

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

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

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Joseph Huang  
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige  
Rachel McGrath

**STAFF**

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

**GUESTS**

**ABSENT**

Paula Rodarte  
Tina Wright

**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 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the February 15, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

**M/S/C (McGrath & Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige) The committee approved the minutes.**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

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

**Local Statewide Updates:**

- *ARCA Grassroots Day* – This advocacy event is scheduled for March 29, 2023.

All meetings will be done via Zoom. Ms. Gratianna will lead SG/PRC's legislation group and is currently strategizing with ARCA. Karen Zarsadias-Ige is participating along with 2 individuals served, vendors, another parent and staff.

- *ARCA Local Communications Group* – Ms. Gratianna is the official SG/PRC representative in this group. The group is creating infographics to be used by the regional centers in a format that would allow for each one to add their own logo.
- *Parents' Place Parent's Information Resource Fair/Board Outreach* – This event is returning for the first time in 3 years. It is expected that 2500 people will attend. This event can be a great opportunity for Board recruitment.
- *Vendor Advocacy Group Updates* – The Vendor Advisory Committee in collaboration with SG/PRC staff, held a meeting to brainstorm ideas for advocacy efforts as service providers continue to struggle to hire and retain staff. A follow up meeting will be scheduled soon.
- *Organizational Update for Communications and Public Engagement Department* – Ms. Gratianna's role has changed. She will be guiding a team made up of an Emergency Management Coordinator, a Public Information Specialist, and the Client Advocate.
- A communication was sent out yesterday about SG/PRC's business practice regarding face masks as staff are not longer required to wear them in the office.

### **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:

*Josefina Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist*

- Bridging families to case management
- Community Meeting
- Critical Issues Forum
- Staff Trainings
- Sirens of Silence
- Outside Agency Meetings
- Help Me Grow

*Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist* (reported by Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity):

- Supports provided in educational matters
- Trainings
- Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education
- Presentation/Trainings/Outreach
- Supports provided regarding limited conservatorship matters

*Adriana Utley, Transition Liaison Specialist*

- Bridging families to Case Management
- Help Me Grow Pathways Grant
- SGPRC/APU Internship Program
- Work with Local School Districts and SELPA'
- Community Outreach
- CHLA/DDS/SGPRC- Pre/Post Covid Early Intervention Participant Research Project
- Trainings and Meetings

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2023.