

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2022**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Joseph Huang  
Rachel McGrath  
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:**

Ardena Bartlett

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS**

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

None

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Julie Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The minutes from February 16, 2022, were reviewed and approved.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH/COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Community Outreach/Compliance Department staff presented their monthly

report. Updates for the following areas were provided:

- Parent Mentor Initiative Progress
- Bridging families to Case Management
- DDs Culture Specialist Meeting
- ARCA Culture Specialist meetings
- Staff Trainings
- Help Me Grow Pathways Grant
- Outreach Presentation
- Board Recruitment
- Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist - Projects
- Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist - Projects
- Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist - Projects
- Joshua Trevino, Intensive Transition Specialist - Projects
- Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist - Projects
- Maria Vargas and Wendy Hemminger, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Manager of North and South - Projects
- Equity Partner Resources

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

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

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

- March is National Disabilities Awareness month. The members were encouraged to wear orange.
- Legislation Binder – The legislative process was explained:
  - How it starts – every year on January 10<sup>th</sup> the Governor is required to issue his proposed budget.
  - Funding - SG/PRC receives funding through taxpayer money allocated to The Health and Human Services Agency.
    - The Health and Human Services Agency – It has 12 departments under it and DDS is one of them.
    - When the Governor puts out the budget, it will show what the Human and Health Services is going to get; It starts there as a proposal, based on projected revenues. In the interim hearings happen. Senators and Assemblymembers hold hearing related to the budget and will use their vote as a negotiation chip.
    - The May Revise comes out close to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Trailer Bills - A bill that's attached to the budget proposal. Trailer Bills don't require a majority process, a lot of things are snuck into law.
- The budget is passed on June 30<sup>th</sup>, which is when one can see the Trailer Bills.
- Once the budget is out, one can see the allocation. The allocation shows how much money will be available and how it is to be used.
- 40% of dollars comes from Federal moneys. Regional centers don't get to keep money from Title 19.
- Social Recreation Services Survey – A letter for individuals served and their families was sent out to survey their needs. Their information will be used as a guide for the Resource Development Plan.
- Dentistry Programs/Special Needs Population - \$50 million was awarded; SG/PRC will apply for a grant.
- Grassroots Day – This event is scheduled for April 5, 2022. 19 of the 21 regional centers will participate. Yvonne Gratianne is finalizing the details of the delegation representing SG/PRC.
- COVID 19 Update -
  - Governor Newsom mandated that Healthcare workers be boosted by March 1, 2022. SG/PRC is in full compliance.
  - SG/PRC continues to serve as testing site, and in partnership with the Department of Health, every person that tests will receive a \$20 gift card incentive each time they test, for 6 weeks.
  - Although the mask mandates have eased, because SG/PRC employees are considered health care worker, staff must continue to wear a mask while in the office.
- Virtual Dance Party – There was another virtual dance party on March 4, 2022, with a safari theme, through the internship partnership with Azusa Pacific. It was a huge success.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is on April 20, 2022.