

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Penelope Fode
Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Natalie Webber
Ardena Bartlett

GUESTS

Sheila James
Wendy Hemminger

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach
& Compliance
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Xochitl Gonzalez, Community Outreach Specialist
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist
Maria Vargas, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion
Program Manager
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

ABSENT:

Julie Lopez

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Penelope Fode called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes from January 19, 2022, were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (McGrath & Huang) 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 January 2022.

The Community Outreach Specialists have focused on the following projects:

- Parent Mentor Initiative Project
- 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
- Outreach/Event Participation
- Activities of the Compliance and Outreach Department

(The report is attached to these minutes)

Maria Vargas, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program Manager, gave a brief overview of the program. She also introduced Wendy Hemminger who is the manager of the sister-program in Orange County. They both discussed how membership works, projects they are working on and provided information on the benefits of the programs.

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach & Compliance, discussed the upcoming Expenditure Data Presentation. He also reported on the recruitment efforts for Board Committee(s) membership.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

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

- Credit Union of Southern California donated \$7,5000 towards the Richard D. Davis Foundation.
- ARCA Budget Positions –
 - The Core Staffing Formula – revisions should ensure that the anticipated investments are not eroded by future year underfunding. ARCA is asking for a refining of the Core Staffing Formula. The first phase is set to roll out in April 2022, with providers receiving 25% of the amount, the second phase will roll out in July 2023, but ARCA is asking that the second phase be expedited to July 2022 as providers are currently struggling to retain staff.

- The Annual Family Program and Cost Participation Program - should be eliminated as both as barriers to needed services for children.
- Caseload Ratios – should be reduced to 1:40 for children through age 5
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing – communication assessments for those served by regional centers should be funded.
- Budget and Public Policy Advocacy Strategies- Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications & Public Relations, talked about the upcoming annual Grassroots Day, an event spearheaded by ARCA, that will take place on April 5, 2022. A team that has representation will be created.
- Legislation Binder – Most of the members have received their binders in the mail. SG/PRC is the only regional center who has a legislative binder of this sort. Mr. Hill asked the members to review the legislative process and look at the bios of the legislators.
- COVID 19 Update -
 - The positivity rate is going down, it is currently at 3%
 - SG/PRC continues to serve as a testing clinic and is also administering rapid tests to the community starting this week
 - SG/PRC served as a booster clinic in January
 - The Governor has required that all healthcare workers get a booster shot. The deadline was extended to March 1, 2022. 84% of SG/PRC staff have received a booster.
 - The Department of Public Health has relaxed its mask mandate but Los Angeles County has not.
 - SG/PRC continues with its abundance of caution strategy. Staff who can work remotely are, except for critical functions staff.
- Virtual Dance Party – There's going to be another virtual dance party on March 4, 2022, with a safari theme, through the internship partnership with Azusa Pacific.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is on March 16, 2022.