

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige  
Joseph Huang  
Rachel McGrath  
Adriana Pinedo

**STAFF**

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public  
Engagement Officer  
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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the August 16, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

On behalf of Executive Director, Jesse Weller, Yvonne Gratianne, Communications &

Public Engagement Officer, 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.”
- Monthly Community Calendar – A monthly calendar with SG/PRC’s events will be sent via eblast every month. The first one was sent at the beginning of September.
- Strategic Plan Community Input Sessions – SG/PRC hosted 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.
- Legislation – Bills ARCA Tracks <https://arcanet.org/about-arca/legislation/> - The members were encouraged to review legislative updates via the link. ARCA updates it frequently and accordingly to the developmental system.
- AB 1147 Update – This bill is not moving forward at this time but may get picked up in January.
- RDDF Golf Tournament – The annual golf tournament was on September 11, 2023. It was a sold-out event and very well received. She thanked the Board members who participated and staff who volunteered.

**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 reported that SG/PRC hosted a “First Responders Panel” and an update of that event will be provided at the following meeting.
- 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 Outreaching to Promote Service Access & Equity*

- Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist, spoke about the projects she's been involved with:
  - *Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist Collective Meetings: Critical Issues Forum*
  - *Outreach to Community Partners*
  - *IDT meetings/SC consultations/In house support/Communication assistance*
  - *Trainings and Community Events*

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2023.