



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige
Teshia Obi
Joseph Huang
Alayna Effinger
Melissa Song
Adriana Pinedo
Tina Wright
Daniela Barrera

STAFF

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Willanette Steward/Satchell
Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and
Equity
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and
the RDDF

ABSENT

Tris Gonzales

GUESTS

Michelle Wild, Rescare

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:
None

CALL TO ORDER

Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, on behalf of Trish Gonzales, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The minutes of the August 13, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved.

M/S/C (Wright & Huang) The committee approved the minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented the following:

- A. ARCA Academy* – The ARCA Academy is a leadership development opportunity for Board members of California’s regional centers. The event will be held on Friday, November 14 –15 at Alta Regional Center in Sacramento.
- B. Public Records Act Request* – Regional centers will become subject to Public Records Act Requests effective January 1, 2026. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has allocated funding to help support these functions for regional centers. As such, SG/PRC has hired a Public Records Act Manager who will start on September 15, 2025. She will provide training to staff and to the Board of Directors.
- C. Caring Futures Training:* – “The Future is Now” is a free six-week online course (live) that provides options to support future planning for your adult family members with developmental disabilities through supported decision making. It’s going to be held on September 17, 2025.
- D. Life Outcome Improvement System (LOIS)* - Over the next few years, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is creating a new online system called LOIS to improve how case management and financial information are handled for regional center services. Several town halls will be held in different locations, including SG/PRC, for individuals served and their families.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, reported shared that his team participated in the National Police Night out in the following cities: Glendora, Azusa and Monrovia. There they connected with families.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on October 8, 2025.