

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2023

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Karen Zarsadias-Ige
Trish Gonzales

GUESTS

Gisele Ragusa
A Skrow

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Community Outreach
& Compliance
Community Outreach Team
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD & RDDF

ABSENT:

Paula Rodarte
Tina Wright
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 6:05 p.m. A quorum was not established.

The minutes of the November 6, 2022, meeting were tabled

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:

- The Foster Grandparent Program
- The Senior Companion Program
- Organizing & Facilitating Workshops/ADEPT ABA
- Person-Centered Conversation (PCC)
- Translation for Korean Families
- Asian Community Outreaching Events
- Outreaching through SG/PRC Community Meetings and WSGV SELPA CAC Meetings
- CHLA Early Start Research Project
- Language Access & Cultural Competency Plan
- Outreaching through Asian Pediatricians
- Parent Mentor Initiative Progress
- Bridging families to Case Management
- ARCA Culture Specialist meetings
- Staff Training
- Help Me Grow Pathways Grant
- Outreach Presentation
- SAE Grant Proposal
- DDS Training and Orientation
- Community Based Organization Meetings
- Critical Issues Trainings
- Promoting PMI
- Performance Contract
- DDS Grant Conference
- Equity Partners

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Outreach and Compliance, announced the upcoming “Sirens of Silence” event that is scheduled for April 29, 2023. He also shared that the three grants that the team applied for, for the Parent Mentor Initiative, were approved.

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

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, reported the following:

Local Statewide Updates:

- ARCA Grassroots Day

This advocacy event is scheduled for March 29, 2023. All meetings will be done via Zoom. Yvonne Gratianna, Manager of Communications & Public Relations, will lead SG/PRC's legislation group and is currently building that team. Karen Zarsadias-Ige expressed interest in participating.

Mr. Weller has joined the ARCA Legislative Committee.

- Inland Empire Caucus Legislative Breakfast

Mr. Weller will attend this event along with Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services.

Legislation:

- AB 412 (Reyes) California Commission on Human Rights

Would establish in state government the California Commission on Human Rights, as an advisory commission, and would require it to, among other things, identify and evaluate California's successes and failures in protecting human rights of individuals living within the state, determine statutory, regulatory, or budgetary solutions to better protect human rights, and report, at least annually, on the status of human rights to the Legislature and the Governor with statutory and regulatory recommendations. The bill would require the commission to consist of 17 members, including, among others, Members of the Assembly and the Senate. The bill would also create the California Commission on Human Rights Fund in the General Fund to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, carry out these provisions and support the commission.

- AB 1041 (Wicks) California Family Rights Act

This bill expands the class of people for whom an employee may take leave to care for to include a designated person. The bill defines "designated person" to mean any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship. The bill authorizes a designated person to be identified at the time the employee requests the leave. The bill authorizes an employer to limit an employee to one designated person per 12-month period.

- AB 12 Housing Updates

Existing law regulates the terms and conditions of residential tenancies and prohibits a landlord from demanding or receiving security for a rental

agreement for residential property, however denominated, in an amount or value in excess of an amount equal to 2 months' rent, in the case of unfurnished residential property, and an amount equal to 3 months' rent, in the case of furnished residential property, in addition to any rent for the first month paid on or before initial occupancy. This bill would instead prohibit a landlord from demanding or receiving security for a rental agreement for residential property in an amount or value in excess of an amount equal to one month's rent, regardless of whether the residential property is unfurnished or furnished, in addition to any rent for the first month paid on or before initial occupancy.

- *New State Holidays*

California will have three new state holidays in 2023: Juneteenth, the Lunar New Year and Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. Juneteenth will be June 19th and celebrates the abolishment of slavery in the United States. Lunar New Year is celebrated in Asian countries and coincides with the first new moon between the end of January and the first 15 days of the first month of the lunar calendar. Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day would be April 24 and would recognize the killing of millions of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire during World War I.

Public Health Updates:

- *Free COVID-19 Tests* – Residential households in the U.S can order their Free at Home Covid-19 Tests. There is a limit of 4 per household. To place an order, families can call 1-800-232-0233. An eblast went out to inform families of this opportunity.
- *AB 152 - COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave* – There are no more extensions to use “COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave.”

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on February 15, 2023.