

**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.