

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS  
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2022**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Joseph Huang  
Rachel McGrath  
Trish Gonzales

**GUESTS**

**STAFF:**

Anthony Hill, Executive Director  
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach  
& Compliance  
Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist  
Monica Barrios, Community Outreach Specialist  
Joshua Trevino, Intensive Transition Specialist  
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &  
Public Relations  
Willanette Satchell, Executive Assistant  
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

**ABSENT:**

Ardena Bartlett

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS**

**The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:**  
None

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Preeti Subramaniam, interim Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.  
The minutes from March 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:

- Community Outreach
- Fair Hearings
- Education
- Conservatorship
- BCBA Supports
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Equity Partners

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

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

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

- May Revise – Major policy items impacting regional centers are as follows:
  - Early Start Eligibility – The budget includes funding to support revised statutory eligibility provision for early intervention services, including lowering the eligibility threshold and identifying Fetal Alcohol Syndrome as a risk factor for developmental delays. SG/PRC will adjust its structures internally to model what the Governor is planning ailing in early childhood development, which will also align with “First 5.” More children served will require more staff; approximately 40 Service Coordinators and 6 managers will be hired.
  - A temporary suspension of Family Fee programs.
  - \$1.86 million General Fund one-time funding including \$500 dollar stipends for Direct Support Professionals and a tuition reimbursement program for regional center staff that pursue an advance degree in the field of Human Services. The Executive Directors of the regional centers across the state did not like that this was not offered to all regional center employees and proposed a plan to DDS that would allow it to be available to all staff.
  - Unfortunately, the following was not included:
    - Acceleration of the implementation of the rate reform.
    - Modernization of the Core Staffing Formula (CSF) that underfunds regional centers operations
  - The budget is expected to be approved on June 15, 2022. Negotiations between the Governor and local lawmakers started last week. Advocacy needs to continue at this time to address rate reform, adjust the core staffing formula and eliminate family participation fees.

- After Hours Team – The website was updated with the After-Hours Response Team’s information. A letter and eblast was also sent out with this information.
- Applicant Friendly Admissions Process - The name of the team is now Admissions and Assessments, no longer Intake and Eligibility. SG/PRC no longer uses the job title Intake Coordinator; the new job title is Admissions Coordinator. Mr. Hill encourages other regional centers to do the same.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting is on July 20, 2022.