

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige
Joseph Huang
Tina Wright
Adriana Pinedo

ABSENT

Paula Rodarte
Henrick Wong

STAFF

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public
Engagement Officer
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and
Equity and Community Outreach Team
Elba Moreno, Dept, Assistant - Communications
Erika Gomez, Liaison - BOD & RDDF

GUESTS

Adrian Jimenez, DDS

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 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the January 17, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Zarsadiaz-Ige & Huang) 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:

- The advocacy connection – Miss Herzog, Advocacy Liaison to Individuals Served, is leading “The Advocacy Connection,” for adult individuals served by SG/PRC creating opportunities for self-advocacy, engaging with peers, and learning about important resources and hot topics to develop, grow, and thrive. Their next meeting will focus on SG/PRC’s Hearing Process and the presenter will be Daniel Ibarra, Fair Hearing Specialist.
- Staff Spotlight, Success Stories and other Updates – The Communications and Public Engagement team will start highlighting roles in the agency on the website. They started last month by introducing themselves. Currently, they are highlighting Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist.
- Website Updates Sitemap & Transparency Section –
 - SG/PRC is moving forward with redesigning the website. This project could take up to a year to complete. The team has weekly meetings. A priority is to ensure it is user friendly for individuals served and their families.
 - The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is requiring all 21 regional centers to have a uniform “transparency” feature on their website. Information is housed differently.
- Emergency Preparedness Activities – Suyan Carcedo, Emergency Management Coordinator, continues to move forward with initiatives from DDS. She is staying on top of impactful weather updates.
- Grassroots Day – April 2, 2024 – Grassroots is spearheaded by ARCA and will resume being in-person this year after being conducted via videoconference for the last few years due to Covid-19. A delegation composed of individuals served, staff, vendors and parents will represent SG/PRC. The talking points will be available to this committee as they are received.
- Vendor Job Fair – SG/PRC is supporting a vendor job fair in May that will be held at SG/PRC. More information will be provided.
- Back to School Readiness Event – This annual event will be held the last week of July. More information will be provided.
- Elba Moreno, Department Assistant to the Communications/Public Engagement unit, was introduced. She will work closely with the Board Liaison.

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:

○ Monthly Report:

-Nora Perez, Givens, Education Specialist

- Upcoming Trainings
- Meetings related to supporting individuals with their education
- Presentations/Trainings/Outreach/Networking Completed

-Luz Rodriguez-Urbe, Language Access and Cultural Competency Specialist

- Interpretations for meetings and events
- Outreach event
- Chinese Support Group
- Case management support and Bridging Family back to Case Management
- LACC Reporting
- Cultural Humility Training Planification
- CHLA EI Research RedCap

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on March 20, 2024.