

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JULY 20, 2022

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Trish Gonzales
Paula Rodarte

GUESTS

Gisele Ragusa

STAFF:

Joe Alvarez, Interim Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach
& Compliance
Rosa Chavez, Associate Director, Family & Transition
Services
Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearings Specialist
Josie Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist
Amos Buyn, Community Outreach Specialist
Joshua Trevino, Board Certified Behavior Analyst
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Marilyn Carmona, Administrative Assistant
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

ABSENT:

Rachel McGrath
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Joseph Huang, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The minutes from June 15, 2022, were reviewed and approved.

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

Abstain: Rodarte

PUBLIC INPUT

Two individuals provided public input, one verbally and one using the Zoom Q and A function. Both related to concerns over the recent change in regional center leadership.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Community Outreach/Compliance Department staff shared where their efforts have been and presented their monthly report. Updates for the following areas were provided:

- Fair Hearings
- Education
- Conservatorship
- BCBA Supports
- Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program
- SG/PRC Equity Partners of FY 2021/2022

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

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Joe Alvarez, Interim Executive Director, and staff reported the following:

- SB 188, Trailer Bill Language – the following are some of changes made:
 - The Family Cost Participation Program and The Annual Family Program Fee are suspended through June 2023.
 - The first provider rate increase will start 6 months early (January 2023). The second and final one will begin a year early (July 2024). The funds shall mostly go to DSPs.
 - Regional centers and school districts will have liaisons in Early Intervention.
 - The Early Start caseloads will be reduced, IFSP review to be done quarterly.
 - Tailored Day Services will be greatly expanded. Provider rates specifically set.
 - Alternative Nonresidential Services can continue to the end of 2022.
 - Financial management services' cost may be paid by the RC for those in SDP.
 - Enhanced service coordination for 0-5-year-olds, zero/low POS (1:40 caseload
 - The bill creates a Coordinated Family Support Services Pilot Program.

- There may be a significant overhaul of the fair hearings process
- Social Connections Workshop Series – This is an 8-Week Workshop Series Focused on Building Community and Friendships for Individuals Served by the Regional Center.
- COVID -19- Numbers are climbing once again. July has the highest numbers since the last surge in January (2022). SG/PRC continues to serve as testing at our Center. Staff continue to provide PPE. If LA County remains in highest level, it may trigger a County mandated mask mandate around July 29th. Currently, 15% of staff are onsite with 85% of staff working remotely.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on August 17, 2022.