

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 16, 2021 MEETING

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Penelope Fode
Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Gisele Ragusa

GUESTS

None

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Director of Community
Services
Joe Alvarez, Associate Director of Clinical
Services
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community
Outreach and Compliance
Rosa Chavez, Associate Director- Family &
Transition Services
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of
Communications & Public Relations
Xochitl Gonzales, Community Outreach
Specialist
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist
Willanette Steward-Satchell, Executive
Assistant (Management)
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

ABSENT:

Daniel Rodriguez (Chair)
Natalie Webber
Georgina Molina

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Penelope Fode, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. A quorum was established.

The minutes from May 19, 2021, were reviewed and approved with the following change: Gisele Ragusa was present.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MONTHLY REPORT*

Xochitl Gonzales and Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialists, presented the monthly Outreach Report for May 2021. 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
- Other Equity-Related Activities not supported with Disparity Grant Funds.
- Family Support/ Training

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

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

- The May Revise came out and it is believed that the following proposals will be supported by the Governor:
 - Improved onboarding into the Self Determination Program, including “participant choice specialists, intensive transition support services, and regional center training.”
 - A proposal for Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility Ages 3 and 4 for 3-and 4-year-old children who have disabilities which result in significant functional limitations in major life activities but currently do not meet Lanterman Act eligibility criteria.
 - DDS and regional center funding for individuals who are Deaf. The Spring Finance Letter proposes funding for a DDS position to provide statewide leadership and expertise on the provision of

services and supports for individuals who are deaf and have intellectual or developmental disabilities.

- 2 caseloads in Adult Services and one in Family Services will be created for the deaf or hard of hearing.
- DDS drafted a budget plan with specific investments to protect the service delivery infrastructure, modernize technology, increase access to information, furtherance of equity endeavor and structures, affordable housing investments, and the protection of due process rights. The draft is subject to change as guided by stakeholders' input and recommendations. The draft was reviewed and can be found in the Executive Director's Report (blue section of the Board Packet).

COVID-19 UPDATE:

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

- Remote Workforce Adjustments – 20% of staff are back in the office. Fiscal, IT and administrative staff returned on May 10, 2021. The leadership team returned the following week. Service Coordinators go in once a week. The number of days that staff are required to return will increase with each month.
- 93% of staff are vaccinated.
- Intake and Eligibility-SG/PRC continues to offer full scope - in person intake and eligibility. There has been a substantial 123% increase in referrals for services for SG/PRC. There will be a meeting on Friday with DDS and the Southern California Executive Directors to discuss "Recovery of Early Start."
- Daniela Santana shared the data collected of individuals served who have been vaccinated. Individuals served are not required to get vaccinated and service providers cannot refuse to serve those who are not vaccinated. Currently SG/PRC has the most amount of individuals served that are vaccinated. DDS will provide support to the regional centers that are having difficulties collecting vaccination data.
- SG/PRC is a testing site every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Results are sent to those that test 11 hours after. Everyone tested has tested negative. The average of people getting tested is 20-25 and all those tested have received a negative test result.
- SG/PRC hosted another vaccine clinic on May 27, 2021. 120 people were seen, 84 of them got their second dose.
- Joe Alvarez provided individual stats on COVID-19; spoke about the downward trend, presented information on the DDS report.

- Re-Engagement Non-Residential Services –Day Program providers were allowed to re-engage in May. In May 40% clients were allowed to attend program, an additional 40% were allowed back this month with the remainder being allowed in July. SG/PRC is supporting the vendor community, including transporters, during this transition. Licensing has clarified that providers cannot limit activities or participation for those that have not been vaccinated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is on July 21, 2021.