

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MEETING

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Gisele Ragusa
Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Georgina Molina
Natalie Webber

GUESTS

Berenice Sanchez

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Joe Alvarez, Associate Director of Clinical Services
Yvonne Gratianna, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Willanette Steward-Satchell, Executive Assistant
(Management)

ABSENT:

Daniel Rodriguez (Chair)
Penne Fode

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Gisele Ragusa, called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm, on behalf of Daniel Rodriguez, Chairperson. A quorum was established.

The minutes from October 21, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

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

Abstain: Webber

PUBLIC INPUT

None

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MONTHLY REPORT*

Carol Tomblin briefly spoke about the Performance Contract requirements and then proceeded to give her monthly Outreach Report. The Community Outreach Specialist have focused on the following projects:

- Progress/Status of Continuing POS Equity Projects Funded by DDS FY 19-20 Disparity Program Grants
- Ongoing Projects Previously Funded
- Family Support/ Training

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Anthony Hill, Executive Director reported the following regarding Covid-19:

- Reported on the current surge in our catchment area and in L.A. County.
- Reported on the status of the agency workforce working remotely.
- Staff that are working in the office are required go through a temperature and mask check upon entering the building.
- Gave an updated on the decision to close building access to staff during the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Efforts will continue on legislative outreach to meet with local legislators/

COVID-19 UPDATE:

- Joe Alvarez provided individual stats on COVID-19; spoke about the spikes, presented information on the DDS report to the Committee.
- Lucina Galarza reported on hot spots and surge homes.
- Joe Alvarez reported vaccines and drug trials occurring. He also shared how local advocacy groups are advocating for individuals with developmental disabilities that are at a higher risk to be prioritized on the list of recipients of a Covid vaccine once its approved.
- Yvonne Gratianne reported that she reached out to ARCA to see if there were any plans on having a support letter for the individuals served through regional center who may be at a higher risk to be a priority on the list of recipients of the Covid vaccine once approved..

ADJOURNMENT:

There will be no meeting in December. Next meeting is on January 20, 2021.