

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige
Trish Gonzales
Rachel McGrath

GUESTS

Gisele Ragusa

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach
& Compliance
Adriana Utley, Transition Liaison for Preschool and
Kindergarten Age Children
Tiffany Loong, Language Access Specialist
Luz Rodriguez-Uribe, Language Access Specialist
Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist
Rosa Chavez, Associate Director, Family & Transition
Services
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD & RDDF

ABSENT:

Paula Rodarte
Tina Wright

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 of the October 19, 2022, meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Zarsadiaz-Ige & Gonzales) 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:

- Bridging families to case management
- Help Me Grow Pathways Grant
- Community Outreach
- SG/PRC Internship Program
- Work with local school districts and SELPAs
- Parent Mentor Initiative
- Language Access Specialist's Role
- DDS SAE Grant Proposals for Asian Community Outreach Project
- FY 22-23 Performance Contract Plan
- Facilitating DMH 6 Week Workshop Korean
- Facilitating ADEPT ABA
- Chinese Parent Workshop Series
- Outreaching to SG/PRC Community
- Outreaching to Asian Community
- Person Centered Conversation
- Translation for Korean Families
- Provide Support for Parent Mentor Initiative
- DDS/CHLA Pre/Post COVID EI Participant Research

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

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

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported the following:

Statewide Updates:

- *Little Hoover Commission Updates*

The Most recent hearing was held on November 10, 2022. The topics

discussed were: oversight of regional centers, consistency and standardization across regional centers, disparities/ service access and equity, comparison to other states, and purchase of service expenditures. Regional centers board members and staff are encouraged to participate in public comment to provide more representative perspectives on the values of our service system. The next hearing is being scheduled.

Legislation:

- *AB 2216 (Irwin) – ABLE Accounts*

This bill would, among other things, instead authorize a change in the designated beneficiary of an ABLE account to take effect upon the death of the designated beneficiary, as specified.

- *AB 2242 (Santiago) – Mental Health Services*

This bill would, on or before December 1, 2023, require the State Department of Health Care Services to convene a stakeholder group of entities, including the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California and the California Hospital Association, among others, to create a model care coordination plan to be followed when discharging those held under temporary holds or a conservatorship. The bill would require facilities designated by the counties for evaluation and treatment of involuntarily committed individuals to implement the care coordination plan by August 1, 2024.

- *AB 2511 (Irwin) – Skilled Nursing Facilities: Backup Power Source*

Existing regulations require a skilled nursing facility to have emergency planning, including an emergency lighting and power system. This bill would require a skilled nursing facility to have an alternative source of power, as defined, to protect resident health and safety, as defined, for no fewer than 96 hours during any type of power outage. The bill would require a facility to comply with its requirements by January 1, 2024.

- *ACR 160 (Mathis) – CA Down Syndrome Awareness Week and Day*

Would proclaim March 20, 2022, to March 26, 2022, as California Down Syndrome Awareness Week and March 21, 2022, as California Down Syndrome Day, and would encourage all Californians to support and participate in related activities.

- *ACR 165 (Valladares) – World Autism Awareness Day*

Would designate April 2, 2022, as World Autism Awareness Day and encourage residents of the state to show support for Autism awareness.

Public Health Updates:

- **LA County Public Health Testing for Health Care Workers**

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**

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.

- **Local Updates:** LA28 Olympics and Paralympics – Legislative Support – SG/PRC was notified of a community partner who wrote a letter to LA 28 that included State Council and service providers asking for better restroom accessibility for the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on January 18, 2023.