



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

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

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2026**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Adriana Pinedo,
Chairperson
Teshia Obi
Alayna Effinger
Jenny Liu
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige

ABSENT

Joseph Huang
Melissa Song
Tina Wright
Daniela Barrera
Diana Hernandez

GUESTS

Vicky Hatfield, 24 HHC
Mark

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
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:
None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Adriana Pinedo, called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m. A quorum was not established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The following meeting minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum:

- May 13, 2026 and July 8, 2026

Code of Conduct for SG/PRC Board and Committee Meetings

Mr. Weller reviewed the recently adopted Code of Conduct for SG/PRC Board and Committee Meetings. He shared that, with the start of the new fiscal year, the document provides an opportunity to reflect on past successes, identify areas for improvement, and establish expectations for productive and respectful meetings. He noted that these values have long guided the Board's work and that the Code of Conduct memorializes those expectations.

Board Chair or Designee Statement for Public Comment at SG/PRC Board Meetings

Mr. Weller reviewed the recently adopted Board Chair or Designee Statement for Public Comment at SG/PRC Board Meetings. He explained that the statement will be read by the Board Chair or designee during public comment at each Board meeting, included in the Zoom chat, and incorporated into the meeting minutes.

Mr. Weller noted that the Board approved both documents in June 2026 to allow them to be published on the SG/PRC website and implemented at future Board meetings.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE COMMUNITY

The 10th Annual Pomona 5K/10K & Toddler Trot takes place on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Downtown Pomona's Shaun Diamond Plaza. The event benefits youth activities, features a health and wellness fair, and welcomes participants of all abilities to join the community run and walk.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Legislative Engagement Roster for FY 2026/27

Mr. Weller reviewed the updated Legislative Engagement Roster for FY 2026/27, which was provided to Committee members as a resource for legislative outreach. The roster includes information on their local, state, city council, and school district representatives and is intended to help Committee members identify their elected officials when engaging in legislative outreach.

California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Human Services –

Informational Hearing Debrief: DDS Equitable Access to Intake and Services Proposal

Mr. Weller provided an update on the informational hearing regarding the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) proposed Equitable Access to Intake and Services assessment tool. He explained that the current intake and assessment process has been in place for many years and that the proposed tool is intended to promote greater equity and consistency in intake and access to services statewide. Mr. Weller reported that the hearing lasted approximately five hours and included significant public comment and feedback, including concerns raised by regional center advocates. He noted that development of a new tool is expected to be a lengthy process and that additional work and community input will be needed as DDS moves forward.

DDS Standardized Respite Tool – Important Update and Next Steps

Mr. Weller reported that DDS has paused further development and use of the proposed statewide standardized respite assessment tool following testing and analysis of the most recent draft. Regional centers will continue using their existing processes for authorizing respite hours while development of the standardized tool is paused. DDS plans to hold a public webinar in late August to provide additional information regarding the testing results and its decision to pause further development.

2026/27 Budget Trailer Bill for Developmental Services

Mr. Weller reviewed several changes included in the 2026/27 Budget Trailer Bill for Developmental Services, as summarized in a recent DDS directive. Topics highlighted included:

- The eventual elimination of courtesy vendorization;
- Consolidation of the regional center performance contract and performance measures;
- New requirements for regional center governing boards, including a maximum of 17 Board members and expanded Board membership requirements;
- An increase in the threshold for specified contracts requiring Board approval from \$250,000 to \$350,000;
- A requirement that regional center governing boards employ or retain an independent attorney;
- Authority for DDS to temporarily operate, or contract for the operation of, a regional center in the event of a failure to perform; and
- A new grievance process, effective February 1, 2027, that includes grievances related to Individual Program Plans (IPPs) not being developed or services not being delivered in a person-centered manner.

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

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

August 2026 Recognition Events

Ms. Gratianne highlighted several August recognition and awareness events, including Back-to-School Readiness, National Immunization Awareness Month, International Assistance Dog Week, and National Accessible Air Travel Day.

Voting Rights Training for Adult Individuals Served

Ms. Gratianne shared information regarding an upcoming Voting Rights Training for adult individuals served scheduled for September. A flyer with information about the training was provided.

Richard D. Davis Foundation Golf Scramble

Ms. Gratianne provided an update on the Richard D. Davis Foundation Golf Scramble fundraiser scheduled for September 14, 2026. She reported that the event was almost sold out.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, shared about the community outreach his department has participated in. Please see his report, attached or click [here](#).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on September 9, 2026.