



San Gabriel / Pomona  
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF November 13, 2024**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Karen Zarsadias-Ige  
Joseph Huang  
Adriana Pinedo

**STAFF**

Yvonne Gratianne, 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 6:03p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the September 11, 2024, and October 9, 2024, meetings were reviewed and approved.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

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

- The Advocacy Connection (TAC) surveyed a large group of individuals and the feedback received was that they would like more social opportunities and to discuss more social issues. TAC will continue to hold trainings every other month from 5 pm-6 pm. On the months they do not meet, Café 75 will be held in person at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center from 10 am-12 pm. It will be a casual setting with round table peer conversations. Some topics of discussion will be bullying and internet safety, being a volunteer and serving in the community. There will also be fun activities like Luau and a Halloween event. The last topic that TAC is presenting this year is Emergency Preparedness on November 21, 2024, via Zoom at 5:00 pm; Suyan Carcedo, Emergency Management Coordinator will be the presenter.
- Election Outcomes– The majority of the elected officials for the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center’s catchment area were re-elected, except for a couple legislators. A finalized list will be compiled and shared with the committee.
- Mentorship – Setting up a mentorship system to help individuals, families and vendors connect with local elected officials would be a project that Ms. Pinedo offered to assist in.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE**

The Community Outreach/Compliance Department staff presented the following:

Luz Rodriguez-Uribe, Language Access Specialist

- The SDP Conference was held in October, it was very well attended, 10 interpreters were in place to provide interpretation services in the threshold languages.
- Oversee the Language Line, a service provided to the regional center to access interpretation services for staff to communicate with individuals and families.
- Continue to participate in outreach events, virtual parent trainings, Community Information Forums

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

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2025.