

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 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

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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 6:04 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the September 20, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (McGrath & Pinedo) 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:

- Strategic Planning Survey to the Community – The survey was sent out to the following three groups: staff, individuals served and their families, and vendors. It was also posted to the SG/PRC website. The deadline is October 27, 2023.
- Advocacy Liaison to Individuals Served – This position was formerly known as the Client Advocate. To be more inclusive, it was renamed as “Advocacy Liaison to Individuals Served,” and is under the Communications Department.
- DDS Initiatives and Emergency Coordinators – There are currently recruiting efforts to fill this position. There will be a lot more communication through Constant Contact and the website to inform the community of the DDS initiatives. There will be a presentation to this committee after the position is filled. There is hope that the Emergency Expo can relaunch again in the future.
- The Great Shake Out – This annual exercise event is scheduled for tomorrow, October 19, 2023 and staff have been promoting it to the community.
- Monthly Community Calendar – A monthly calendar with SG/PRC’s events will be sent via eblast every month. Staff are working on the 3rd issue.
- Website Updates & Survey Results – SG/PRC is moving forward with redesigning the website. This project could take up to a year to complete. A community website survey was issued, and the results show there are some recurring themes. The data was sent to the new website developers.
- Holiday Outreach and Other Events – The Richard D. Davis Foundation (RDDF) had their annual golf tournament fundraiser in September; it was very well attended and supported. The RDDF utilizes the monies from the tournaments to issue grants. These are some of the events they are supporting:
 - The ILS SLS Home Essential Enhancement Grant – This grant supports those that may not have the resources to have additional needs met.
 - The Holiday Reach Out Program – There is continued support for the annual Holiday Reach Out Program. During the pandemic staff had to reanalyze the process but were still able to identify families that could benefit from a grocery gift card. It will be done similarly this year.
 - Pictures with Santa- This event is for families who would find going to the mall, or a studio to take pictures with Santa is not ideal. It is run by SG/PRC staff volunteers.
- Inland caucus – Ms. Gratianna attended this event on behalf of the Executive Director. The event was attended by legislators, city officials, DDS, and individuals served.

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 the last “Coffee with Jesse” session will be next month.
- Monthly Report:
 - Parent Mentor Initiative Progress
 - Outreach Event
 - DDS – SAE Grant Application
 - First Responders Panel
 - American Indian Symposium on I/DD
 - Staff Training
 - Promoting Service Access & Equity for All Receiving Regional Centers
 - Community Outreaching to Promote Service Access & Equity
 - Supports provided in educational matters
 - Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education
 - Presentations/ Trainings/Outreach/Networking Completed
 - Translations
 - Interpretation
 - Language Line Usage
 - Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Programs Updates
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist Collective Meetings
 - Outreach to Community Partners
 - IDT meetings/SC consultations/In house support/Communication assistance
 - Trainings and community events
 - Upcoming projects
 - Enhanced Service Coordination
 - The Outcome of Enhanced Service Coordination
 - Self Determination Program
 - DDS Meetings and Trainings
 - Participant Choice Specialist Updates

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on January 17, 2024.