

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2022

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Karen Zarsadias-Ige
Trish Gonzales

GUESTS

Gisele Ragusa
Elizabeth Cuevas
Tracy Evanson
A.Skrow

STAFF:

Joe Alvarez, Interim Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach
& Compliance
Josie Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist
Maria Vargas, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion
Program Manager
Adriana Utley, Transition Liaison for Preschool and
Kindergarten Age Children
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

ABSENT:

Paula Rodarte

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Joseph Huang, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The minutes from July 20, 2022, were reviewed and approved with an amendment to reflect that Karen Zarsadias-Ige was present.

M/S/C (Zarsadias-Ige & Gonzales) The committee approved the minutes to reflect that Karen Zarsadias-Ige was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

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:

- Parent Mentor Initiative Progress
- Bridging Families to Case Management
- ARCA Culture Specialist meetings
- Critical Issues Trainings
- Help Me Grow Pathways Grant
- Outreach Presentation
- Equity Partners
- Planning Meetings
- Completing DDS Equity Fund Project Reports
- Provide support for PMI Project
- Critical Issues Forum
- Language Access & Culture Competency (LACC) Plan Application & Project
- DDS/CHLA PRE/POST COVID EI Participant Research
- Help Me Grow (HMG) LA Pathway Project
- Promoting ADEPT ABA and Understanding My Child's Disability (UMCD) Online Series
- Outreaching to SG/PRC Community
- Outreaching to Asian Community
- Collaborating with Equity Partners –
- Person-Centered Conversation (PCC)
- Translation for Korean Families
- Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Programs, North and South

*(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 –
 - Because of the new Trailer Bill language, SG/PRC will recruit 60 new Service Coordinators for the 0-5 , 1:40 caseloads. The Executive team is

working with Roy Doronila, Consultant, and former CFO, to develop a budget for recruiting, keeping in mind language and diversity needs. All regional centers will be hiring and that will create a lot of competition.

- COVID -19- The weekly report was reviewed. Currently, 15% of staff are onsite with 85% of staff working remotely. Staff continue to do live intake and SG/PRC continues to be fully operational.
- Monkeypox Virus – The Executive Finance Committee had a presentation by Clinical Director, Hortencia Tafoya, about this virus. Mr. Alvarez shared a “frequently asked questions” document and told the committee they will be updated. Staff will be sending information to the community via Constant Contact.
- SG/PRC Diversity Infographic - SG/PRC’s website has been updated to include a new section under the “ABOUT US” that is labeled Diversity Infographic. It is a tool that demonstrates how staff and the Board reflect the individuals served by ethnicity.
- Community Needs Survey – This is an annual survey to get data of what the priorities are for individuals served and their families.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on September 21, 2022.