

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2023**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige
Joseph Huang
Rachel McGrath
Adriana Pinedo

STAFF

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and
Equity and Community Outreach Team
Erika Gomez, Executive Assistant - BOD & RDDF

ABSENT

Paula Rodarte
Tina Wright
Henrick Wong

GUESTS

Emily Ikuta

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

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

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, presented the following:

Statewide/ Local Updates:

- Client Training Group – The next SG/PRC Client Training Group (CTG) meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2023 via Zoom. CTG is designed for adult individuals served by San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center creating opportunities for self-advocacy, engaging with peers, and learning about important resources and hot topics to develop, grow, and thrive. The topic for the upcoming meeting is “Emergency Preparedness & How To Build a Go-To Bag” presented by Myisha Aban, Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Monthly Community Calendar – Starting in September, a monthly calendar with SG/PRC’s events will be sent via eblast.
- Strategic Plan Community Input Sessions – SG/PRC is hosting an input session on August 17, 2023, with George Stevens, Strategic Planning Consultant, to receive feedback on what the future of SG/PRC should look like as the Board works on the Strategic Plan.
- Recruitment for Richard D. Davis (RDDF) Foundation – The RDDF is recruiting and would like to have more parent/family representation. Anyone interested in participating can email egomez@sgprc.org
- The last two agenda items were tabled for the next meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE- Community Outreach Specialists.

The Community Outreach/Compliance Department staff shared where their efforts have been and presented their monthly report. Updates for the following areas were provided:

- Mr. Gonzalez introduced Jessi Ramos and Yaned Busch, Specialized Services Managers-Special Projects and they each spoke about their roles and responsibilities and upcoming projects.
- Caseload Ratios – It is a requirement for regional centers to hold public meetings when caseload ratios are not met. SG/PRC held a public meeting yesterday and will hold another one tomorrow to receive community and staff input relating to recruitment or retention of staff.
- Monthly Report:
 - Amos Byun, Community Outreach Specialist, spoke about the projects he has been involved with.
 - *Promoting Service Access & Equity in Asian RC Communities*
 - *Community Outreach to Promote Service Access & Equity*

- Mr. Byun also spoke about the projects Josie Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist, has been involved with.
 - *Parent Mentor Initiative Progress:*
 - *Critical Issues Forum:*
 - *DDS Meeting*
 - *Monthly Community Meetings*
 - *Youth Leadership Summit*
 - *Help Me Grow*

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on September 20, 2023.