

PHA Position on the

SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CLOSURE PLAN

1. **All services need to be in place prior to moving SDC residents out of SDC which means:**
 - a. A moratorium on transfers from SDC until there is conclusive evidence that equal or better services are available for an SDC resident outside SDC (The moratorium should not apply to any resident legally capable of consenting to a transfer or any conservator, if they prefer a transfer. The moratorium does apply to any resident who is not capable of giving consent.) Services would include day program, medical services, dental services, durable equipment provider/repair services, crises management, access to religious services, and access to daily open space/ park like setting.
 - b. Regional Centers are to be held responsible for putting needed supports and services in place prior to placement.
 - c. Regional Resource Development Project is responsible to ensure transitions are smooth, needed staff training has taken place prior to moves, and any equipment needs, medical, dental, and behavioral supports are in place prior to moves.
 - d. SDC administration sole role is to ensure that the services at SDC are maintained and that staffing levels are fully sufficient to continue to provide quality care to SDC residents. SDC staff should not be utilized to fill gaps in community services, but this does not include training, monitoring placement or employment of "State Staff".
 - e. There must be assurance that family members and conservators will have unrestricted access to new placement, and would not be required to make an appointment to visit the placement facility.

2. **The plan should include provisions for a permanent health clinic to be located on the SDC site and available to current SDC residents as well as all regional center clients, and it should include the following:**
 - a. Dental clinic that is capable of handling sedation and anesthesia dental
 - b. Primary care physician that is responsible for coordinating overall health care
 - c. Durable medical equipment adaptation and maintenance
 - d. Behavioral health services
 - e. The clinic should be able to utilize SDC employees

3. **The plan should include the availability of emergency services (current crises residence) and longer term residential services for behavioral treatment to be located on the SDC**

site to serve those individuals who are not successful in community settings. This program should be able to utilize SDC state staff.

4. **The plan should require an annual report (and made available to the public) be provided to the legislature (Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee) for a period of five years from the date of closure of significant change in services to be prepared by the Department of Developmental Services in collaboration with members of PHA on all SDC movers including the following:**

- a. All deaths from 2011 forward of SDC movers
- b. Any use of restraints in community settings on SDC movers
- c. Any use of seclusion in community settings on SDC movers
- d. Any use of psychiatric medications (STAT) on SDC movers
- e. Any unexplained or significant injury on SDC movers
- f. Any change of placement from the original placement outside of SDC
- g. Any placement, even temporary, in an acute psychiatric facility, jail or similar type setting
- h. The results of a family/conservator survey for SDC movers to be prepared in consultation with PHA

5. **PHA supports the creation of housing for individuals with developmental disabilities as long as it meets the following criteria:**

- a. It is developed within the developed footprint on the SDC site.
- b. It is developer to meet the needs of SDC movers.
- c. It is developed concurrently with the transition process as necessary to accommodate current SDC residents.
- c. It does not preclude the key services cited above from being developed and retained on the SDC site.

6. **The plan should include how Regional Centers will provide appropriate day programs for all SDC movers and should where appropriate retain day program on site to be available to SDC movers and other regional center clients.**