

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FROM THE JULY 21, 2021 MEETING

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Penelope Fode
Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Gisele Ragusa

GUESTS

Sofia Benitez
Felicia Ford

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community
Outreach and Compliance
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of
Communications & Public Relations
Xochitl Gonzales, Community Outreach
Specialist
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist
Lisa Brady, Interim Executive Assistant
(Management)
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

ABSENT:

Natalie Webber
Georgina Molina

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:
None

CALL TO ORDER

Penelope Fode, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. A quorum was established. Ms. Fode anticipates that there will be an assigned Chairperson at the upcoming meeting.

The minutes from June 16, 2021, were reviewed and approved.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MONTHLY REPORT*

Xochitl Gonzalez and Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialists, presented the monthly Outreach Report for June 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

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance, presented a video of the Dental Desensitization program and the office where individuals served can go for this service.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

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

- Flexible Office Space/Telecommunications - The vision of a flexible workspace is being further supported through a new telecommunications partner that will enable staff to use a desk-phone, lap top soft-phone, teleconferencing, and text messaging. Additionally, all staff will share the same prefix (710) with new extensions. The main phone number, (909)-620-7722, and the after-hours system will remain the same. It is anticipated that the transition will be completed on September 1, 2021.
- Self Determination - Effective July 1, 2021, participation in the Self-Determination Program (SDP) is available for nearly all individuals served through regional centers. At this time it is unknown if individuals that are provisionally eligible for regional center services are eligible to participate. Information will be forthcoming.
- Trailer Bill Primer SB 136 – The main highlights are:
 - The authorization to continue remote service delivery until June 30, 2022.

- Requires DDS to implement rate increases from April 1, 2022 through July 1, 2025 for service providers. TBL also requires quality measures and an incentive program for regional centers and service providers to be developed by DDS with input from stakeholders.
- This bill ends the suspension of social recreation and camp, nonmedical therapies, and education services for children 3-17 years of age.
- American Rescue Plan ACT-HCBS – Funding for relief for the state because of the impact from COVID 19 will be provided. – Also, Supported Living Services will be offered in the home.
- There's a statewide workgroup to determine what provisional eligibility means and how to move it forward. There is SG/PRC staff representation in that group.
- Staff provided the most current local legislator listing. It is also posted on the website

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is on August 18 21, 2021.