

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Karen Zarsadias-Ige
Rachel McGrath

GUESTS

Gisele Ragusa
A Skrow

ABSENT

Paula Rodarte
Tina Wright

STAFF

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

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. A quorum was not established.

The minutes of the November 6, 2022, meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Zarsadias-Ige & Huang) The committee approved the minutes.

The minutes of the January 18, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Zarsadias-Ige & Huang) The committee approved the minutes.

Abstain: McGrath

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Yvonne Gratianna, Manager, Communications/Public Relations, presented the following on behalf of Jesse Weller:

Local Statewide Updates:

- *Black History Month* - SG/PRC sent out an electronic communication to celebrate Black History month and support Black and African American parents/caregivers.
- *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 is participating.
- *Inland Empire Caucus Legislative Breakfast* - Mr. Weller attended this event along with Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services. There was a lot of participation from legislators and representatives. The attendees spoke about the challenges faced by individuals served.
- *Juvenile Hall – LA County Board of Supervisors/Training – Update* – The LA County Board of Supervisors is monitoring that training will occur to prepare staff who work in juvenile halls for challenging situations, in hopes that individuals are treated fairly and with respect.
- *Board Recruitment* – The Parents’ Place is having its annual Info Fair on April 30, 2023. This would be a great event for the Board to participate in to be more visible and recruit.
- *Vendor Community Meetings* – After surveying the vendor community, SG/PRC will no longer host weekly meetings with vendors. The meetings will now happen on the third Monday of each month. The Vendor Advisory Committee will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.
- *Community Meetings* – The community is currently being surveyed to determine if the weekly meetings will continue or scaled back.

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:

Adriana Utley, Transition Liaison Specialist:

- Bridging families to case management
- Help Me Grow Pathways Grant
- SG/PRC/APU Internship Program
- Local school districts and SELPA

- Trainings and meetings

Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist:

- Trainings
- Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education
- Presentation/Trainings/Outreach

Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist:

- Promoting Service Access &
- Community Outreach to Promote Service Access & Equity

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

The “Sirens of Silence” event is scheduled for April 29, 2023. An eblast was sent out to promote it.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on March 15, 2023.