



San Andreas Regional Center
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“People First Through Service, Advocacy, Respect, and Choice”

Date: July 31, 2018

To: SARC Community Members, including Staff, Service Providers and Interested Stakeholders

From: Jeffrey Darling, Associate Director of Community Services

RE: Development Funding for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and on-going

Dear Community Members:

We are writing you to inform you of significant changes that have been made in statute which affects the future of funding for the development of new services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities in the community. The California Budget Act of 2017 included the addition of Section 4679 to the Welfare and Institutions Code (“The Lanterman Act”) which provides direction with regards to the funding of new services and supports.

For about the last 20 years, funding from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), for the development of new services has been primarily directed through the Community Placement Plan, with the focus on developing services and supports to transition individuals from the state developmental centers. With the remaining developmental centers scheduled to close in the next few years, and SARC already having resources identified for the few remaining SARC individuals in developmental centers, the focus on development is now shifted towards better meeting the needs of our local community.

Section 4679 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides direction to the regional centers on the process that must be followed to request Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) starting with fiscal year 2018-19. This process is driven by funding priorities as established by the state and the requirement that regional centers seek input from stakeholders representing the diversity of the regional center’s service area. The state-identified funding priorities include, but are not limited to, safety net services and supports to reduce reliance on the secure treatment program at Porterville Developmental Center, institutions for mental disease, other restrictive settings in the community that do not qualify for federal funding, and out-of-state placement. Examples of local priorities that SARC stakeholders may identify could be development of more respite agencies, after-school programs, trainings, etc.

We will be seeking input from you on what the local, SARC priorities for CRDP should be. In addition to participating in various meetings, and presenting about the new CRDP process, we will also be soliciting stakeholder input through electronic means, through the use of SurveyMonkey. We highly encourage your participation and input into this process.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact either us at asieber@sarc.org or (408) 374-9960.

Sincerely,

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