



San Gabriel / Pomona  
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2026**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Adriana Pinedo  
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige  
Joseph Huang  
Tina Wright  
Melissa Song

**STAFF**

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

**ABSENT**

Tris Gonzales,  
Chairperson  
Teshia Obi  
Alayna Effinger  
Jenny Liu  
Daniela Barrera

**GUESTS**

Yi Lin  
Ann  
Mark  
Connie

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS**

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

None

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**CALL TO ORDER**

On behalf of Trish Gonzales, Adriana Pinedo, called the meeting to order at 6:0p.m.

A quorum was not established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The minutes of the March 11, 2026 and April 8, 2026, meetings were tabled.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE COMMUNITY**

- Assemblymember Rubio is holding a Mental Health Resource Awareness Walk on May 16, 2026.

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented on the following:

- Jesse shared a message on the importance of staying informed and participating in the voting process. He emphasized that the organization does not tell people how to vote, but encourages individuals to stay engaged, attend events, ask questions, and keep informed about issues affecting the community. He noted that changes are created through active participation and advocacy.
- Jesse provided updates regarding the 2026–2027 May Revision and state budget. A more in depth discussion will take place at the July 8 meeting. He shared that the Governor’s press conference regarding the May Revision would be released soon and he provided a link to the hearing. He also discussed upcoming communication strategies and advocacy efforts, including a rally scheduled for the following Tuesday at the State Capitol.
- Jesse shared information regarding the Annual DisCo at the Capitol: California Disability Community Advocacy Conference taking place May 18–19, 2026. He noted that Preeti Subramaniam would be representing the board and that he would also be attending.
- Jesse introduced Kristy Owens, his new assistant. Kristy shared information about her background and experience.

### **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 May observances, including National Water Safety Month and National Nurses Week.
- *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!”

- *The Advocacy Connection* – The next session will be about Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule, presented by Tim Travis, Director of Community Services, on May 28, 2026.
- Save the Date – RDDF Golf Scramble – September 14, 2026
- *Drowning Prevention Campaign* – “*Olly the Sea Lion #BeSplashSafe*”: Olly the Sea Lion was developed for the agency to help promote water safety and share related resources with the community. Staff participated in a statewide meeting on Friday with providers, families, and individuals appointed by the Governor to discuss and promote the campaign and related prevention efforts.
- *Recap of The Parents’ Place Information Fair & Festival – April 26, 2026*: The event was well attended. Staff participated in the event, and board members were present to support and represent the organization.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE**

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, shared about the community outreach his department has participated in. Please see attached.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The June meeting has been cancelled.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on July 8, 2026.