



San Gabriel / Pomona  
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF September 11, 2024**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Karen Zarsadias-Ige  
Joseph Huang  
Adriana Pinedo

**STAFF**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director  
Yvonne Gratianna, Communications & Public  
Engagement Officer  
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and  
Equity and Community Outreach Team  
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant,  
Communications

**ABSENT**

Tina Wright

**GUESTS**

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS**

**The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:**

None

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Zarsadias-Ige called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the August 14, 2024, meetings were reviewed the date of the next meeting was changed to September 11, 2024, and approved as amended.

**M/S/C (Pinedo & Zarsadias-Ige) The committee approved the minutes as amended.**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented the following:

### **Statewide/ Local Updates:**

- Master Plan – The Master Plan for Developmental Services, met on Tuesday September 10, 2024, Group 1 looking at ruptures in trust in the systems. Some of the topics that were discussed:
  - Regional Centers and Service Coordinators do not always explain all the services they offer.
  - Pediatricians do not refer families to Regional Centers because they lack knowledge of Regional Center disabilities.
  - High case loads can create a lack of contact, delayed response or canceled appointments.
  - Inconsistency among Regional Centers.
  - There is a culture of “no” at Regional Centers
  - Staff giving out wrong information.

Mr. Weller expressed to Group 1 that it is important not to make assumptions about what the community wants, encouraged all Regional Centers to assess and work with their communities to understand what they want, what it would look like for them to have trust.

- SDP– A bill by Disability Voices United trying to make the process less bureaucratic, to give families more autonomy. They want the process to be more person centered for more choices to be honored.
- AB 1147– Regional Centers would be subjected to the Public Records Act. ARCA on behalf of the Regional Centers addressed a letter Governor Newsom titled Issues and Concerns highlighting workload impact, inadvertent privacy breaches.

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer presented the following:

- The Richard D. Davis Foundation 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament took place on September 9, 2024, it was a sold-out event. Positive feedback was received, more information will be sent to the community once the final numbers are available.
- Vendor Fair– The first in person Vendor Fair after the Covid-19 pandemic was held on August 29, 2024, and was very well attended. In addition to the vendors there were SG/PRC tables for the families to receive information, among them was the Service Access and Equity department, the Advocacy Liaison as well as a Board Director.

- SGPRC Job Fair – As a part of the Strategic Planning efforts the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center is holding its second Job Fair of the year on October 11, 2024.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE**

The Community Outreach/Compliance Department staff presented the following:

Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist

- Promoting the third round of ASL classes.
- The first DeafPlus Parent support group was held via Zoom at the end of June.
- The first in-person gathering for deaf and hard of hearing families and individuals served will take place towards the end October, a flyer will be provided with more information.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on October 9, 2024.