

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 15, 2024**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige  
Joseph Huang  
Tina Wright  
Adriana Pinedo

**STAFF**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director  
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and  
Equity and Community Outreach Team  
Erika Gomez, Liaison - BOD & RDDF  
Elba Moreno, Dept, Assistant - Communications

**ABSENT**

Paula Rodarte  
Henrick Wong

**GUESTS**

**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 not established.

The minutes of the April 17, 2024, meetings were reviewed and approved.

**M/S/C (Huang & Wright) The committee approved the minutes.**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

Executive Director, Jesse Weller, presented the following:

**Statewide/ Local Updates:**

- Strategic Plan: The public-facing version of the Strategic Plan has been rolled

out to our community; it is being translated into different languages. The next step is to work with the consultant on the internal facing plan, which will have more detail and timelines associated with some items.

- Budget Letter – A letter requesting the uninterrupted implementation of disability service provider rate increases has received a lot of support from legislators.
- Master Plan – The Master Plan for Developmental Services, has the support of California Health and Human Services, it's important to the Governor's office ensuring that our system is evolving to be more responsive to our community. This month's meeting looked at equality and equity. The next steps in June will be looking into their priorities and focus areas.
- Vendor Job Fair – Was led by the vendor community at the SG/PRC conference center on Friday May 3rd. Fifty vendors looking to hire for different positions were present, positive feedback was received. A survey has been sent out to gather information on the effectiveness of the event. The goal is to support the service providers by holding this type of event annually.
- SG/PRC Hiring Fair – Will be on Friday June 7, 2024, we will be looking to hire Service Coordinators and Psychologists. Trying new mediums to advertise to reach out even further such as tv commercials and radio advertising.
- Vendor Rally Proposal – The rally is planned to take place on Friday May 31, 2024, 10:00 am-noon in West Covina. Outside in the parking lot Senator Rubio's satellite office. Amy Westling from ARCA confirmed that she will be present. Now that the location has been formalized more outreach efforts can be made to other legislators and council members, who have shown and/or signed the letter of support can be made to spread the awareness of the event taking place and what speakers will be present.
- The Advocacy Connection – TAC will meet Thursday May 23, 2024, at 5 pm. The topic will be Diabetes Awareness with training by one of SG/PRC'S nurse advocates.

### **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:

- Luz Rodriguez presented on: Language Access and Cultural Competency Grant – They oversee the translation of pamphlets, flyers or forms for either in-house or to send out to the community. Set up

interpretations for trainings or meetings that are available to the community.

- Sal Gonzalez mentioned that they have reached out to the Equity and Support groups focusing on the low to no POS, on Saturday they will meet with the Vietnamese community, to go over a presentation regarding service and generic resources.
- Amos Byun presented on: In April they hosted a South Korean team that work in the department of education, in charge of social welfare and education for individuals with developmental disabilities who want to learn about the regional center system. They are working on a three-year project to develop a system to support individuals with developmental disabilities. They want to know more details on how we provide supports and our services, that will be shared in their report.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on July 10, 2024.