

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 20, 2021 MEETING**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Penelope Fode  
Julie Lopez  
Joseph Huang  
Rachel McGrath  
Natalie Webber  
Georgina Molina  
Ardena Bartlett

**STAFF:**

Anthony Hill, Executive Director  
Xochitl Gonzales, Community Outreach  
Specialist  
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist  
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of  
Communications & Public Relations  
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant  
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

**GUESTS**

Sofia Benitez

**ABSENT:**

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS**

**The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:**

None

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Penelope Fode, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

The minutes from September 15, 2021, were reviewed and approved.

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

**Abstain: Fode, Bartlett**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH MONTHLY REPORT\***

Xochitl Gonzalez and Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialists, presented the monthly Outreach Report for September 2021. The Community Outreach Specialist have focused on the following projects:

- Equity Projects Funded by Service Access & Equity Grant
- Projects previously funded through Service Access & Equity Grant
- Other Equity-Related Activities not supported Service Access & Equity Grant
- Family Support/ Training
- Equity Partner Activities
- Outreach/Event Participation
- Activities of the Compliance and Outreach Department

(The report is attached to these minutes.)\*

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

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

- DDS Directive Vaccine Mandate – On September 28, 2021, DDS reinstated newly issued guidance requiring a full vaccination no later than November 30, 2021, or demonstration of legal exemption that is applied to all service providers and service code categories vendored with regional centers, and all regional center employees. If a worker is exempted for religious beliefs or medical reasons, they must be tested once a week and wear a surgical mask. If a worker is exempted, their employer must retain a record of exemption and each worker's test results.
  - The vaccine mandate has added to the staffing shortage issue that vendors are facing.
  - SG/PRC will host a booster vaccine and flu shot clinic on November 4, 2021.
- DDS Directive Social/Recreation Program – DDS issued guidance to regional centers related to restoration of camping services, associated travel expenses, and social recreation activities for all ages. Regional Centers are required to create an outreach plan and revise their purchase of service policies and submit both to DDS before December 15, 2021.

- Regional Center Performance Measures - On September 22, 2021, DDS convened the Regional Center Performance Measures Workgroup. The workgroup is to develop recommendations before January 10, 2022, as part of the Governor's Budget. Priority areas for performance indicators and benchmarks, include the following:
  - Equity in service access and purchase of services.
  - Consumer employment and associated metrics.
  - Integration of consumers in the community.
  - Person- centered planning.
  - Compliance with federal home and community-based standards.
  - Consumer and family experience and satisfaction.
  - Innovation in service availability and delivery.The workgroup's next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021, through Zoom at 2:00 p.m.
- Legislation Binder – Each member of this committee will receive an information binder with the upcoming bills and proposals that could impact the individuals served by the regional centers. This committee will start digging deeper and become familiar with legislation. The binders will be ready for when the legislative season starts
- COVID 19 Update -
  - All staff are required to test once a week
  - Staff are trying to secure rapid testing kits
  - Staff are stock piling in case there is a shortage of tests
  - Case management staff will be back in the office twice a week as of October 25, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is on November 17, 2021.