

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2022

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Natalie Webber
Ardena Bartlett
Julie Lopez

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
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

GUESTS

ABSENT:

Penelope Fode
Georgina Molina

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Julie Lopez called the meeting to order on behalf of Penelope Fode who was not present at this time of the meeting. 6:06 pm.

The minutes from November 17, 2021, were reviewed and approved.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Ardena Bartlett shared information on upcoming workshops that will be held for the community, including service coordination staff, vendors and parents. There is a series of three (3) workshops that will be held. Information on these workshops is included in the Community Outreach Report.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MONTHLY REPORT*

Xochitl Gonzalez and Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialists, and Nora Perez-Givens presented the monthly Outreach Report for November/December 2021.

Also joining was Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist. She is brand new to this position although she was formerly a Service Coordinator. She shared that her role will be to support our individuals that are deaf and hard of hearing and also shared some background on her experience and history with SG/PRC. She also shared some of the resources that are and will become available.

Sal Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach & Compliance shared that a connection was made with the Credit Union of Southern California, located in the city of Pomona. This entity made a generous donation of \$7,500.00 to the Richard D. Davis Foundation.

Mr. Byun shared information about the Lunar calendar and upcoming projects he is working on. He proceeded to share the opportunities that were made available to Korean families. He also shared some projects that were specifically made available to the Vietnamese families served by SG/PRC. He also shared information about some collaboration to do more outreach to Chinese families coming in the next few months. This is great news for the Asian communities served by SG/PRC.

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)

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

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

- 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. coming at the February meeting.
- Governor’s Proposed Budget Overview and Public Policy
- Enhanced Service Coordination Model
- Core Staffing Formula
- COVID 19 Update - Omicron Variant
 - Staffing registry to address challenges in serving our individuals
 - Governor Newsom mandate for all health care workers to be vaccinated by February 1, 2022.
 - Vaccine Booster Clinic at SG/PRC – January 27, 2022
 - Covid Testing Clinic at SG/PRC – higher demand
- Website re-design with Strata Marketing
- Virtual Dance Party – “Dance your Hearts Off” January 27, 2022

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is on February 16, 2022.