



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2026**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Tris Gonzales,
Chairperson
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige
Joseph Huang
Adriana Pinedo
Teshia Obi
Tina Wright
Daniela Barrera

STAFF

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications
& Public Engagement Officer
Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and
Equity
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and
the RDDF

ABSENT

Melissa Song
Alayna Effinger
Jenny Liu

GUESTS

Ann
Mark

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:
None

CALL TO ORDER

Trish Gonzales, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The minutes of the February 11 2026, meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Wright & Obi) The committee approved the minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE COMMUNITY

Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and Equity, shared that the Community Outreach Specialists did a presentation at Azusa High School for inclusion week.

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer, informed the committee that there is a section in the SG/PRC website that is designed to post “other community events.”

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented on the following:

- *Grassroots Day 2026 (Sacramento) Debrief & Advocacy Priorities*
Jesse provided a recap of *Grassroots Day 2026*, an annual event organized by ARCA that allows regional centers to send delegations to engage directly with legislators. Adriana Pinedo participated as part of the delegation and she shared about her experience. The group met with representatives from the offices of Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymembers Lisa Calderon, Michelle Rodriguez, Blanca Rubio, John Harabedian, and Senator Sasha Renée Pérez. Key legislation discussed included AB 1670 (Arambula) – Developmental Disabilities Oral Health Services, as well as legislation related to Vocational Education: Youth Caregivers Pathway Program (AB 2324, Assemblymember Gonzalez). A resolution was also discussed recognizing the first two regional centers as pilot programs, commemorating 60 years of service.
- *Legislative Engagement Roster & 2026 Priorities*
Jesse shared a brief overview of the legislative engagement roster, which tracks focus areas for local legislators. Committee members were encouraged to share any opportunities for engagement or collaboration.
- *Coffee with Senator Rubio – Debrief*
Jesse reported that he, along with Trish and Adriana, attended a “Coffee with Senator Rubio” event on March 7, 2026, and provided a brief summary of the discussion.

STATEWIDE/LOCAL UPDATES BY YVONNE GRATIANNE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

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

- *March 2026 Recognition Events*
Yvonne highlighted communications efforts recognizing *Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month* and *Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month*. SG/PRC will also acknowledge the Cesar Chavez holiday on March 30, 2026
- *Social Media Growth Campaign*
A campaign is underway to increase social media engagement, with the goal of growing the regional center's following from nearly 500 to double that amount.
- *The Advocacy Connection (March 26, 2026)*
A flyer for the upcoming event was included in the meeting materials.
- *Caregiving Workshop Series #3 (Spanish Workshops)*
The flyer for the third workshop in the series has been revised and is available in the materials folder.
- *The Safety Signal Newsletter – Future Editions*
Staff are working with the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families to gather input and recommendations for future editions of the newsletter. The first edition was well received.
- *Drowning Prevention Campaign – “Meet Ollie”*
Community Services will be launching a drowning prevention campaign. The official launch will take place at the Sirens of Silence event and will also be promoted at the Parents Place Information Fair and on the regional center website.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, shared that the Community Outreach Specialists will participate in the upcoming activities:

- New Parent Orientation on March 21, 2026
- Sirens of Silence April 11, 2026 – 250 registered
- The Parents' Place Resource Fair on April 26, 2026

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on April 8, 2026.