



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2026**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Tris Gonzales,
Chairperson
Joseph Huang
Adriana Pinedo
Tina Wright
Daniela Barrera

STAFF

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications
& Public Engagement Officer
Josefina Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and
the RDDF

ABSENT

Karen Zarsadias-Ige
Teshia Obi
Melissa Song
Alayna Effinger
Jenny Liu

GUESTS

Tatiana Jordan
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 not established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The minutes of the March 11, 2026, meeting were tabled.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE COMMUNITY

- The Sirens of Silence Event has been postponed due to the weather. It will be held on May 3, 2026.
- The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Human Services is scheduled to hold a hearing on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. The hearing specifically addresses Governor's Trailer Bill Language Proposals. The hearing will be streamed live and is available for viewing on the Assembly's website.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented on the following:

- *Department of Developmental Services (DDS) – Proposed Trailer Bill Language (ARCA Response):*
Staff reviewed ARCA's response to the proposed 2026–27 Trailer Bill Language, developed in advance of an upcoming hearing. Key areas of focus include the importance of rate reform, the use of technology, and remote service delivery. Additional proposed language includes tracking requirements for service providers regarding individuals served.
Discussion also included proposed state efforts to “professionalize” boards by establishing additional parameters, as well as consideration of requiring legal counsel at board meetings. It was noted that the Governor is required to release the state budget by May 14.
- *Community Survey: Strategic Plan Progress Check-In:*
Staff shared an update on the community survey to assess progress on the strategic plan. The deadline has been extended from May 1 to May 4, 2026, to encourage increased participation. An additional outreach announcement will be distributed.
- *SG/PRC Social Media Campaign: Expanding Digital Reach:*
Staff reported on efforts to expand digital engagement. Postcards featuring QR codes linking to social media platforms and the organization's website will be distributed to all individuals served. Engagement metrics will be tracked to evaluate the effectiveness of this initiative.

- *The Lanterman Coalition – Conversations with Gubernatorial Candidates and the Disability Community:*

Staff shared information regarding available recordings of candidate discussions hosted by the Lanterman Coalition. It was noted that California will have a new governor, and the role holds significant influence over the developmental services system.

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

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

- *April 2026 Recognition Events:*
Staff acknowledged April observances, including Autism Acceptance Month, World Autism Awareness Day, National ASL Day, and National Deaf History Month.
- *The Advocacy Connection – May 2026:*
Staff announced the upcoming session of The Advocacy Connection. Materials include a flyer for the event, which will feature Tim Travis, Associate Director of Community Services, presenting on “What is the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule? Know Your Rights!”
- *Drowning Prevention Campaign – “Olly the Sea Lion #BeSplashSafe”:*
Staff introduced SG/PRC’s new water safety campaign, developed with funding from DDS. There are ongoing discussions about expanding the campaign as a resource for other regional centers, with the goal of broader sharing across platforms.
- *Parents’ Place Information Fair & Festival – April 26:*
Staff shared information regarding the upcoming event; additional details are included in the meeting materials.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE

Josie Martinez, Community Outreach Specialist, shared the events the community outreach specialists will participate in:

- Autism Awareness & Acceptance Walk in Azusa (4/12)
- Autism Acceptance Event at Pomona Fairplex (4/18)
- Pomona Annual Health & Wellness Fair (4/25)
- Parents’ Place 31st Information Fair and Festival (4/30)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on April 8, 2026.