

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF September 21, 2022

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Karen Zarsadias-Ige
Trish Gonzales

GUESTS

Gisele Ragusa

STAFF:

Joe Alvarez, Interim Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach
& Compliance
Josie Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

ABSENT:

Paula Rodarte
Rachel McGrath

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 the August 17, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Gonzales & Zarsadias-Ige) The committee approved the minutes.

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
- Culture Specialist meetings
- Critical Issues Trainings
- Staff Training
- Help Me Grow Pathways Grant
- Outreach Presentation
- Equity Partners
- Community Outreach
- Asian Community Outreach Project, 21-SG/PRC-01
- Provide Support for CY2023 Performance Contract Plan
- Provide Support for PMI Project
- Critical Issues Forum
- Language Access & Culture Competency (LACC) Project
- DDS/CHLA Pre/Post COVID EI Participant Research
- Promoting ADEPT ABA and Understanding My Child's Disability (UMCD) Online Series
- Outreaching for SG/PRC Community
- Outreaching to Asian Community
- Collaborating with Equity Partners
- Person Centered Conversation (PCC)
- Translation for Korean Families

The report was reviewed by Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Outreach and Compliance. He also announced the First Responders Training Event that is scheduled for September 29, 2022.

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

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

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

- DDS Public Policy Change – Conservatorships – DDS announced immediate steps towards improvements for individuals served in

conservatorships where DDS is the court-appointed conservator. The following is designed to enhance the experience:

- Form a panel of national subject matter experts to conduct a complete review of DDS' conservatorship program
- Form a multidepartment working group to conduct enhanced reviews for each of DDS' 413 individual conservatees
- Enhance oversight and review of DDS' 413 conservatorships
- ARCA Legislative Response – The following bills impact the system and supported by ARCA:
 - AB 2917 – Websites Accessibility
 - SB 855 – Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program
 - AB 2645 – Resilience Centers
 - SB 870 – Expansion of eligibility by raisin the age onset of disability from 18 to 22 years. ARCA supports but would like the author to make amendments.
- HCBS Plan Proposal – Lucina Galarza, Director of Community Services, will report on this at the Board meeting.
- COVID -19 & Monkeypox- The weekly reports were 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on October 19, 2022.