



LDC Closure News

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This issue highlights the status of resource development for the closure of Lanterman, information on the CSSP and the role of the SCIHLP.

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Lock In Your Options

At this point in the closure process we hope all of you have had an opportunity to talk with your Regional Center (RC) about your loved ones' future living arrangements. If you haven't already, now is the time to contact your RC Service Coordinator to review available options and decide what's best for your family member's transition.

Identifying or developing community resources to meet the specific needs of the Lanterman (LDC) residents has been the focus of closure activities since 2010. Community Placement Plan (CPP) efforts for regional centers serving residents of LDC have focused on developing resources needed to achieve a safe and successful transition of individuals from LDC to other appropriate living arrangements.

The CPP process associated with closure involves careful

planning and collaborative efforts of the Department, RCs, LDC, and the Regional Resource Development Project (RRDP). The services and supports needed by each individual, including, but not limited to, living options, day services, health services and other supports, are being identified through in-depth assessment and the planning team's development of the Individual Program Plan (IPP).

Over one-half of the original 401 residents identified in the Closure Plan have successfully transitioned to the community. An updated analysis of the community resources utilized for closure reflect that 74 of those 401 individuals moved into existing resources that were not developed specifically for LDC closure, or moved out of the area. This lessens the demand for the original 100 residential resources approved for development.

As of July 1, 2013, 91 homes have a site secured and are in

the development process.

Based on the utilization of non-LDC developed services and current development, it has been determined that the State has funded enough residential capacity to meet the needs the remaining residents of LDC. In other words, no additional new homes need to be developed for individuals moving out of LDC. The homes developed, or currently in development, have sufficient capacity to serve all current LDC residents.

Knowing that there is enough capacity, the focus of closure is shifting from identifying resources to completing development and ensuring that individuals find the existing homes and services that best meet their needs. Family input is key, and for those of you who have not yet finalized a transition plan for your family member, the sooner you and your RC service coordinator meet and talk, the better. RCs are focused on working with families to identify appropriate residential options and are interested in addressing any questions or concerns.

DDS Budget Trailer Bill

Among other statutory changes resulting from DDS's Budget trailer bill, AB 89 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2013), three items of note are:

- DDS is required to complete closure of LDC

no later than December 31, 2014.

- The 2-year limitation on the use of state staff from LDC in the community is deleted.
- The California Health and

Human Services Agency is required to consult with stakeholders to submit a master plan for the future of all developmental centers to the Legislature by November 15, 2013.

Safe & Successful Transition Planning



Transition planning is an important part of the process to ensure a successful move for any DC resident. Many of the men and women living at LDC today are in some phase of transition to homes in the community. The transition process, referred to as the Transitional Planning (TP) process, includes identification of needed services and supports as well as identifying the plan for movement, coordinated during a Transition Planning Meeting (TPM).

During the TPM the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) will discuss the current Individual Program Plan

(IPP), and develop a transition plan for possible community living options. This allows family members, as well as all IDT members to identify and weigh-in on the resources and the services and supports a person should receive throughout the transition process. As families and members of the IDT, it is very important for you to be active in the development of this Transition Plan.

Beginning last month (August), if the transition planning process has not already been started, a Transition Coordinator will be present at each upcoming IPP. If an IPP is not already scheduled within the next six months, you may be contacted by a Lanterman social worker regarding a date and time to discuss the Transition Process.

The Legislature has set December 2014 as a closure date for Lanterman. With this in mind, Lanterman is working to complete TPMs to ensure a successful transition for every resident at LDC. This successful transition can only occur when the IDT has had the opportunity to appropriately identify the services and supports needed and begin implementation of the identified Transition Plan.

You should have already received a copy of the August 9, 2013 memo from Cheryl Bright, Executive Director detailing this process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your program social worker and/or a member of program management. Should you need assistance in contacting someone please call Debbe Pixley at (909) 444-7202.

Make sure to visit: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/lantermannews> for the latest news, e-versions of this newsletter, public notices, updates, reports, press releases and other information and resources related to the LDC closure process.



Snapshots, A Valuable Tool

Quality assurance is key both at Lanterman and in the community. As many of you know, a quick "Snapshot" questionnaire is available on each residence at LDC to provide family members, conservators and visitors the opportunity to provide feedback on the services residents receive.

Did you know that a "Snapshot" questionnaire is also available when you visit homes and day programs in the community? The visitor snapshot is one of the many components incorporated into the Lanterman Quality Assurance

System (LQAS). Snapshots allow family members, friends and other visitors a chance to provide feedback about where a person lives or their day program. Though the format is a little different than the LDC Snapshot, the goal is the same – to ensure quality services.

Community Snapshots are one of the sources of data reviewed by the Lanterman Quality Management Advisory Group (QMAG). The QMAG reviews feedback in aggregate from all of the visitor snapshots received. Snapshots can be filled out

at any time in the transition process or after placement has occurred. The snapshot forms fold in half with a self-adhesive strip and are postage paid, so you can easily fill them out and drop them in any mailbox to provide feedback.

Family members and friends are encouraged to fill out a snapshot for every visit. Many providers have the Snapshots on display in a central location, but if you don't see them just ask for one. Snapshots allow you to share any potential concerns, as well as all of the good things you notice during your visit.

Community State Staff Program Update

During the last quarter of Fiscal year 2012/13, agreements were updated between the state of California and affected unions concerning the Department of Developmental Services and LDC closure. The agreements (*now available on the CalHR website under the "Popular Links: Bargaining Contracts" link on the home page*) address some of the key concerns regarding LDC employees' participation in the Community State Staff Program; namely employees' right of return and employees' ability to opt-out of layoffs.

With the bargaining agreements referenced above and the budget trailer bill AB 89's (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2013) deletion of the 2-year limit on the use of community state staff after the last resident transfers from LDC; significant barriers to participation in the state staff program have been eliminated.

Excerpts from the bargaining agreements include:

"1. Employees shall retain all the rights and protections pursuant to the State laws, rules and

applicable collective bargaining provisions for the duration of their assignment with the RC/ Provider."

"3. Employees in the community assignments will have return rights to LDC..."

"4. Upon receiving notification of the LDC layoff process, employees in the CSS assignment shall make their election to return to LDC to participate in the layoff process or remain in their CSS assignment within 10 days of receiving their notice..."

"5. ...If employment in the community discontinues prior to the LDC closure (through employee/RC/Provider/DDS notice of discontinuation of funding); the employee will be provided a minimum of 30 calendar days written notice to report to LDC in a comparable position with no break in State service. If employment in the community discontinues after the closure of LDC, the employee will be given the option to:

Exercise the right of first refusal of any vacant funded position

within their classification advertised at any DDS facility for the 30 calendar day period. If more than one employee returns at the same time, right of first refusal will be based on state service seniority, or

If no vacant position is available, then the employee will be placed by the Department in a position that is at, or within lateral transfer range, of their current classification at a developmental center, community facility or headquarters office. The employee will be provided a minimum of 30 calendar days written notice to report to the new assignment with no break in service. Relocation will be paid as defined in the negotiated Agreement on LDC Closure, Section 1 and 2. If the employee does not report to the new assignment as required, the employee will be considered to have voluntarily resigned."

LDC is in the process of scheduling an additional information session regarding the state staff program to review these changes and answer any questions.

FACTS & FIGURES (AS OF JULY 1)

- **195 residents of LDC have transitioned to the community.**
- **58 homes developed for LDC closure have been licensed.**
- **50 former LDC residents have received services at the outpatient clinic.**

From April through June 2013, there were 339 visits to cross-train providers.

What's the Integrated Project?

The Southern California Integrated Health & Living Project (SCIHLP, or "The Project" or "IP") is a regional center collaborative project focused on developing specialized community resources. Ten Southern California Regional Centers developed the program including: Harbor, Inland, Frank D. Lanterman, North Los Angeles County, Orange County, San Gabriel/Pomona, San Diego, South Central Los Angeles County, Tri-Counties, and Westside.

The Project was formed by these ten regional centers in early 2006 to create permanent living options and individualized supports for people who live in a developmental center or other large congregate care setting. RCs can coordinate with the SCHILP to pool resources to ensure timely development of specialized community resources for people moving into the community.

Each regional center was already engaged in continuous resource development efforts to meet individuals' needs in its own service area. While acting separately, it was sometimes difficult to develop resources to meet the more exceptional needs of particular individuals, both from the developmental centers and the community. SCHILP-developed resources provide access to individuals across regional center boundaries.



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The Project works with several partners, including the referring and accepting regional centers, Developmental Center staff and Regional Resource Projects (RRDP), and of course, individuals and their families.

The SCIHLP team identifies and assesses individuals' needs; identifies existing resources that can meet his/her needs or collaborates with regional centers on developing resources to meet needs. The SCIHLP team also supports transition planning to

assure that all necessary services and supports are in place and ready for an individual's move (i.e. a place to live, modifications to the home, service provider training).

The SCIHLP is made up of expert-level and experienced team members including: Resource Developers, Community Transition Specialists, a Behavior Consultant, a Training Specialist, Pharmacist, and Registered Nurse.

The SCIHLP team also facilitates the acquisition of homes, working

with individual regional centers and associated nonprofit housing organizations.

Each home is developed to meet the complex medical and environmental needs of specific individuals' transitioning from Lanterman Developmental Center to the community. SCIHLP collaborates with Regional Centers in locating, training, and engaging expert-level service providers, whose support is driven by both people first and empirically-based practices.

The SCIHLP team has helped develop 30 resources since 2007 and anticipates opening 8 more in 2013.



The three photos above are examples of homes SCIHLP has helped develop.