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TO: AGNEWS' RESIDENTS and FAMILIES, AGNEWS' EMPLOYEES and  
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of the Plan for the Closure of Agnews Developmental Center (Plan). The Plan was approved by the Legislature and Governor Schwarzenegger as part of the 2005-06 Budget. The Plan calls for a June 30, 2007, closure date.

In September, the Governor signed three bills into law: Senate Bill 643 (Chesbro) an amendment to Assembly Bill 2100 (Steinberg), Senate Bill 962 (Chesbro), and Assembly Bill 1378 (Lieber) that are critical to the success of the Plan. Enactment of this legislation was a major achievement that will further our efforts to develop innovative and quality services in the community for Agnews' residents.

Assembly Bill 2100, as amended by Senate Bill 643, provides for the expenditure of funds to develop permanent housing dedicated to persons with developmental disabilities, and authorizes the three Bay Area regional centers to secure and assure lease payments for Agnews' residents moving into living arrangements in the Bay Area. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee concurred with the Bay Area Housing Plan and Expenditure Plan on November 8, 2005. The Bay Area regional centers are working with the developer to acquire housing and implement the Bay Area Housing Plan.

Senate Bill 962 (Chesbro) pilots a residential living option that allows up to 120 Agnews' residents, who have special health care and intensive support needs, an opportunity to reside in their home communities. The Department of Developmental Services (Department) has provided implementation guidance to the Bay Area regional centers, and the centers are identifying Senate Bill 962 providers.

Assembly Bill 1378 (Lieber) authorizes the use of Agnews' employees in the community to provide clinical and other direct support services to the residents moving from Agnews. The Department and Agnews are finalizing steps to provide outpatient services on the Agnews' campus and access to federal reimbursements for services provided to Agnews' movers.

**“Building Partnerships, Supporting Choices”**

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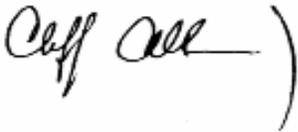
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The Department, working in partnership with the Bay Area regional centers, is committed to implementing this innovative Plan that provides an array of new service options to support Agnews' residents moving into the community. Agnews' residents and, where appropriate, their parents, conservator, legal guardian, or authorized representative, continue to participate in individualized planning efforts to identify appropriate services and supports. The Plan is available at [www.dds.ca.gov/agnewsclosure](http://www.dds.ca.gov/agnewsclosure).

If you have any questions, please contact Harold Pitchford, Executive Director, Agnews Developmental Center, at (408) 451-6197.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cliff Allenby" followed by a closing parenthesis symbol ")", all enclosed within a large, thin, hand-drawn bracket shape.

CLIFF ALLENBY  
Director