

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021 MEETING

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Natalie Webber
Georgina Molina
Ardena Bartlett

GUESTS

Sofia Benitez

STAFF:

Anthony Hill, Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community
Outreach and Compliance
Xochitl Gonzales, Community Outreach
Specialist
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

ABSENT:

Penelope Fode
Julie Lopez

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Natalie Webber called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

The minutes from October 20, 2021, were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (Webber & Molina) 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 October 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.)*

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance, briefly shared about the Trunk or Treat that had 8 vendors attend with about 100 individuals served participating.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

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

- Public Policy –
 - Participant Choice Analyst – this position has been filled, they will be in attendance at the next meeting
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Lawmakers agreed to fund for a Deaf and Hand of Hearing Specialist. That position has also been filled and they will attend the next meeting.
- Capitol Christmas Tree Ornaments – Staff showed pictures of what individuals served created that was sent to Sacramento for the tree lighting event. Penelope Fode and Susan Stroebel helped with this project.
- Supervisor Hilda Solis – SG/PRC partnered with Hilda Solis to get 14 families a Thanksgiving turkey. Some families were supported with gif cards.

- Equity Grant Applications – SG/PRC supported all of them except one and wrote letters of support. Applications are due on November 30, 2021.
- Lanterman Coalition Campaign – This group of advocates sent thank you cards to lawmakers and there is hope that they will be able to continue to shake policy.
- Regional Center Performance Measures – Mr. Hill and Ardena Bartlett are part of this DDS taskforce. The areas of focus are performance measures and benchmarks of equity, integration into community, person center planning, families’ experience and satisfaction are some but not limited to.
- 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. Mr. Hill showed them the sample binder.
- COVID 19 Update -
 - Case management staff returned to the office twice a week as of October 25, 2021 but will be allowed to only return once a week after Thanksgiving, as a precautionary measure.
 - SG/PRC continues to be a testing site.
 - Staff are working to secure rapid tests kits.
- Jose De Leon, Facilities Manager, gave an update of the building renovations.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is on January 19, 2022.