



San Gabriel / Pomona  
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2024**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Karen Zarsadias-Ige  
Adriana Pinedo

**ABSENT**

Tina Wright  
Joseph Huang

**GUESTS**

None

**STAFF**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director  
Yvonne Gratianna, Communications & Public  
Engagement Officer  
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and  
Equity and Community Outreach Team  
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD and RDDF

**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 6:03p.m. A quorum was not established.

The minutes of the September 11, 2024, meeting were tabled.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented the following:

**Statewide/ Local Updates:**

- Master Plan – The work continues; there was a meeting today and the following were some take aways:
  - The task force is concerned with how much attention the recommendations and ideas will be given and how innovative the members can be. The project director made it clear that innovation will drive the plan.
  - Regional centers need to be more proactive when service coordinators are on leave so that things don't fall through the cracks.
  - Making sure other options are explored before DDS becomes a conservator.
  - All work groups will have a Co-chair and will meet monthly.
  - There is a big push to create a 22nd regional center and have it be integrated fully as a Self Determination model
- AB 1147– The Public Records Request Act has passed, and regional centers will become subject to this act. Regional centers will get support from ARCA and will formulate a plan once more direction is received. It's in discussion if it'll be retroactive.
- SB 1281: Self Determination Program Updates – Was vetoed.
- Progress is being made on the SG/PRC website. Staff anticipate going live at the end of January or beginning of February.
- SG/PRC recently received a donation of women's shoes from a community partner. Staff will coordinate efforts to distribute them.
- The Client Advocate continues with the Client Advocacy Connection. The next one is scheduled for November 21, 2024 about Emergency Preparedness.
- This committee will not meet in December.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE**

Josie Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist presented the following:

- New Family Orientation Planning – Mrs. Martinez also presented a video of this event.
- Self Determination Conference Planning
- Equity Partner Meeting
- Sirens of Silence Planning
- SAE Communities of Practice Meeting

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on November 13, 2024.