

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

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To: Regional Center Executive Directors
Regional Center Board Presidents
Robert J. Baldo, Executive Director, ARCA

The Department of Developmental Services is strongly committed to insuring the provision of quality care to the consumers residing in our state operated facilities. As the population has decreased over the last several years, the system has been challenged to meet this commitment within existing resources. After careful evaluation the Department has made the difficult decision to recommend to the Legislature the closure of Lanterman Developmental Center.

Although a specific closure date has not been set, it is anticipated that the process will take approximately two years. Consumers will not move until appropriate services are available either in the community or at another developmental center.

I recognize the significant impact of this decision. Please be assured, we will be working closely with the regional centers and ARCA during the development of the plan to move toward closure. Given the current fiscal situation, the Department will pursue alternatives that maximize the use of existing resources.

Enclosed for your information are copies of the letters notifying the Legislature, residents, family members and staff of the decision. If you need further information, please contact my office at (916) 654-1897.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Delgadillo".

TERRI DELGADILLO
Director

Enclosures: Letter to Members of the Legislature
Letter to Lanterman Residents, Family Members, Employees and Other
Interested Parties

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