

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2023**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Joseph Huang  
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige  
Rachel McGrath  
Tina Wright

**ABSENT**

Paula Rodarte

**GUESTS**

Denis McGrath  
Michelle Wild

**STAFF**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director  
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public  
Engagement Officer  
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and  
Equity Community Outreach Team  
Nereyda Barba, Service Coordinator, Preschool Unit 1  
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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Joseph Huang, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

**M/S/C (Wright & Zarsadiaz - Ige) 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 Event* – San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center will host the Back-to-School Readiness Event on Friday, July 14, 2023. The original date was set for July 15, 2023 but was changed to July 14, 2023. It was initially going to be a festival vent but funding was not available and it is now being planned as a distribution event. Families will receive a goody bag and a backpack with supplies for each child that was invited. 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!” - an outer space experience throughout the day.
- *San Gabriel Valley Legislative Networking Reception Event* – On June 16, 2023, Yvonne Gratianne, attended this function and reported that the planning of this event was dynamic as there was representation from a lot of legislators and city leaders; approximately four offices were present and shared what they championed for during the last year.
- *California Disability Service Association/Panel Presentation* – Mr. Weller will participate in this panel in September to provide input as a regional center representative. Local and statewide providers will be present.
- *Action Log Discussion* – Ms. Gratianne put together an action log to support the legislative efforts of the vendors. Mr. Weller asked the members if they would like to have an action log similar to what was presented and the committee agreed. They asked to work on the concept at the next meeting.

## **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*

- Parent Mentor Initiative Progress
- Bridging families to Case Management
- Coffee with the Director
- Critical Issues Forum and DMH Workshop
- Staff Training
- Outreach Events

- Help Me Grow

*Nora Perez-Givens, Education Specialist*

- Trainings for educational matters
- Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education
- Presentations/Training/Outreach Completed
- Supports provided regarding limited conservatorship matters

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on July 19, 2023.