

Joint Hearing
Senate Human Services Committee
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 4203

A Defining Moment: Considering the Closure of Developmental Centers and Its Impact on Residents, Families and the Regional Center System

1. Opening Comments

- Senator McGuire, Chair, Senate Human Services Committee
- Senator Mitchell, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services

2. Overview of the Administration's Proposed Closure of Remaining Developmental Centers

- Michael Wilkening, Undersecretary, California Health and Human Services Agency and Acting Director, Department of Developmental Services
- John Doyle, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Developmental Services

3. Current Status of Developmental Centers

- John Doyle, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Developmental Services

4. Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned from Previous Developmental Center Closures

Regional Center Perspectives

- R. Keith Penman, Director, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
- Jim Burton, Director, Regional Center of the East Bay

State Perspectives

- John Doyle, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Developmental Services
- Coby Pizzotti, Consultant, California Association of Psychiatric Technicians
- Dr. Anne French, Staff Physician, Sonoma Developmental Center

Vendor Perspective

- Michael Kottke, Executive Director, Elwyn California

Advocate Perspectives

- William Leiner, Associate Managing Attorney, Disability Rights California
- Dr. April Lopez, Chair, State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Consumer and Family Perspectives

- Debbie Batterson, Consumer – Former Sonoma Developmental Center Resident
- Diana Pastora Carson, Family Member – Former Fairview Developmental Center Resident
- Dorothy Diamond, Family Member – Former Lanterman Developmental Center Resident
- Jerra Letrich Hardy, Family Member – Former Lanterman Developmental Center Resident

5. Maintaining a Safety Net: What Should Be the State's Ongoing Role in Providing Unique Services, Addressing Unmet Needs, and Ensuring the Well-Being of Those with Challenging Medical and Behavioral Needs

- Eileen Richey, Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies
- Kathleen Miller, Parent Hospital Association of Sonoma Developmental Center
- Ray Ceragioli, Fairview Families and Friends, Inc.
- Willie West, Client
- Rebecca Donabed, Member, Self-Advocates Advisory Committee of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Catherine Blakemore, Executive Director, Disability Rights California
- Marty Omoto, California Person-Centered Advocacy Partnership
- Tony Anderson, Executive Director, The Arc California
- Rod Stroud, Special Projects Director, County of Sonoma