



San Gabriel / Pomona  
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 14, 2025**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

**PRESENT**

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige  
Adriana Pinedo  
Tina Wright  
Teshia Obi  
Daniela Barrera  
Alayna Effinger

**STAFF**

Yvonne Gratianne, Communications and Public  
Engagement Officer  
Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and  
Equity and Community Outreach Team  
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and the  
RDDF

**ABSENT**

Joseph Huang

**GUESTS**

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS**

**The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:**  
None

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed and the following informational items were added: June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting update, Keep the Promise Rally, May Revise Updates, and Second SG/PRC location.

The minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION**

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented the following:

- A. Roundtable at SG/PRC with First Responders/Law Enforcement* – On June 12, 2025, SG/PRC will host a collaborative panel with First Responders and Law Enforcement to learn about their efforts to better serve individuals with developmental disabilities and to share ideas, experiences, and recommendations from our community to help strengthen those efforts.
- B. Keep the Promise Rally* – May 22, 2025, at the Capitol. Around 1,000 people are expected to attend this rally to protect Medicaid and support people with developmental disabilities. SG/PRC will be there to show support and take part in the advocacy efforts.
- C. May Revise May Revise*
  - Budget Solutions:
    - Savings: \$867 million in past-year savings and \$123.7 million in new cuts help reduce the state budget deficit.
    - Key reductions include:
      - Ending the rate reform hold harmless policy earlier (March 2026).
      - Adding protections to the Self-Determination Program.
      - Canceling the unlaunched DSP training program (“DSP University”).
      - Cutting implicit bias training refresh and waiver application help.
  - AB 1147: Legal support for regional centers will continue.
  - Future Changes (Starting 2026–27):
    - Providers must meet quality and audit standards to receive incentive payments.
    - \$10 million reduction for Porterville Developmental Center.
  - New Investments
    - LOIS Project: \$13.3 million to continue planning and support for improving outcomes.
    - Federal Compliance: \$1.9 million to meet new federal rules.
    - Health & Safety Staffing: \$1.4 million for handling appeals and complaints.
    - Specialized Homes Oversight: \$680,000 to monitor community homes.

- Cost Recovery: \$1.3 million to help regional centers collect payments from insurers.

*D. June 11, 2025, Meeting Update:* The Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for June 11, 2025, has been cancelled as the Board of Directors will be holding a dinner that evening. The committee will reconvene at its next meeting on July 9, 2025.

*E. Second SG/PRC Office* – Mr. Weller was happy to announce that SG/PRC has secured a lease for a second office location in Irwindale. The new site is expected to open in 2026 and will help improve access to services, particularly for individuals and families who have found it challenging to travel to the Pomona office. This expansion supports SG/PRC's continued growth, with nearly 18,000 individuals served and a workforce of over 550 staff members.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE**

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, shared recap videos of the Spring Dance and the Sirens of Silence events.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting will be on July 9, 2025.