EXCERPT FROM THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TASK FORCE
JULY 24, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

Discussion Themes

Throughout the discussion, themes that are important to the developmental disabilities services system were identified, including:

1. Protecting the spirit and intent of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act);

2. Person-centered (“whole person”) planning using multidisciplinary teams with consumer and family participation, and the Individual Program Plan;

3. Comprehensive transition planning;

4. Ensuring a residential placement of last resort (that “can’t say no”), otherwise referred to as a “safety net” for individuals who have challenging service needs;

5. Supporting a stable and qualified workforce in the community;

6. Protecting individuals from harm and abuse;

7. Building transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility into the system to ensure quality services and sustainability;

8. Creating a system of services that is flexible and reflects what people want. Emphasis should be placed on consumer employment.

9. Health and safety exemptions to provide needed flexibility;

10. Regulatory requirements and guidelines that are not unnecessarily restrictive or duplicative and focus on positive outcomes; and,

11. Self-Determination as a way to look at things differently, and allow choice and flexibility.