

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 17, 2023**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Joseph Huang
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige
Rachel McGrath

ABSENT

Paula Rodarte
Tina Wright

GUESTS

Gisele Ragusa
Denis McGrath

STAFF

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Yvonne Gratianne, Manager of Communications &
Public Relations
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and
Equity
Community Outreach Team
Willanette Steward Satchell, Executive Assistant –
Exec. Director
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 6:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the April 19, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

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

Local Statewide Updates:

- *Back to School Readiness Festival* – San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center has announced the return of the Back-to-School Readiness Festival on Saturday, July 15, 2023. The families that are invited to this event are served by the regional center system and have one or more children in the home with special needs. Due to limited supplies, this event will not be open to the public. Service coordinators will identify families that need this type of support and refer them to receive a personal invitation. The theme will be “You're Out Of This World!” - in outer space experience throughout the day.
- *Sirens of Silence* – The Los Angeles County Fire Department hosted their 2nd Annual Event for a Special Day with First Responders. In partnership, the event was hosted at SG/PRC on Saturday April 29, 2023, from 9AM-12PM. Approximately 300 people attended. The community had opportunities to interact with safety equipment, interact and engage with first responders, and learn how to be protected in emergencies. Additionally, SG/PRC Dental Coordinators provided 39 dental screenings.

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:

Salvador Gonzales, Director of Community Outreach and Compliance

- Coffee with the Director – Joseph Huang, Chairperson, attended one of the “Coffee with the Director” events.

Josefina Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist

- Parent Mentor Initiative Progress
- Bridging families to Case Management
- Community Meeting
- Critical Issues Forum and DMH Workshop
- Outreach Events
- Help Me Grow
- Sirens of Silence

Luz Rodriguez-Uribe, Language Access and Cultural Competency Specialist

- Consultation/LACC Listening Session & Survey
- Equity Partner & Support Group

- Interpretation
- Translation
- CIF Video Project
- Independent Contractor
- Outreach Efforts
- Case management support
- CHLA Research project
- APU Intern

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

Guest, Denis McGrath, asked Mr. Weller if there were any concerns about the Federal budget. Mr. Weller shared that he, staff, and ARCA are tracking the May revise. There are no statewide concerns at the time, they anticipate knowing more in June.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on June 21, 2023.