

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2022**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Joseph Huang  
Karen Zarsadias-Ige  
Trish Gonzales  
Rachel McGrath  
Tina Wright

**GUESTS**

Gisele Ragusa

**STAFF:**

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  
Josh Trevino, Board Certified Behavior Analyst  
Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist  
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &  
Public Relations  
Willanette Stewart Satchell, Executive Assistant - ED  
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD

**ABSENT:**

Paula Rodarte

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS**

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

None

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Joseph Huang, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The minutes from the September 21, 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:

- Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program
- Intensive Transition Specialist Update
- Presentations/Trainings/Outreach Completed
- Supports Provided Regarding Limited Conservatorship Matters
- CY2023 Performance Contract Plan Presentation at Critical Issues Forum
- Provide Support for Parent Mentor Initiative and Language Access & Culture Competency (LACC) Project
- DDS/CHLA PRE/POST COVID EI Participant Research
- Education Specialist Update
- Asian Community Outreach Project, 21-SG/PRC-01
- Facilitating ADEPT ABA
- Chinese Parent Workshop Series
- Outreaching to SG/PRC Community
- Outreaching to Asian Community
- Collaborating with Asian Equity Partners
- Person-Centered Conversation (PCC)
- Translation for Korean Families

The report was reviewed by Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Outreach and Compliance.

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

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Outreach and Compliance, reported the following:

### **Legislation:**

- *AB 2216 (Irwin) – ABLE Accounts*

This bill was signed into law and will ensure that if an ABLE account beneficiary dies, the account can be legally transferred to an individual who qualifies for an ABLE Account ensuring the funds will continue to be put towards the needs of a person with a disability.

- *AB 1663 (Maienschien) – Alternative to Conservatorships*  
This bill was signed into law requiring the courts to consider alternatives to conservatorship, such as supported decision-making. This means individuals with developmental disabilities may choose others to support them in making decisions and having those decisions honored.
- *AB 682 (Bloom) – Affordable Housing*  
This bill was signed into law and will increase the availability of affordable housing by providing developers with a density bonus for constructing 10% of the total units for rental or sale to lower income households.
- *SB 870 (Portantino) – Age of Disability Onset*  
This bill was vetoed, which would have raised the age of disability onset from 18 to 22 years of age. The basis for vetoing the bill included the fact that there would be a need for resource development in order to support expansion of regional center eligibility, a point raised by ARCA. Future work on this particular issue should include cost estimates associated with expanding the eligibility criteria as defined in this bill.
- *SB 882 (Eggman) – Law Enforcement Interactions*  
This bill was signed into law and will create an advisory council for law enforcement regarding effective ways to interact with individuals with developmental disabilities.

### **Public Health Updates:**

- **LA County Public Health Testing for Health Care Workers**  
On 9/16/2022, LA County Public Health updated the public health order regarding Health Care Worker Vaccination Requirements to align with the State Health Officer’s Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement Order, rescinding the testing requirement for workers exempt due to medical reasons or religious beliefs and also updated timing of required booster doses consistent with the CDC recommendations.
- **LA County Public Health Masking Requirements in Public Transit**  
On 9/22/2022, LA County Public Health no longer requires masking when using public transit or at indoor transit hubs. Transit agencies may elect to continue requiring masking.

- **AB 152: COVID-19 Supplemental Pay Benefits/Paid Sick Leave**  
Governor Newsom signed AB 152 which extends COVID 19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave until December 31, 2022. This bill does not provide additional hours for those employees who have exhausted this benefit during the allotted time and does allow employees to use any unused benefit that expired on September 30, 2022.

### **Community Engagement**

- **Inland Empire Caucus Community Partnership Event Updates –**  
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, attended an event that was co-hosted by Senator Ochoa and Assembly Majority Leader, Mrs. Gomez Reyes. The event was also attended by DDS. Executive Director, Jesse Weller, and Daniela Santana will attend the next event.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on November 16, 2022.