for Board consideration in February for a vote in March.**

E. COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

- *Legislative Updates-* nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2018 in the Assembly Room, Section C.

**Attached to these minutes.*

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