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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE and OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

Enclosed is the "Plan for the Closure of Fairview Developmental Center and the Porterville Developmental Center General Treatment Area," submitted by the Department of Developmental Services (Department) for consideration and approval by the Legislature pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 4474.1. Under the statute, when proposing the closure of a state developmental center, the Department is required to submit a detailed plan to the Legislature not later than April 1 immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the plan is to be implemented.

The plan presents essential information concerning the developmental centers, including the residents, the employees and the property. It describes the process for developing the plan, the stakeholder involvement and input, and the impact closure will have on residents and their families, employees, the surrounding community and regional center services. The plan also identifies the key strategies and activities the Department will undertake, and important considerations for achieving a safe and successful closure.

The Department is committed to the well-being of the residents and staff, and will work toward positive changes as described in the plan. If this plan is approved by the Legislature, it is just the first step in a collaborative and open process. Closure will occur only after appropriate services and supports are secured for each resident as identified through the individualized planning process.

If you have any questions, please contact me or John Doyle, Chief Deputy Director, at (916) 654-1897.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Doyle".

MICHAEL WILKENING
Acting Director

Enclosures

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